

List of Accepted Programs for the NC AHEC Scholars Program

Discipline Eligibility: Students are eligible when they are formally admitted into a credential-bearing health professions program that leads to licensure, certification, or a recognized healthcare workforce role aligned with HRSA priorities. With the exception of CHWs, students must have 2 years left in their training program coinciding with graduating from their health professions program and the AHEC Scholars program.

Eligible Disciplines

- Community Health Worker (CHW) - Certificate
- Dental Hygiene – AS / BS
- Nutritionist / Dietician – BS / MS
- Occupational Therapy – MSOT / OTD
- Pharmacy – DMD
- Physical Therapy – DPT
- Radiological Technician – AS / BS
- Rehabilitation Therapy – AS / BS
- Respiratory Therapy – AS / BS
- Speech Pathology / Therapy – MS

Behavioral Health

- Clinical Social Work – BSW, MSW
- Clinical Psychology – PhD / PsyD

Dentistry

- Dental School – DMD

Nursing

- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) - MS / DNP
- Nurse Practitioner (NP) - MS / DNP
- Registered Nurse (RN) - AS / BSN

Public Health

- Disease Prevention / Health Promotion – MHA
- Environmental Health – BPH
- Epidemiology – MPH
- Health Administration – DrPH
- Health Policy / Management – BPH, MPH
- Maternal / Child Health - MPH

Medicine

- Medical School – MD

Physician Assistant

- Physician Assistant – MPAS

Other

- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) - MS / DNP
- Exercise Physiology – BS (Clinical)
- Health Informatics / Information Technology – AS / BS
- Medical Laboratory Science – BS

Ineligible Disciplines		
Pre-Med / Pre-Health, Pre-PA, Pre-Nursing, etc.	Dental Assistant	Biology
Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)	EMT / Paramedic	Chemistry
Licensed Practical / Vocational Nurse (LPN / LVN)	Medical Assistant	Biomedical Sciences
Nurse Assistant / Patient Care Associate	Biology	Biochemistry
Substance Use / Addictions Worker	Chemistry	Neuroscience
Pharmacy Aide / Technician	Biomedical Sciences	Kinesiology
Behavioral Health Technician / Aide	Biochemistry	Health Science
Exercise Physiology (Non-Clinical)	Exercise	Science

NC AHEC Scholars eligibility is based on formal enrollment in a qualifying health professions training program. Interest in a health career alone, including pre-health tracks or minors without admission to a credential-bearing program, does not meet eligibility requirements.