

AHEC Scholars

In the Fall of 2018, the California AHEC recruited its inaugural class of AHEC Scholars in Community Health. This program enables high-potential students in the health professions to explore primary care with an emphasis on community health and interdisciplinary practice in medically underserved communities. Curriculum modules present diverse learning opportunities that include webinars, case-based learning, self-guided research, and direct skills development. CHAIRS has participated in the program and enrolled several students since 2018. The students ultimately gain a certificate in Community Health at the end of the program, along with applicable experience in community and public health.



CHAISR AHEC Program

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Inland Empire Area Health Education Center





What is AHEC?

The California Statewide Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program was established in 1972 to recruit, train and retain a health professions workforce committed to underserved communities. It brings together local resources, community-based organizations and academic institutions to improve access to and quality of health care for underrepresented populations across the state.

With its partners, the AHEC program also develops a population-based approach to health professions education with a special emphasis on community-based training. The CA AHEC accomplishes its mission through its network of 13 regional AHEC centers, including the IE AHEC, each an independent organization strategically located in an underserved area, affiliated with health professions schools and mainly hosted by community clinic consortia.

IE AHEC Program Goals and Objectives

The IE AHEC shares the same mission, goals, and objectives as the California AHEC Program.

Mission

To improve quality health care for underserved populations of California through academic community partnerships.

Program Goals

- Increase community-based health professions training programs
- Increase the diversity of California's health workforce
- Strengthen collaboration and develop partnerships between institutions with similar missions
- Support communication between community and academic partners
- Record, study, and document outcomes

Program Objectives

- Continuing education programs for health professionals practicing in CHCs and other underserved areas in the community
- Teaching health professions students and residents to present health information to community members and clinic patients
- Community based clinical training for health professions students and residents in the community
- Programs to expose community high school students to college and career opportunities in the health professions

CHAISR's Role

The Inland Empire AHEC is a part of the Community Health Association Inland Southern Region (CHAISR) and is also a Public Health Training Center (PHTC). The AHEC is committed to improving access to quality health care for underserved populations through academic and community partnerships. The IE AHEC utilizes a collaborative approach to increase diversity in the health care workforce, increase community-based health professions training programs, develop and strengthen partnerships between multi-disciplinary organizations, contribute to pipeline programs to promote health care careers within youth of underserved communities and support communication amongst health centers/clinics, academic institutions and community partners.



(Top) Volunteer Joey Takehara receiving a Certificate of Recognition from Dr. Deanna Stover, former CEO of Community Health Association Inland Southern Region on May 15, 2019.