

AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS

The Oregon Area Health Education Centers program (AHEC) is a partnership between OHSU and Oregon communities. AHEC's mission is to improve the education, training and distribution of health care professionals in Oregon. Five AHEC regional centers statewide work with local health care facilities and providers, community leaders, schools and the public to identify and meet local needs. AHEC provides K-12 programs for students interested in health careers.

OREGON AHEC PROGRAM OFFICE AT OHSU

Contact: 503 494-4896, www.ohsu.edu/ahec/

MedStars – A four-day, residential summer experience at OHSU, this program exposes rural and underserved high school students to careers in health care. Participants must be entering their junior or senior year of high school or their freshman year of college, and they must have a demonstrated prior interest in a health career. Applications, scholarships and other information can be obtained from your regional AHEC.

NORTHEAST OREGON AHEC AT EOU IN LA GRANDE, OREGON

Serving Baker, Gilliam, Grant, northern Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Union, Umatilla, Wallowa, and Wheeler counties.

Contact: 541 962-3801, www.eou.edu/neahec/

MedQuest – a five-day residential camp at Eastern Oregon University. High school students throughout Oregon are eligible to attend career, education and shadowing experiences in cooperation with 90 health professionals and Grande Ronde Hospital. Priority will be given to students from the Northeast Oregon AHEC service area but there are always slots open for other students.

Girls in Science – a daylong opportunity for sixth through eighth grade girls to explore science, math and technology through hands-on activities.

Great Inventors – this six-day program provides focused support for elementary school science teachers in Northeast Oregon's AHEC nine-county region.

GroMed – a multicultural youth-for-health program at Hermiston High School.

CASCADES EAST AHEC AT SCMC IN BEND, OREGON

Serving Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Jefferson, Lake, Klamath and southern Malheur counties, and the Warm Springs Community in Wasco County.

Contact: 541 671-2607, www.cascadeseast.org/

Health services CAM – health occupation orientation and job-shadows.

Health Career Planning – for high school students.

Summer Health Careers Camp – programs for high school students.

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OREGON PACIFIC AHEC AT OSU IN CORVALLIS, OREGON

Serving Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill Counties

Contact: 541 737-8603, www.opahec.org/

OP AHEC Health Careers Manual – located at <http://www.oregonhealthcareers.org/>

Features 94 health care professions and the Hispanic Scholarship Database <http://www.oregonhealthcareers.org/scholarships.phtml> which provides information on nearly 100 scholarships.

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Health Career Presentations – information on 33 health careers and the growing demand in Oregon; this presentation can be tailored for students or adults.

Health Careers Resource Guide – “Oregon Education Opportunities in Health Careers Fifth Edition 2005-2007” provides information in English and Spanish on 71 careers, salary information, and college and university programs.

AHEC OF SOUTHWEST OREGON IN WINSTON, OREGON

Serving Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Lane Counties

Contact: 541 784-3660, www.healthyoregon.com/

Club M.E.D. – a youth focused health careers program including a Discovery Journal and Curriculum that will be placed in schools in our region, statewide and nationwide for a small fee.

Health Career Academies – one week long academies presented in Jackson County for youth to pursue interests in health careers.

Medical Interpreter Program – program provided in our region to train health care professionals and students to become medical interpreters in our clinics and hospitals.

Bioterrorism & Health Care Preparedness – prepare our region for emergent issues.

