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Transforming Community Health Through Education

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## Summary

- Capital City Area Health Education Center (CC AHEC) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) health education organization serving the District of Columbia.
- CC AHEC is a part of the National Area Health Education Center Organization, a network of AHECs funded by the federal Health Resources & Services Administration.
- We are committed to improving the supply, distribution, diversity and quality of the health care workforce, to increase access to health care in medically underserved areas.

## Mission and Goals

At CC AHEC we:

- Develop and support the community-based, interdisciplinary training of health professional students, particularly in underserved rural and urban areas.
- Provide continuing education and other services that improve the quality of community-based health care.
- Recruit underrepresented minority and disadvantaged students into the health professions through a wide variety of programs targeting elementary through high school students.
- Facilitate and support practitioners, facilities, and community-based organizations in addressing critical local health issues in a timely and efficient manner.

## CC AHEC Serves:

- Students
- Safety Net Primary Care Providers
- Hospitals
- Academic Institutions
- Advocacy Organizations



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## Academic Partners

### Catholic University of America

School of Nursing

### Georgetown University

Department of Family Medicine  
School of Nursing & Health Sciences

### George Washington University

School of Medicine & Health Sciences  
School of Public Health & Health Services

### Howard University

School of Medicine  
School of Pharmacy, Nursing & Allied Health

### Trinity University

Nursing Program

## Clinic Partners

- Bread for the City
- Capitol Health Management Services
- Carl Vogel Center
- Children's National Medical Center
- Community of Hope
- Columbia Road Health Services
- Family Medical Counseling Services, Inc.
- Family Health & Birth Center
- La Clinica del Pueblo
- Mary's Center
- So Others May Eat (SOME)
- Spanish Catholic Center
- Unity Health Care, Inc.
- Whitman Walker

## Community Partners

- American Association of Medical Colleges
- DC Department of Disability Services
- DC Department of Health
- DC Health & Academic Prep Program
- Eastern High School Health & Medical Science Academy
- The George Washington University Cancer Institute
- The George Washington University Medical Center Upward Bound
- Howard University Math & Science TRIO
- Howard University Upward Bound
- Latin American Youth Center
- National Health Service Corps
- US Department of Education

## Kids to Health Careers

Kids to Health Careers aims to promote health career awareness and readiness. Our curriculum teaches the District's youth CC AHEC's "3H" approach:

### 3H's for Health Career Success

1. Healthy Life Skills
2. Healthy Choices
3. Health Career Awareness

## DC AHEC Scholar Program

The DC AHEC Scholar Program was developed by faculty from the AHEC partner schools to prepare students for clinical practice in primary care settings with a special emphasis on underserved populations. Scholars will make a first-hand impact on underserved communities in D.C. and the benefits include:

- Guaranteed clinical training placement in a local community health center
- Recognition at student's commencement ceremony
- A competitive advantage for external scholarship opportunities, residency programs and/or loan repayment programs

## Clinical Placements

Clinical training for medical, nurse practitioner, and physician assistant students is available through CC AHEC partner clinics. CC AHEC partners with Safety Net Clinics to provide health care in underserved communities.

## Continuing Education

CC AHEC offers professional support for health care providers practicing in underserved areas in the District of Columbia. Our goal is to support our clinical preceptors by funding opportunities that enhance clinical skills and help maintain professional certifications.

## Community Health

Each month CC AHEC hosts or participates in an outreach activity with our partners that facilitates the unique partnership between academic institutions and community-based organizations.

