



AHEC

AREA HEALTH
EDUCATION CENTER
FOR WESTERN WASHINGTON
AT WHATCOM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Improving equity and access to health careers

AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS

What is an AHEC?

- The purpose of the AHEC Program is to develop and enhance education and training networks within communities, academic institutions, and community-based organizations.
 - Health Resources and Services Administration

PRIMARY FUNDING

- U.S. Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration via WWAMI AHEC Program Office at UW
- Washington State Department of Health
- Whatcom Community College Foundation
- Washington State Campus Compact/AmeriCorps
- HEET/SEIU Training Funds
- Whatcom Educational Credit Union

AHEC Pathway



AHECWW Mission & Vision

Mission: The Area Health Education Center for Western Washington works with the national AHEC movement to support healthcare delivery systems and access to care through activities that **strengthen the healthcare workforce in rural and urban-underserved communities.**

Vision: The Area Health Education Center for Western Washington is an innovative center, providing leadership engaged with diverse rural and urban-underserved communities to **ensure access to quality healthcare and health workforce education.**

Strategic priorities

- Increase diversity among health professionals,
- Broaden the distribution of the health workforce,
- Enhance health care quality, and
- Improve health care delivery to rural and underserved areas and populations.

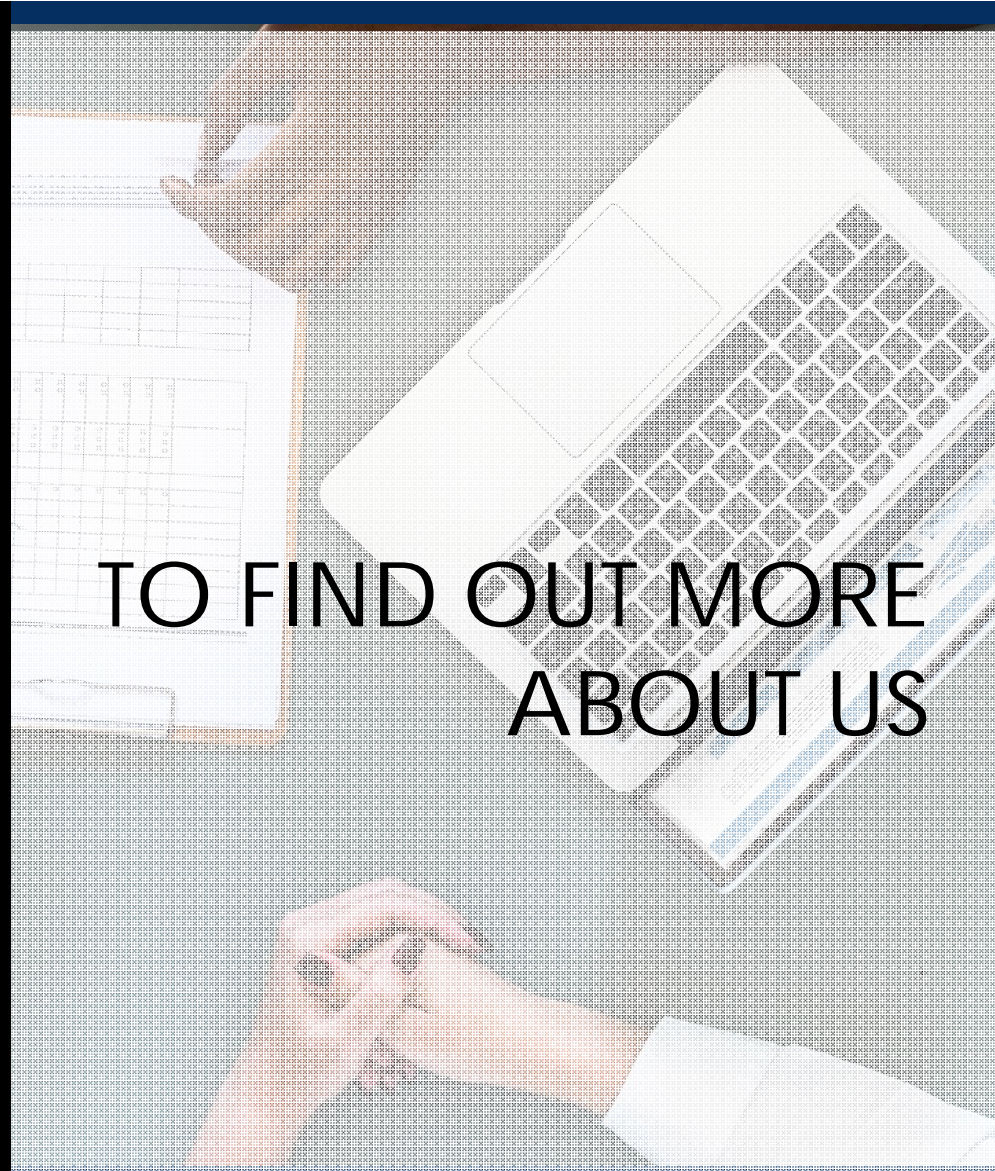
Highlighted AHEC/VW Projects

Northwest Health Career Path Project
Scrubs Camp
Health Professions Affinity
Community
AHEC Scholars
Mental Health First Aid Training
Northwest Rural Health Conference
and Various Summits

Rural Underserved Opportunities
Program
RN in Primary Care – Rural &
Underserved Immersion Program
State and National Loan Repayment
Programs
Cultural Humility Training
Workforce Development Projects

Thank you!!

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