

## **FAQs about the NC AHEC Scholars Program**

### **Why would I want to be an AHEC Scholar?**

Being an AHEC Scholar shows the world that you have gone the extra mile to acquire better skills, more knowledge, and are committed to becoming the most impactful health care professional you can be. You will be an integral part of a multidisciplinary team of health professions students who are personally invested in improving health care outcomes for citizens of North Carolina.

### **How will being an AHEC Scholar benefit me in my education and career?**

The AHEC Scholars Program will connect you with other students, faculty, and a variety of leaders and innovators in health care, which will increase your chances of securing employment after graduation. You will have access to unique learning opportunities that will make you stand out in a competitive pool of applicants. We want to provide students with an additional skill-set to build an impressive resumé that shows they are better trained and better prepared, which makes them more marketable to employers.

### **Won't this program add to my already heavy workload in school and take time away from my studies?**

The last thing AHEC wants to do is overburden students! The purpose of the program is to enhance your education and provide experiences that may not otherwise be included in traditional academic studies. AHEC's goal is to accommodate student schedules as much as possible.

### **I'm already doing clinical work as required by my program. How will I find time to complete an additional 40 hours of clinicals?**

The 40-hour requirement for clinical work stipulates that students must participate in team-based clinical training. This means that if your clinical experience involves inter-professional (team-based) collaboration, it may serve to satisfy AHEC Scholars requirements.

### **How long am I required to be in this program?**

We are asking for a four-semester commitment. The program begins in September and ends in May of each academic year.

### **Is there a cost to me for this program?**

No. The AHEC Scholars program is free for all scholars accepted.

### **Do I receive payment for my involvement in AHEC Scholars?**

Yes! Each student who has completed didactic and clinical hours will receive a stipend of \$500 at the completion of each year to offset expenses.

### **How do I apply and when is my application due?**

The application and deadline will be posted at [www.easternahec.net](http://www.easternahec.net) under Student Services & Housing.

### **Who should I ask to write my recommendations?**

Ask any person who can attest to your unique abilities as a student, a leader, a teammate, an employee, a volunteer and/or an all-around excellent human being!