



Connecting students to careers,
professionals to communities, and
communities to better health.

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serves south central Wisconsin:**
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Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson,
Lafayette, Marquette, Rock, Sauk and
Waushara counties.

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PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

“Your camp opened my eyes to so many different areas of health care that when I finally decided on nursing I knew I was certain. Not only did this camp make me feel confident in a career choice, it also helped me decide where to go to college. Staying at Edgewood for a week, experiencing different areas of the health care field, was an amazing experience I will never forget.”

— former Health Careers camper

“Public health is more than just immunizations and disease surveillance.”

“There are many people in communities dedicated to keeping the public safe and healthy.”

“I liked touring the community service agencies and learning about both rural and urban health issues.”

—Wisconsin Express students’ comments

AHEC Programs and Services in Wisconsin Congressional Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

The Wisconsin AHEC system improves the supply, distribution, diversity, and quality of health care professionals — improving access to health care in the state’s rural and underserved areas.

FEATURED PROGRAM IN THIS REGION:

Youth Health Service Corps

South Central Wisconsin AHEC provides staff and funding to this program.

Starting in the 2009-10 school year, South Central Wisconsin Area Health Education Center (SCAHEC) implemented the Youth Health Service Corps (YHSC) program as a way to begin preparing high school students in Madison, McFarland and Beloit interested in health care careers and serving their communities. Through YHSC, students discover career opportunities and complete a 50-hour service learning project in their community. Each of the 6 modules contains numerous hands-on activities designed to prepare students to work with underserved populations in health care settings. The modules offer a structured curriculum with pre-and-post tests. Students in YHSC become certified in CPR and in the use of Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AEDs).



How is YHSC Successful?

- ◆ Increases matriculation into health professions training programs
- ◆ Increases student sense of civic responsibility
- ◆ Increases interest in working with medically underserved populations
- ◆ Increases student academic performance and graduation rates
- ◆ Assists high school educators with resources to do a more effective job of teaching and advising students about health care careers

ADDITIONAL AHEC PROGRAMS

in the South Central Wisconsin AHEC Region

Wisconsin Express. This week-long immersion program provides undergraduate and graduate students a unique opportunity to experience Wisconsin's diverse communities and cultures, while exploring health care delivery in medically underserved areas. Admission is highly competitive; participants learn with and from students in other health profession disciplines. In the SCAHEC region, the Wisconsin Express program is hosted in Janesville, Beloit, and Rock County.

Summer Health Careers Camp. Since 2001, over 400 high school students from the SCAHEC region and the former Southwest Wisconsin AHEC region, have attended this camp.

Presentations. Health Careers Exploration presentations have been conducted at high schools.

Health Literacy. SCAHEC partnered with Wisconsin Literacy to develop health literacy tools for health care providers and health literacy curriculum for future health care providers.

