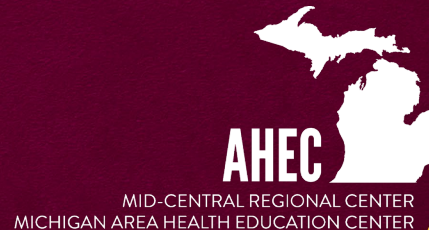
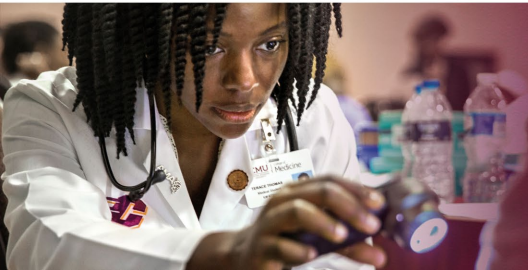


# 2023 Michigan Health Policy Forum

Central & Western Area Health Education Center  
Presented by April Osburn, Executive Director

*Connecting Students to Careers...Professionals to  
Communities...and Communities to Better Health*



# National AHEC Program

**Purpose:** Created by Congress in 1971 to recruit, train and retain a health professions workforce committed to underserved populations

**Mission:** Enhance access to quality healthcare, particularly primary and preventive care, by improving the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals via strategic partnerships with academic programs, communities, and professional organizations.

**Forty-five (45) states** have federally recognized AHEC programs.

**Eighty (80) percent** of those AHEC programs receive support from their states.



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# Michigan AHEC Program

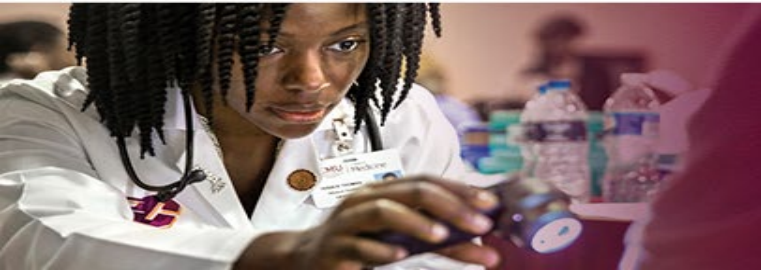
A **statewide network** with five regional centers located in Detroit, Mt. Pleasant, Marquette, Houghton Lake and over 12 committed AHEC staff members and over 50 community individuals serving as regional advisory board members within the five regional centers across the state.

## ➤ **Principal Program Partners**

- Wayne State University College of Nursing
- Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Wayne State University School of Medicine
- Wayne State University School of Social Work

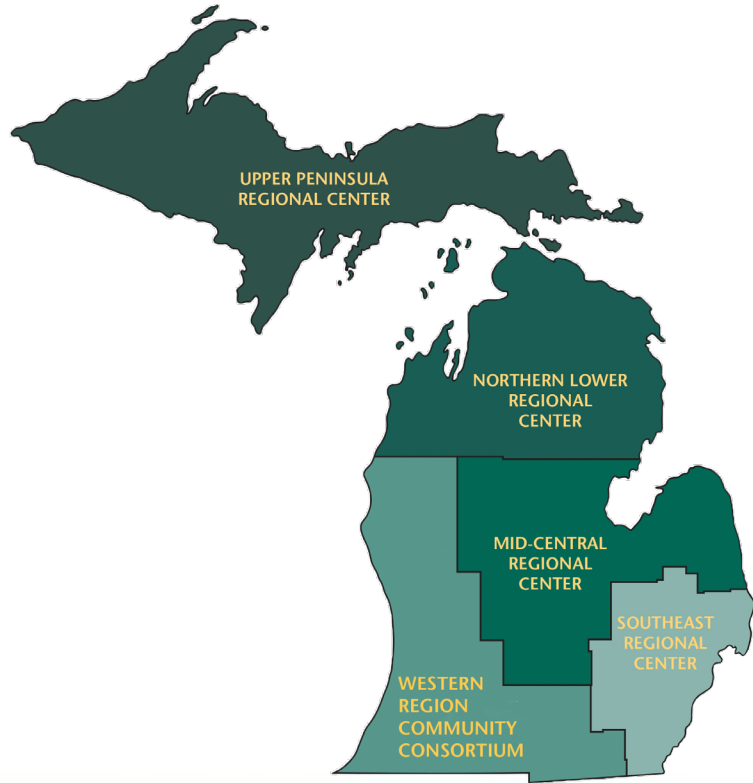
## ➤ **Hosting Partners**

- Central Michigan University
- Wayne State University
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (2)



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# AHEC Landscape



## Central & Western AHEC (501c3) housed within CMU College of Medicine

Mid Central Regional Center & Western Regional Community Consortium(formerly Western Regional Center)

\*both are comprised of 19 counties, primarily rural\*

## Other Regional Centers

Upper Peninsula: Upper Great Lakes Family Health Center (FQHC)

Northern Lower: MyMichigan Houghton Lake (FQHC)

Southeast: Health Centers Detroit, Inc. (FQHC)

AHEC Program Office: Wayne State University Medical School

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# Pillar Programs

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Recruit

## **Pipeline Programs**

Initiatives help create a homegrown workforce of diverse health care professionals.

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Train

## **Community Based Student Education**

Activities encourage health profession students to work in underserved or health professional shortage areas.

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Retain

## **Continuing Education Programs**

Collaborations with government agencies, academic institutions, and community groups increase knowledge and retention of health care professionals in underserved and health professional shortage areas.



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# Mid Central Health Careers Pipeline Program

## Mission:

The Health Careers Pipeline Program (HCPP) will empower high school students to pursue careers in the health professions.

Through exposure to health career options, mentorship, and health and wellness education, students will participate in **engaging, hands-on, enriching experiences** that will foster **personal growth** and **leadership characteristics**.

The HCPP will be the channel to help students develop their confidence and a support system for their journey into post-secondary education and beyond.



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# Pipeline Programming & Structure

9 Week Program that meets Monday nights (In-person or Virtual)

## Participants:

1. **Living in an underserved (rural or urban) area of the Mid Central AHEC catchment area**
2. **Students in ninth and tenth grade**
3. **First-generation college student**
4. **Displayed interest in a health professions career**

## Pipeline Locations

Mt. Pleasant

Saginaw

Grand Rapids

The Thumb Region

Mentors: High School Students are paired with Undergraduate Student Mentors

Program is facilitated by AHEC and 4-12 CMU College of Medicine Students

ALL Pipeline Program Participants: Over 1000



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# Sample Pipeline Schedule

Monday's 5:30 – 7:00 PM: Virtual and In-Person Sessions

Week	Date	Session Topic
0	September 23	Mentor Training & Orientation
1	September 30	Program Launch with Leadership Speaker
2	October 7	Be Fit – Let's Get Healthy
3	October 14	Interactive Simulation & Neurology Lab Visit
4	October 21	Mobile Medical Response Demonstration
5	October 28	Educational Pathways & Speed Career Night
6	November 4	Clinical Simulation with MidMichigan Health
7	November 11	Heartland Hospice Dementia Tour
8	November 18	Behind the scenes – Anatomy
9	November 25	Pathway into the Horizon with Closing Reception



# Academic, Community Partners & Collaborators



"AHECs are designed to be responsive to local health needs and serve as an important link between academic training programs and community-based outreach programs."



Central Michigan District Health Department  
*Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities*



**Mt. Pleasant Area**  
**community foundation**<sup>SM</sup>

For **good.** For **ever.**<sup>SM</sup>



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# AHEC Staffing Program Managers

Jennifer Morneau-Wilson: Mid Central Region

Jayne Martin: Western Region

\*each region consists of 19 counties\*



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# Thank You for the Opportunity!

## Questions

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