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Connecticut Area Health Education Center Network

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



Supporting Primary Care Workforce Development in Connecticut By:

- ▶ Promoting Strong Community/Academic Partnerships
- ▶ Creating Pipeline Programs for Pre-Health Professions Students
- ▶ Supporting Health Careers Awareness Programming
- ▶ Providing Community-Based Training for Health Professions Students
- ▶ Supporting Community-Based Health Education and Screenings
- ▶ Promoting Strategies to Address Health Disparities

CT AHEC Supports Primary Care Workforce Development

The CT AHEC Network delivers health careers pipeline programs, community-based training of health professions students, and continuing education programs for health professionals. Working with over 290 partners, CT AHEC supports a variety of training opportunities that promote careers in primary care and care for vulnerable and underserved communities.

The Urban Service Track (UST) is an example of CT AHEC's interprofessional training programs. UST engages students from medicine, dental

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(Hartford area)

www.centralctahec.org

Eastern AHEC, Inc. (Willimantic-
New London area)

www.easternctahec.org

Health360, Inc. (Waterbury
area) www.health360.org

Southwestern AHEC, Inc.
(Stamford-Bridgeport-New
Haven area)

www.swctahec.org

medicine, nursing, pharmacy, social work and physician assistant academic programs. UST is a major engine for the development of the primary care workforce in Connecticut and at the UConn School of Medicine. Of the 90 medical students who have graduated from the UST program, 56% are pursuing residency training programs in family medicine, internal medicine and pediatrics. For Jon Lis, a third-year medical student, CT AHEC's UST "has repeatedly proven to me how highly rewarding and meaningful a career in primary care will be. It has shown me how to succeed amongst complex care teams and taught me firsthand how to advocate for underserved populations to which I wouldn't otherwise have had access."

Graduates of CT AHEC's UST program are almost twice as likely to pursue residency training in family medicine compared to the national average amongst their peers. Meredith Milligan, a third-year medical student, feels that she has "found my home in family medicine through UST, which has shown me the true value of incremental care, and surrounded me with an endless supply of role models and resources in primary care."

The statewide Connecticut Area Health Education Center (CT AHEC) Network, based at UConn Health, is implemented through four regional centers which enable the CT AHEC Network to provide high-quality, efficient, effective and flexible services that meet local needs. Thank you for your continued support of the CT AHEC Network.

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