AHEC Scholars - Pacific University PA

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**Office Location**
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**Description**
*June*  Students apply  
*July*  Students accepted  
*August*  Students start

Year 1  40 hours Didactics and 40 hours Clinical  
Year 2  40 hours Didactics and 40 hours Clinical

**Expectations and Goals**
Students must be enrolled in a health professions training program and be in good academic standing. AHEC Scholars is a 2-year program and students must commit to be in the program for 2 years. Entry point into the program is dependent upon each student’s school/program with the exit point at graduation/completion of your degree.

- Each student must complete a minimum of 40 hours of team-based clinical/experiential training per year in a rural and/or underserved setting.
- Each student must complete a minimum of 40 hours per year of didactics in the 6 HRSA defined core topic areas: IPE, behavioral health integration, social determinants of health; cultural competency; practice transformation; current and emerging health issues.
- Didactic training should supplement existing health profession training program curriculum.
- Students must complete a program evaluation, including a 1-year follow-up.

**Program Outline**
When possible, students will spend some of their experiential learning at the OHSU Campus for Rural Health (CRH). All AHEC Scholars rotating through the CRH will be required to participate in campus-specific curriculum (e.g. community based projects). If students are in a community-based training site outside the CRH locations, they may participate via virtual classroom in didactic sessions incorporating case-based learning exercises requiring students from multiple professions to engage in patient care issues relevant to the 6 HRSA defined core topics.

**Course Schedule (Note: May be subject to modification)**

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<th>Year</th>
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| **YR 1 Didactic** | Needs Assessment/Implementation Project  
PA 579 Rural Health Track Seminar  
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August-November  
January-April | September Kick-Off; July Transition Event |
| **YR 1 Clinical** | Clinical Experiential Training | August-September |
| **YR 2 Didactic** | Rural Health Conference Poster Preparation  
PPS 1, 2, 3, 4  
Needs Assessment/Implementation Project  
CRH Community Based Project; I-CAN, R3 | August-October  
September-August  
All Year | October Rural Health Conference; Rotation Didactic Session (e.g., CME, Grand Rounds); Adobe Connect IPE sessions |
| **YR 2 Clinical** | Clinical Rotations | All Year |