



*Students helping
to create healthier
communities through
service learning...*



The vision of Eastern AHEC is to have YHSC become the premier youth health careers recruitment program. We are committed to achieving the highest quality outcomes for schools and students implementing YHSC.

Eastern AHEC is one of nine regional centers of the North Carolina AHEC Program. The mission of the NC AHEC Program is to meet the state's health and health workforce needs by providing educational programs in partnership with academic institutions, health care agencies, and other organizations committed to improving the health of the people of North Carolina.

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National Success

Created by Connecticut AHEC Program in 2004, YHSC was piloted in CTs' four regional centers. The intent of the pilot was to inspire disadvantaged students to fulfill their dream of becoming a health care professional through meaningful community service. The 50 high school students who participated in the pilot program did not realize they were launching an exciting national program.

YHSC has become a national program replicated by 33 AHEC centers in 20 states. Eastern AHEC began providing the YHSC program to area high schools in 2010, and in 2013 was recognized for having the 3rd most volunteer hours in the nation!

YHSC is funded in part by a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).



The Youth Health Service Corps mission is to increase the number of diverse high school students who matriculate into post secondary health care education programs.



The Youth Health Service Corps is a health careers recruitment program that engages diverse high school students as leaders in meaningful community service learning that addresses community health issues. Student volunteers are trained using a six module curriculum that prepares them to serve in health care settings that serve the underserved. Once prepared, students choose independent service or group service learning projects to complete a minimum of fifty hours of service for completion of the program.

Student benefits include:

- Knowledge about health careers
- Participation in meaningful service
- Increase in academic & civic engagement
- Exposure to professional career role models
- Building their resume for college or work
- Participation in YHSC online social network of students with similar interests.

“I joined YHSC to gain a better understanding of what I can do for others and ways I can help my community.”

- S.W. NC high school senior

YHSC Program & Curriculum

The Youth Health Service Corps is grounded in four sets of Standards: Academic Frameworks, National Health Care Skill Standards, K-12 Service Learning Standards for Quality Practice and the 40 Developmental Assets. Our goals are to:

- Increase student awareness of health careers
- Increase student involvement in service learning
- Increase student academic & civic engagement
- Strengthen AHEC partnerships between secondary, post secondary education & community based organizations

Volunteer Training

In preparation for service, students are trained in:

Module 1: Leadership & Service Learning

Module 2: YHSC Website Training

Module 3: Vulnerable Populations
Cultural Competency

Module 4: Ethical & Legal Issues
Confidentiality

Module 5: Health Career Exploration

Module 6: Health Care Skills

CPR & AED Certification



Service



Independent service in an area of interest for students who want to volunteer on their own schedule. YHSC Coordinators place and follow student progress.

Service Learning Projects guided by YHSC coordinators, continue over a semester to raise awareness of health issues. Using the IPARDCS service learning process, small groups of students work together to Investigate, Plan, Act, Reflect, Demonstrate, Celebrate and Sustain projects that address important community health issues.

Student Rewards & Recognition

Students receive the YHSC National Community Service Recognition Award supported in partnership with the National Health Service Corps for 50 hours of service. Students who serve a minimum of 100 hours over 12 months are eligible for the President’s Volunteer Service Award.



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