

# 2021-2022 COAHEC Program Highlights

*AHEC Scholars* is a longitudinal program designed to prepare future health professionals with leadership skills for a rapidly changing healthcare system. In fiscal year (FY) 2022, Colorado AHEC asked Scholars about key learning outcomes including team-based care, cultural competence, behavioral health integration, and their intentions for future practice. COAHEC provides select results below.

**299** Active Health Profession Student Scholars in 2021-2022 hail from the following disciplines:

- **3** MD/DO
- **3** pharmacy
- **3** physician assistant
- **1** social work
- **88** RN/BSN nursing
- **184** LPN, CNA, medical assistant
- **12** public health
- **5** other allied health



Race and Ethnicity	AHEC Scholars Cohort 4 (n=205)	CO	USA (2021)
White alone	69.27%	86.90%	76.30%
Black or African American	4.88%	4.60%	13.40%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	3.90%	1.60%	1.30%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.49%	0.20%	0.20%
Asian alone	3.41%	3.30%	5.90%
Hispanic or Latino	36.59%	21.80%	18.50%
White NHL	47.80%	67.70%	60.10%
Two or more	10.24%	3.10%	2.80%
Not Reported	7.80%		

COAHEC Scholars Cohort 4 Demographics compared to Colorado and US

*Continuing education* provides health professionals with access to resources to improve the quality of care for medically underserved communities and health disparate populations using curriculum & materials developed or sourced by COAHEC. COAHEC offered 27 CE credits this FY, and **375** health professionals attended one or more of our continuing education sessions.



*Clinical training* improves readiness, willingness, and the ability of health professions' trainees to serve in primary care and in rural and underserved community settings.

COAHEC facilitated: **24,557** away rotation nights.

**695** trainees were placed in rural and underserved areas in the following disciplines:

- **115** medical students
- **0** RN/BSN nursing students
- **20** APN nursing students
- **127** physician assistant students
- **208** pharmacy students
- **78** physical therapy students
- **147** dental students

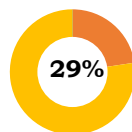


**191** training sites included:

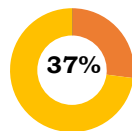
- **158** primary care settings
- **119** medically underserved communities
- **99** rural areas

*Pipeline programs* expose students to healthcare careers to inspire them to pursue post-secondary education in primary healthcare professions.

Of **32,438** pipeline participants in 2020-2021



were underrepresented in medicine (URM), and



were from rural backgrounds.



## MISSION

- Increase the diversity and distribution of the healthcare workforce to address health care disparities
- Support practice transformation in Colorado to ensure high quality healthcare delivery for every Coloradan
- Serve as the link between our people, state resources, and the resources of AMC to help healthy people thrive in healthy communities

## VISION

That every person in Colorado will have the opportunity to attain their full and best health potential.