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 Coloradoan
• 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.

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

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

- 29% were underrepresented in medicine (URM), and
- 37% were from rural backgrounds.

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

Race and Ethnicity

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COAHEC Scholars Cohort 4 Demographics compared to Colorado and US