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What the Heck is an AHEC?

The Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program in Nebraska is a cooperative venture between the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and community centers. Nebraska's five centers—based in Beatrice, Grand Island, Norfolk, Scottsbluff, and Omaha—provides services through the surrounding counties. The centers are 501(c)(3) nonprofit entities and governed by independent local boards of directors.

The Nebraska AHEC program is under the umbrella of the Rural Health Education Network (RHEN) at UNMC. Established in 2001, the

Nebraska AHECs work to:

- Create a heightened awareness of the health professions among K-12 and non-traditional students with emphasis on minority students.
- Develop a model of interdisciplinary health care through training in community-based settings
- Use cutting edge information technology applications to support AHEC programs throughout Nebraska.
- Promote collaboration between communities to support health professions continuing education
- Provide health education outreach programs to meet the needs of partner communities.

Southeast Nebraska AHEC is Ready to Help You

Located on the campus of the Southeast Community College campus in Beatrice, Southeast Nebraska Area Health Education Center (SE-AHEC) is centrally located to assist the 17 counties in southeast Nebraska that comprise its service area.

The AHEC plans several activities for the coming year, including hosting several 8th grade regional science

meets, working with teachers and school counselors on career preparation for students, and participating in career days and community health fairs with area schools and community partners.

The AHEC also looks forward to partnering with local hospitals and others on continuing education opportunities for local providers.

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through Innovation, Education and Collaboration”***