Using the National Health Service Corps Program

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Who we are....

• Founded in 1985
• Primary Care Association (PCA) in Arizona
• **25 Members**, 23 of which are Health Center Program Grantees or Federally Qualified Health Centers
• **155 sites** in rural and urban communities across Arizona
• Member of the National Association for Community Health Centers (NACHC)
Provider of Choice
AZ SEARCH Program:

STUDENT/RESIDENT EXPERIENCES AND ROTATIONS IN COMMUNITY HEALTH
NHSC- SEARCH Program History

• Started in 1998

• Funding was lost, nationwide, in 2007

• 2009 funding resumed
  • 3 year contract

• Funding was lost, nationwide, October 1, 2012
NHSC-SEARCH

NHSC-SEARCH Programs were funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Provided learners from across the nation access to high quality learning experiences in health centers and safety net providers serving diverse populations in urban and rural areas, with innovative models of primary care, including the patient-centered medical home model and multidisciplinary care teams.
Provided placements for the following primary care disciplines:

- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners
- Dentists
- Dental Hygienists
- Psychiatry/Mental Health
Community Project

Did this project increase your knowledge about the population in the community?

- Yes: 96%
- No: 4%

2009-2012
NHSC/ AACHC SEARCH Participants 2009-2011

• 185 Students/Residents
AACHC-Arizona
SEARCH Program Now
AZ SEARCH 2018:

• AZ NHSC Scholars Conference-All Disciplines in partnership with ADHS

• Limited Primary Care Student Placement Assistance to Established AZ SEARCH Clinical Sites

• Placement Assistance to High Priority Placement Sites

• Placement Assistance to Highly Motivated NHSC Scholars interested in Arizona Practice Sites

• Collaborative Placement Efforts with ADHS & AZ SEARCH Partners

• Preceptor Stipends & Training

• On Site Clinical Rotation Staff Training & Support
AZ SEARCH 2018:

- **Clinical Rotation Placement Online Applications: 1-1-18 to 12-31-18**
  - NP Students: 35
  - Medical Students: 18
  - PA Students: 55
  - Dental Students: 15
  - Allied Health: 35
  - **Application Total: 158**

- **Clinical Rotation Placement Requests:** (via email & phone & other)
  - Internships: 30
  - Primary Care: 25
  - **Total Request for Placement Assistance: 213**
7th Annual AZ NHSC Scholars Meeting 2019

4 Dental Scholars
1 Medical Scholars
1 NP Scholar
6 PA Scholars
Total: 12 NHSC Scholars
AZ NHSC Scholars Conference
2013 to 2019:
Arizona NHSC Scholars Conference:

- 2018: Of the 40 NHSC Scholars that participated in the conference from 2015 to 2017.
- 25 of those Scholars were in Practice:
  - 18 practicing in Arizona
  - 14 practicing at an FQHC
  - 1 practicing at a Tribal Clinic
  - 3 practicing at a non-profit setting.
Facebook Group for AZ NHSC Scholars:

- I just wanted to write you a quick thank you for putting together the meeting yesterday. It was a great experience for me. I picked up a bunch of great info that I'm sure will help me as I get closer to graduating. Also, I wanted to really thank you for going above and beyond to help us network with everyone. It was a great experience and I plan on taking many of their offers to come visit their health centers. – Dental Scholar

- Thank you for all your work in setting up the scholars meeting! I thought it was a huge success and it was great to have so many scholars there. I felt a great comradery among the group. It was good to make contacts and network. – Medical Scholar

- Please continue providing this conference! I had a great time meeting other Scholars and listening to all the valuable information shared with us. – PA Scholar

- This experience was extremely valuable, I think every NHSC Scholar should attend. Thank you so much! – NP Scholar

- I am encouraged each year I attend this conference and plan to keep attending as long as I can! – PA Scholar

2019 AZ NHSC Scholars Conference: 7 NSHC Scholars on the planning committee & provided feedback for the Facebook Group Page
On Site Clinical Rotation Placement Staff Recognition Luncheon & Training
The purpose of AHEC is to develop and enhance educational networks, programs, and services to improve the supply, quality, diversity, and distribution of health professionals who serve rural and underserved populations and can provide quality care in the context of a transforming health care system.

- Academic-community partnership
- Program office (UA Health Sciences) and Centers (5 in AZ)
- Core Services
  - K-12 health career preparation
  - Community-based clinical/non-clinical rotations
  - Interprofessional Education
  - Continuing Education
  - Community Health
- Priorities
  - Diversity of health workforce
  - Distribution of health workforce
  - Practice transformation
Thank You

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