

UVM Office of Primary Care and the Vermont Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program

Encouraged by the State Legislature, UVM established the Office of Primary Care (OPC) in 1993 to focus the College of Medicine's commitment to primary care and community outreach in Vermont. OPC is actively involved in enhancing networks of community-based faculty, in strengthening teaching and research programs, and in preparing the workforce for the future.

The OPC was awarded federal funding to establish a statewide AHEC program in 1996, including regional centers (Northeastern Vermont AHEC in St. Johnsbury, Champlain Valley AHEC in St. Albans, and Southern Vermont AHEC in Springfield), each a non-profit organization. Together, the Vermont AHEC Network is increasing the supply, geographic distribution, and education of Vermont's healthcare workforce, and providing a link between UVM's health professions training programs and Vermont's communities. The Vermont AHEC Network is a true academic-community partnership.

In FY15, the UVM OPC and VT AHEC Network provided 3,473 Vermont youth with health care careers experiences, worked with 171 providers precepting health professions students, delivered continuing education to 3,815 health care professionals, and placed 15 physicians in Vermont communities.

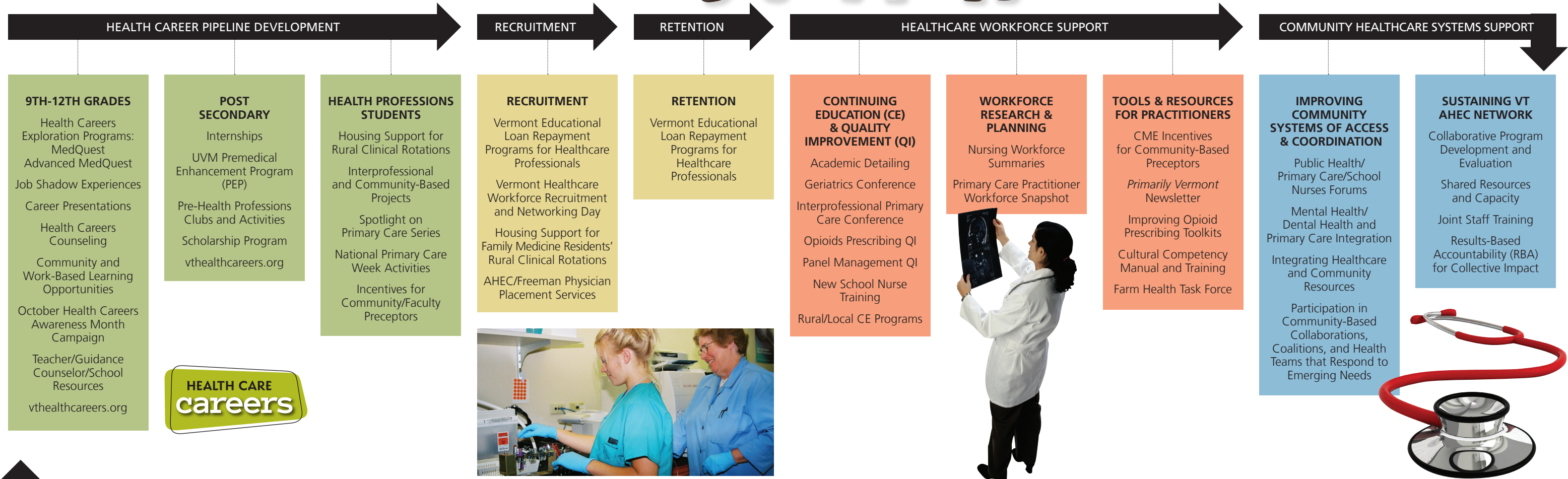


Overarching Aims

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE
Increase access to primary/preventive healthcare by promoting an appropriate and adequate healthcare workforce in Vermont.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS
Engage with and respond to community healthcare workforce development needs throughout the state.

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