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. Current regional centers include: Northern Vermont AHEC in St. Johnsbury 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 FY16, the UVM OPC and VT AHEC Network provided 3,997 Vermont youth with health care careers experiences, worked with 171 providers precepting health professions students, delivered continuing education to 2,966 health care professionals, and placed 18 physicians in Vermont communities.



Overarching Aims

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

Increase access to primary and preventive health services by promoting an adequate supply and distribution of the Vermont health workforce.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS

Engage with and respond to community health workforce development needs in Vermont.

vtahec.org









HEALTH CAREER PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT

POST

SECONDARY

Internships

UVM Premedical

Enhancement

Program (PEP)

Pre-Health Professions

Clubs and Activities

Scholarship Program

vthealthcareers.org

Service Learning

RECRUITMENT

RETENTION

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE SUPPORT

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS SUPPORT

9TH-12TH GRADES

Health Careers **Exploration Programs:** MedQuest Advanced MedQuest

> Job Shadow Experiences

Career Presentations

Health Careers Counseling

Community and Work-Based Learning Opportunities

October Health Careers Awareness Month Campaign

Teacher/Guidance Counselor/School Resources

vthealthcareers.org

HEALTH CARE careers

RECRUITMENT

Housing Support for Rural Clinical

Rotations Interprofessional and Community-Based Projects

HEALTH

PROFESSIONS

STUDENTS

Spotlight on **Primary Care Series**

National Primary Care Week Activities

Incentives for Community/Faculty **Preceptors**

AHEC Scholars

Vermont Educational Loan Repayment Programs for Healthcare **Professionals**

Vermont Healthcare Workforce Recruitment and Networking Day

Housing Support for Family Medicine Residents' Rural **Clinical Rotations**

AHEC/Freeman Physician Placement Services

RETENTION

Vermont Educational Loan Repayment Programs for Healthcare Professionals

Academic Detailing Geriatrics Conference

CONTINUING

EDUCATION (CE)

& QUALITY

IMPROVEMENT

(QI)

Interprofessional Primary Care Conference

> Opioids Prescribing QI

Panel Management QI

New School Nurse Training

> Rural/Local CE Programs

WORKFORCE **RESEARCH &** PLANNING

Summaries

Practitioner



TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR PRACTITIONERS

CME Incentives for Community-Based **Preceptors**

Primarily Vermont Newsletter

Improving Opioid **Prescribing Toolkits**

Cultural Competency Manual and Training

IMPROVING COMMUNITY SYSTEMS OF ACCESS &

COORDINATION Public Health/ Primary Care/School Nurses Forums

Mental Health/ Dental Health and Primary Care Integration

Integrating Healthcare and Community Resources

Participation in Community-Based Collaborations. Coalitions, and Health Teams that Respond to

SUSTAINING VT **AHEC NETWORK**

Collaborative Program Development and Evaluation

Shared Resources and Capacity

Joint Staff Training

Results-Based Accountability (RBA) for Collective Impact

Nursing Workforce

Primary Care Workforce Snapshot



Emerging Needs

