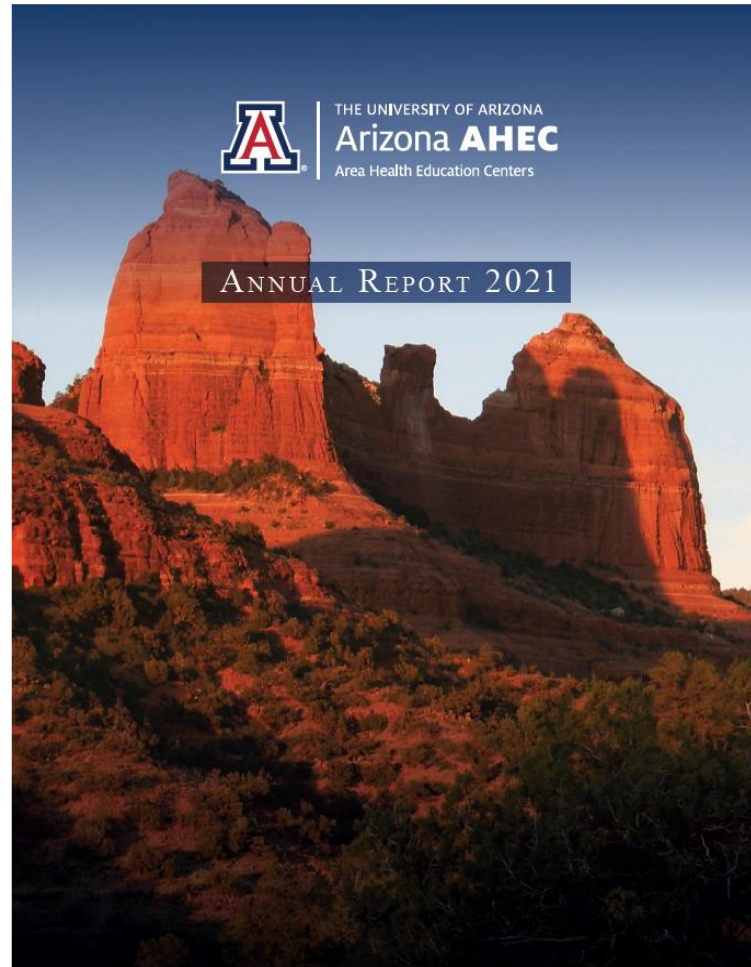


# ARIZONA AHEC PROGRAM

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# ARIZONA AHEC OVERVIEW

Since 1984, AzAHEC has served Arizona in pipeline to practice health professions workforce development for rural and urban underserved communities.

AzAHEC is administered through the University of Arizona Health Sciences, Office of the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences.

AzAHEC is a sponsored project of the University of Arizona.



# ARIZONA AHEC FUNDING

AzAHEC receives Federal funding from Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Professions through a competitive grant. It requires 1:1 matching non-federal funds.

Arizona AHEC receives statutory state funding from the Arizona State Lottery (A.R.S. § 5-572C) to the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR). State Lottery Funds supply the match to receive the federal funds.

Federal and state funds support the AzAHEC Program including five Regional Centers, nine Rural Health Professions Programs, and other programs consistent with AzAHEC Mission.

# REGIONAL CENTERS

## Five AzAHEC Regional Centers

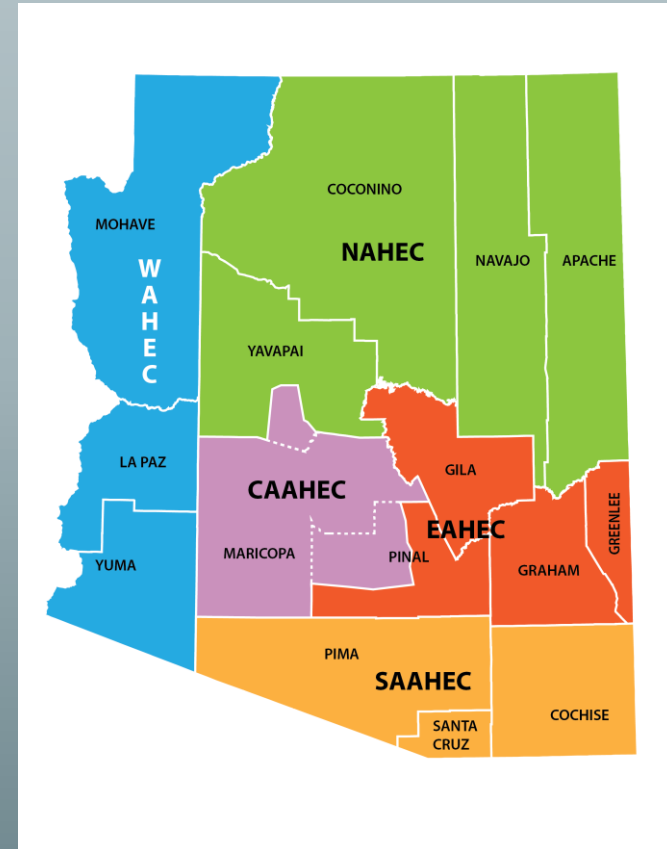
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**Eastern Arizona AHEC (EAHEC) Globe**

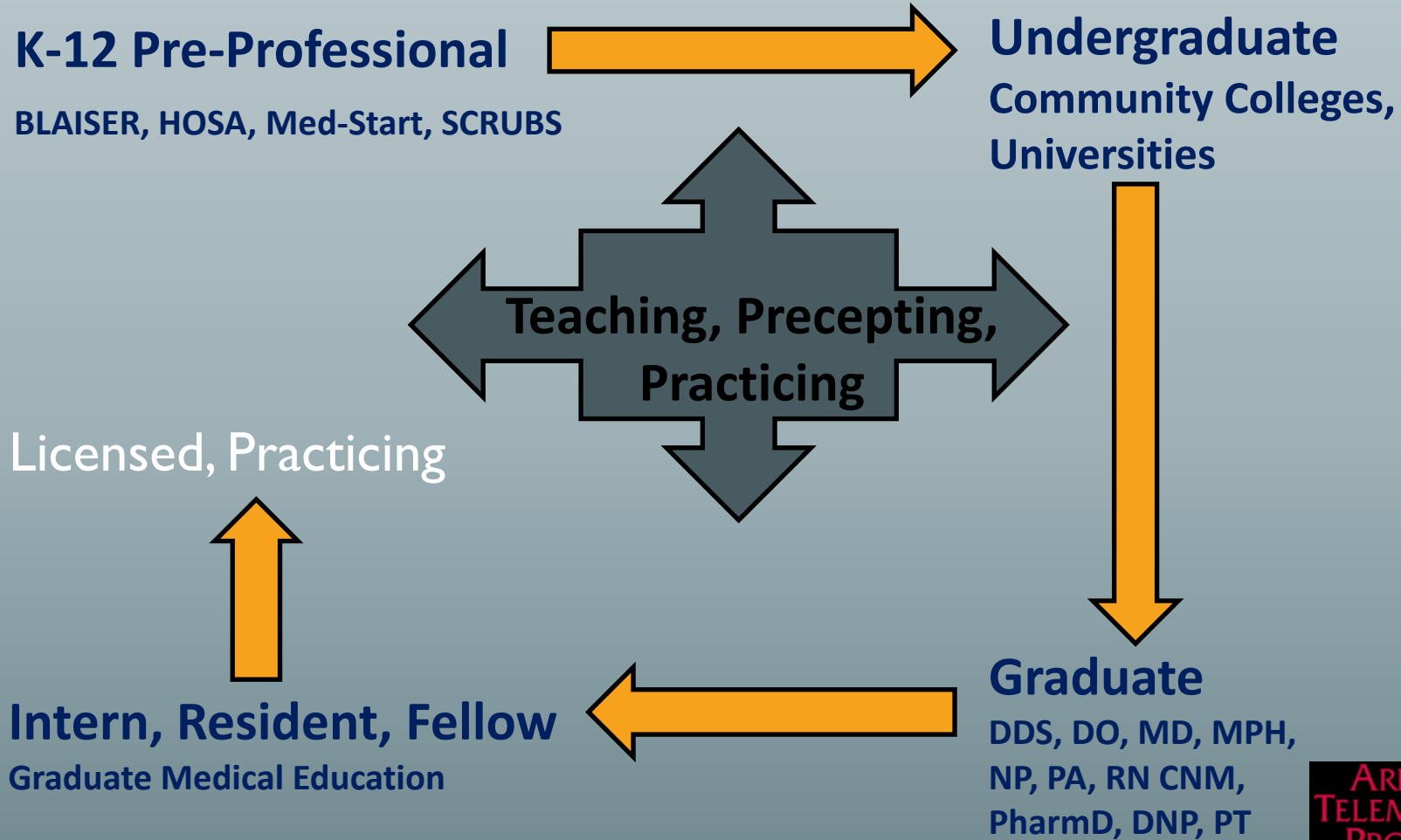
**Colorado Plateau Center for Health  
Professions (formerly Northern Arizona  
AHEC (NAHEC)) Flagstaff**

**Southern Arizona AHEC (SAAHEC) Tucson**

**Western Arizona AHEC (WAHEC) Somerton**



# Pipeline to Practice



# RURAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAM

The Rural Health Professions Program (RHPP) was authorized by state statute in 2007 (A.R.S. § 15-1754) and is a core component of the AzAHEC Program to address shortages of health professionals in rural Arizona communities.

RHPPs provide rural and underserved training experiences for graduate-level health professions students enrolled in the public universities under the Arizona Board of Regents.

# RURAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS

Arizona AHEC supports nine RHPPs at Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) institutions:

RHPP	Projected 21-22 Rotations*	Projected 21-22 Students*
• ASU College of Nursing and Health Innovation	90	50
• UA College of Medicine – Tucson	170	113
• UA College of Medicine – Phoenix	100	50
• UA College of Nursing	83	51
• UA College of Pharmacy	325	115
• UA College of Public Health	45	45
• NAU School of Nursing	27	9
• NAU Department of Physician Assistant Studies	144	108
• NAU Doctor of Physical Therapy Program	17	17
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1001</b>	<b>558</b>

\*Excludes RHPP Students who will not have Clinical Rotations in 21-22

## AZAHEC ANNUAL INTERPROFESSIONAL RHPP CONFERENCE

Arizona Telemedicine Program is a critical part of Arizona AHEC's Annual Interprofessional RHPP Conference, and has been since inception in 2012.



# AHEC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## Arizona AHEC Scholars:

- a. Health profession students matriculated at Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, or University of Arizona who are additionally enrolled in a community immersion experience supported by Arizona AHEC.
- b. Arizona Telemedicine Program a critical component of the Scholars program.
- c. Inclusive of two cohorts at any time;
  - 1. 46 continuing Scholars for 20-22
  - 2. 120 (projected) new Scholars for 21-23.
- d. May be at the Graduate or Undergraduate level.

## AHEC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Arizona Telemedicine Program is a critical part of Arizona AHEC Scholars Program.

On September 11, 2021, 120 scholars were able to join a remote orientation and immersion experience thanks to the ATP.

# UARIZONA PIPELINE PROGRAMS

Arizona AHEC funds three summer pipeline programs at the University of Arizona Health Sciences, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. The three programs are:

- Border Latino and American Indian Summer Exposure to Research (BLAISER)
  - for undergraduate students
- Focusing Research on the Border Area (FRONTERA)
  - for undergraduate students
- Med-Start
  - for high school students entering their senior year.

The Regional Centers collaborate with the Med-Start program by identifying students from their region to participate in the program, and by jointly planning the activities.

The Regional Centers collaborate with Frontera and Blaiser by hosting educational events for these students. These three programs were all accomplished in 2021 with the collaboration of Arizona Telemedicine Program.

