2021 Quick Facts

Over the past 5 years MAHEC has:
- Presented 4,440 Health Careers Education Recruitment and Training Programs – touching 84 counties
- Connected with 46,796 Health Career Recruitment participants in those 84 counties
- Coordinated 13,646 medical student clinical training experiences, 75% of which took place in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) and Medically Underserved Communities (MUCs)

This past year, MAHEC:
- Touched 10,587 Health Careers Recruitment Prospects, 126 of whom completed 20 or more hours of career preparation
- Supported the community-based clinical training of 585 medical students, 305 of whom completed 120 or more hours of training
- Placed medical students in 389 different clinical training sites located in 49 of Missouri’s 115 counties; of these, 306 are located in Medically Underserved Communities (MUCs) or Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs), and 184 in rural areas

To date, at least 1,249 MAHEC participants have gone on to healthcare careers in the state of Missouri, 56% of which are in primary care disciplines.

Missouri’s Healthcare Workforce Crisis

Like many states, Missouri continues to face a critical shortage of healthcare providers
- Missouri ranks 39th in the nation for physical health and 38th for overall health outcomes
- There are currently 324 primary care HPSA designations in the state and 509 practitioners are needed to remove these designations
- Of the 101 rural counties in Missouri, 99 are considered Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas and 6 counties lack a single primary care physician
- Missouri’s rural population is older, poorer, and suffers from higher rates of chronic diseases compared to metropolitan populations
- The rural physician shortage is further complicated by an aging physician workforce - rural primary care physicians are older than their urban counterparts by more than 6 years
- Only 21.5% of Missouri medical school graduates remain and practice in the state due in large measure to a shortage of available residency slots

The Missouri Area Health Education Centers Answer

- Increasing the number of healthcare providers providing care to underserved populations requires a longitudinal pipeline nurturing students each step of the way
- MAHEC network programming provides the needed pipeline stretching from grades 9-16 through health professions education and into practice, with a focus on rural, underserved, and minority students
- MAHEC brings together the resources of health professions education programs and community-based organizations to recruit, train, and retain healthcare professionals
- Participants in MAHEC programs are returning to Missouri communities to practice – to date, more than 1,200 have gone on to healthcare careers in the state
- MAHEC’s partnerships, infrastructure, and outcomes make it essential to increasing and improving Missouri’s healthcare workforce

MAHEC Youth Recruitment Activities

- Inform youth from healthcare underserved communities and populations about opportunities in health careers
- Foster their interest in becoming healthcare providers
- Help prepare them to enter health professions training

AHEC Scholars Program

- A multi-year educational program designed to prepare interprofessional teams of health professions students to practice in rural and/or underserved urban settings
- Includes, but is not limited to, students in medical, dental, pharmacy, nurse practitioner, nursing, physician assistant, social work, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and public/population health programs
- Focus is on six core topics: interprofessional education, behavioral health integration, social determinants of health, cultural competency, practice transformation, and current and emerging health issues

MAHEC Clinical Training Activities

- Support the training of medical, nursing, oral health, and other health professions students, and medical residents in healthcare underserved communities
- Facilitate preceptor and underserved training site identification and development
- Provide opportunities for students to learn about and engage in the community

Connecting Students to Careers, Professionals to Communities, and Communities to Better Health.

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At least 1,249 MAHEC participants have gone on to healthcare careers in 86 of Missouri’s 115 counties; 78 of the counties are Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).

Over the past 11 years,
- 1,819 MAHEC participants have matched into primary care residencies
- 634 have completed residencies in Missouri
- 427 have completed primary care residencies in Missouri

This past year,
- 208 MAHEC participants began primary care residencies
- 87 began residencies in Missouri
- 57 began primary care residencies in Missouri

On average, approximately 165 MAHEC participants choose to train in primary care residencies each year.

References