

2008 Community Health Scholars: Projects Overviews

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ALL/ Local AHEC Offices: West Florida (WF), Big Bend (BB), Suwannee River (SR), and Northeast Florida (NE)	Tobacco Education for Middle School Students and communities	<p>This project is a variation on the AHEC "ATTAC" Program that prepares health profession students on the background and delivery of tobacco education to middle-school aged students.</p> <p>Some AHEC Centers may include community tobacco education and cessation activities as a part of their project.</p>	<p>Selected Scholars will research current trends in tobacco and youth and will be trained in the delivery of the ATTAC curriculum, and related tobacco information. Scholars will be responsible for identifying middle school-aged student groups (summer school, camps, etc.) to which they can present the ATTAC curriculum. A final report will be developed describing the program and including suggestions for further development.</p>	<p>WF = Flexible BB = Flexible SR = June 23 NE = Flexible</p> <p>This is a 6 week project</p>	<p>WF = 1 BB = 1 SR = 2 NE = 1</p>	Any	<p>WF = YES BB = YES SR = NO NE = YES</p>
Each of the following local AHEC Offices: West Florida, Big Bend, and Northeast Florida	Emergency Preparedness in YOUR Community	The goal of this project is to educate rural and underserved communities in how to prepare for an emergency.	<p>Selected scholars will research current preparedness programs and resources in their area, and will work with local agencies, businesses, and neighborhoods to deliver preparedness education/training.</p>	<p>WF = Flexible BB = Flexible NE = Flexible</p> <p>This is a 6 week project</p>	<p>WF = 1 BB = 1 NE = 1</p>	Any	<p>WF = YES BB = YES NE = YES</p>
West Florida/ Sacred Heart Health System	Development of a Community-wide Medication Sample Management Program	The goals of this project are to increase access to free and/or discounted medications, and improve methods of sample management processes among community provider's sites.	<p>Students will conduct research on current policies and permit applications, and will develop and present a plan for the implementation of policies and procedures for management of sample medications.</p>	<p>June - July, 2008</p> <p>This is an 8 week project</p>	1	Any <i>(This is a good opportunity for pharmacy students!)</i>	YES

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West Florida/ Escambia County Medical Society/Foundation	ElderCare Health Recovery Project	The goals of this project include any/all of the following: *Data analysis of existing patients to identify patient trends and characteristics for the development of improved patient tools and reporting, *Customer feedback/Continuous Quality Improvement analysis *Community awareness plan development *Strategic planning for expansion into other West Florida counties.	The selected student could tailor the project to include any/all of the goals described that fit the student's interests and skills.	Flexible	1	Any	YES
Big Bend/ Calhoun County Health Department	Project Weight Reduction	This is a continuation of the 2007 project developed as a long-term effort to raise community awareness about obesity and to educate individual patients and the community about strategies that can be used to reach and maintain a healthy weight	The selected Scholar will follow up with patients of the health dept. who received intervention with the 2007 project, to see if they have been able to achieve a more healthy weight. In addition, the Scholar will approach local businesses to see if they would be interested in working with the project to help their employees become more aware of strategies to achieve and maintain a healthy weight.	June – August/ 8 weeks	1	Medical	Yes, there is housing in Tallahassee.

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Big Bend/ Panhandle Area Education Consortium, Gadsden County	Migrant Summer School	The goal of this project is to continue the current momentum in decreasing preventable disease through education and identification for the migrant farm worker children.	The selected Scholar (medical) will be responsible for facilitating and working to get the children's health screenings complete by following up with physicians, preparing medical records, and assisting with eye exams. The selected non-medical scholar will be responsible for updating curriculum and disseminating curriculum to students on a daily basis, and to devise a healthy eating handbook students can share with their families.	June 2 – July 11, 2008/ 6 weeks	2	1-med. 1-non- med.	Yes, there is housing in Tallahassee.
Big Bend/Big Bend Rural Health Network	Diabetes Outreach Program	The goal of this project is to increase use of self-management techniques among rural residents with high risk for diabetes and cardiovascular disease.	Selected scholars will work with the Jefferson and Madison County Health Departments and their faith-based communities to identify health disparities and seek solutions to correct them.	June – July, 2008/ 8 weeks	2	Any	Yes, there is housing in Tallahassee.
Big Bend/Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison, and Taylor Counties	Preparing Women for Pregnancy	The goal of this project is to educate women on the importance of being healthy to prepare them for pregnancy and to educate the community on the importance of healthy lifestyles.	Selected Scholars will engage in three distinct approaches to meet the project goal: Education and prevention; door-to-door campaign; and education, counseling and outreach.	Mid June – Mid August/ 8 weeks	2	Any	Yes, there is housing in Tallahassee.
Big Bend/ American Lung Association, Big Bend Region	Open Airways for Schools	<i>Open Airways for Schools</i> is an asthma management program for children that teaches them to recognize asthma triggers, proper use of peak flow meters, and other tools of asthma management.	Selected scholars will go to different summer programs and conduct this training for asthmatic students.	June – July, 2008/ one 6 wk slot, one 8 wk slot.	2	Any	Yes, there is housing in Tallahassee.

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Suwannee River/ Marion County Health Department	School Based School Nurses Affect Student Absenteeism	The goal of this project is to collect data that would provide justification for request of a school based nurse for every school. Two objectives are: (1) demonstrate that schools with school-based nurses have reduced absenteeism rates; and (2) show that in schools with school-based nurses, students are more likely to return to class rather than leave school following a visit to the school health office.	2 students (interdisciplinary) will be selected to gather data, conduct interviews, analyze data, and prepare paper and presentation on project outcomes.	June 23 rd – Aug. 1st, 2008/ 6 weeks	2	Inter-discipline	None Available
Suwannee River/ Suwannee River AHEC	Workplace Wellness Works	The goal of this project is to present area employers with the knowledge, opportunity and impetus needed to initiate a workplace wellness program. Objectives include: Create tools that will be beneficial for replication of workplace wellness outreach efforts; create an opportunity for health profession students to work directly with decision makers interested in implementing wellness programs; increase knowledge of workplace wellness opportunities to influential community members.	2 students (interdisciplinary) will be selected to research workplaces wellness and related existing programs, develop presentations and provide a “Day of Learning” session for employers; follow up with phone calls and site visits to assess individualized workplace wellness program opportunities; develop summary report of findings.	*June 16 – Aug. 8, 2008/ 8 wks. *MPH students may delay participation until 6/23/08	2	Inter-discipline	None Available
Suwannee River/Marion County Health Department	Marion County Comprehensive Need Compendium	This program began in 2007 through three studies of Marion County community needs: A Needs Assessment, an Access to Health Care Study, and a Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System study. The goal of this project is to collapse data from all three studies completed in 2007 to create a single comprehensive resource that may be used in planning, measuring, and grant-writing.	Selected students will review and compare data, outcomes and recommendations found in the three studies, and establish goals and objectives for the final comprehensive resource; create an outline of info to utilize from each student; and develop a document that pulls the data and recommendations together.	June 23 – Aug. 1 st , 2008/ 6 weeks	2	Inter-discipline	None Available