

Coastal AHEC



The Coastal Area Health Education Center was established in 1973 in Wilmington and is one of nine AHECs under the North Carolina statewide AHEC Program. The nine AHECs link the four university health science centers, the community hospitals, and health agencies of North Carolina. With state and local funding, the network helps attract, retain, and maintain high quality health care professionals in all areas of the state. The Health Sciences Foundation, Inc., an educational non-profit organization governed by a board of directors, administers Coastal AHEC. The Foundation, in affiliation with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, conducts health education programs in a five-county region. Coastal AHEC and New Hanover Regional Medical Center work together through an affiliation agreement to conduct residency training programs and student rotations. The Coastal AHEC is comprised of five counties: Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, and Pender.

Vision Statement

The Coastal Area Health Education Center will strive to be the leading education, consultation, and information resource for health and human service providers in Southeast North Carolina.

Mission Statement

To provide education and training to meet health care work force needs, maintaining and fostering collaborative relationships with programs and agencies devoted to the planning and delivery of health care services.

- Enhance recruitment, retention, and distribution of healthcare providers and support personnel with attention given to the needs in rural areas.
 - Continue the development of activities that serve to increase minority representation in all health disciplines.
 - Address the health care needs of special populations.
 - Encourage and facilitate the development of information in biomedical communication services, utilizing emerging technologies to disseminate health information, deliver educational programs, and link practitioners with needed resources.
 - Provide students in health professions with education and training activities emphasizing an interdisciplinary approach to health care.
 - Provide continuing education, consultation-technical assistance, and research services to enhance the practice environment for health care professionals.
 - Promote teamwork, communication, and participation in continuous quality improvement activities that will impact education and service outcomes.
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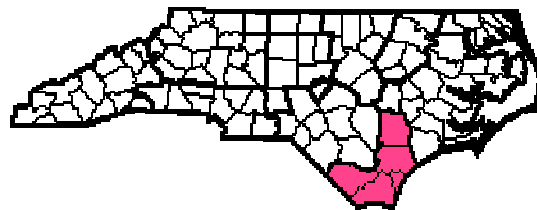


Administration

The Coastal AHEC is administered by the Health Sciences Foundation, Inc. Its address is:

2131 South 17th Street
PO Box 9025
Wilmington, NC 28402-9025
URL: <http://www.med.unc.edu/coahec/>

Housing Contact: Ms. Angela Merryman
Phone: (910) 343-0161 ext. 270
Fax: (910) 343-9823
Email: angela.berryman@coastalahec.org



Housing Within Wilmington:

Apartments are within walking distance of the New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Apartments are shared. Due to limited availability of housing, it is extremely difficult to consider special housing requests.

Each apartment is furnished with basic furniture, microwave, cooking utensils, silverware, plates, pots and pans, linens, and towels. A telephone is provided in each apartment. Televisions are not provided. It is the student's responsibility to keep the apartment clean and free of clutter.

Students are allowed to check into the apartments after 12:00 noon on the Sunday before the rotation begins. Parking is available at the apartments. A parking permit will be issued the first day of orientation. During regular working hours (8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.), medical students may obtain keys to their apartment from Ms. Beryl Mehurg, Executive Assistant, in the AHEC Administrative office (910) 343-0161 extension 222.

After 5:00 p.m. and on weekends, keys may be obtained from the Medical Center switchboard.



An Example of Wilmington Housing

Housing Outside of Wilmington:

Apartments are provided within the community rotation area. Apartments are shared. Due to limited availability, it is extremely difficult to consider special housing requests. It is the student's responsibility to keep the apartment clean. Call Beth Mixon, ORPCE, Coastal AHEC, (910) 343-0161, extension 312 for instructions for checking in and obtaining keys. *As a rule, there is no housing available in Southport.*

Housing Details

Meals: Meals are available in the Medical Center cafeteria at an employee discount.

Mail: The mailing address for students on rotation is:

Name of Student
Department of Rotation
Coastal AHEC
P.O. Box 9025
Wilmington, NC 28402-9025

Students doing an outpatient rotation may have their mail forwarded to their preceptor's office.

Check Cashing Facilities: Not available in the medical center, but there are several banks nearby.

Call Schedule: Provided upon arrival from the individual service.

I.D.: Students are required to wear white coats and identification provided by Coastal AHEC.

Microcomputer Lab: There are ten IBM-compatible PCs located on the main floor of the Robert M. Fales Health Sciences Library. These computers are available during all hours that the Library is open. The following is a list of available software: Internet, Telnet, MEDLINE, CINAHL, HealthStar, PsychLit, MicroMedex, Clinical Pharmacology, StatRef, InfoTrac's Health Reference Center, SAM-CD, ACP Journal Club, MS Word, MS Access, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, and Harvard Graphics.

Reporting for Duty: Allied Health students should report to Beryl Mehurg, ExecutiveAssistant, in the AHEC Administrative Office, at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the rotation. The first day is very important so it is imperative to be on time. Only in extreme emergencies, call Ms. Mehurg at (910) 343-0161, extension 222. Tardiness may compromise the student's grade. After orientation each student will report to the chief of the assigned teaching service.

NOTE: If the student has required training/orientation on the first day of rotation at Chapel Hill, it is the student's responsibility to report to Coastal AHEC Administration at 8:30 a.m. the next business day.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Travel: Students scheduled for the Coastal AHEC Program should leave Chapel Hill the day before the rotation begins. It will take three hours to drive from Chapel Hill to Wilmington, approximately 150 miles. Reimbursement for travel will be in accordance with Statewide AHEC Program guidelines.

Directions to Wilmington: Take I-40 to Wilmington, where I-40 turns into North College Road (Highway 132). Follow College Road south, crossing Oleander Drive. Approximately three blocks after crossing Oleander Drive, turn right onto Shipyard Boulevard. Follow Shipyard Boulevard to 17th Street and turn right. Go to the second stop light. New Hanover Regional Medical Center is on the right.

Wilmington Map

