

# Eastern AHEC

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The Eastern AHEC (EAHEC) serves a 23-county coastal, agricultural region. EAHEC is affiliated with East Carolina University Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health, Health and Human Performance, and Social Work, as well as Dentistry, Pharmacy and Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill. EAHEC supports training of these students and primary care residents in numerous community settings.

The service region of Eastern AHEC includes the following 23 counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Greene, Hertiford, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington, and Wayne. The home office of Eastern AHEC is located in Greenville.

Continuing Education programs are provided for all healthcare disciplines, the majority done in community settings. In conjunction with ECU, off-campus degree programs are offered in nursing, social work and speech therapy. A community-based, mid-level practitioner training program is offered in conjunction with ECU and Duke University.

The EAHEC Outreach Library Service, housed in the ECU Health Sciences Library, provides strategic placement of telecommunications equipment to network the region for access to “up-to-the-minute” health information, training for practitioners in use of contemporary information tools, and database services, as well as training in evidence-based medicine.

As a partner in the ECU Telemedicine Program, EAHEC distance learning activities significantly expand the provision of off-campus degree programs and continuing education. The School-Based TeleHealth program links “health experts” to high school students in several regional high schools. An ECU/EAHEC community interdisciplinary training program and the ECU/EAHEC Rural Residency Program use the network for specialty consultation in patient care and joint conferences with ECU faculty and students. EAHEC faculty are involved in development of patient care applications for telemedicine in home health, mental health and school health.

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## Health Careers and Minority Affairs

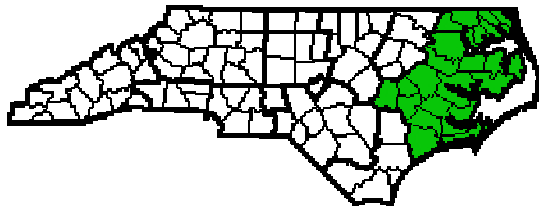
Eastern AHEC has made a special commitment to encourage and expand the development of activities to increase minority representation in health careers in the region. The goals of the program are to

- enhance the cultural competence and sensitivity of health professionals through continuing education activities,
- improve the recruitment and retention of under-represented students choosing health careers, and
- maximize the impact of existing community-based efforts through strong collaboration.

The office also provides an information network to respond to requests for speakers and resources on health careers.

In collaboration with the ECU School of Medicine Generalist Physician Program, Eastern AHEC facilitates the development of Community Health Access Groups to address access to health care needs.

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## Administration

Eastern AHEC is governed by a Board of Directors with representation from the health care institutions in the region, the community at large, and the community college system. The Eastern AHEC administrative offices are located at:

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Suite 210  
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Greenville, North Carolina 27835-7224  
URL: <http://eahec.hsl.ecu.edu/eahec/>

AHEC Director: Susan Gustke, M.D.  
Executive Director, Eastern AHEC

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## Housing

Due to the large area covered by Eastern AHEC, there are many apartments in many different cities. 90% of the housing in the EAHEC region is occupied during the year.

Each apartment is furnished with basic furniture, microwave, some have televisions (not all), cooking utensils, silverware, plates, pots and pans, linens, and towels. A telephone is provided in each apartment with all long distance calls made on the student's personal calling card. The student will need to bring linens and a comforter for a twin bed as well as towels. It is the student's responsibility to keep the apartment clean and free of clutter.

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*An Example of EAHC Housing*

## MAP TO EASTERN AHEC

### Directions to Eastern AHEC

Take I-40 to Raleigh and on the beltline, take Hwy 64 north; exit onto Hwy 264 east to Greenville. Hwy 264 becomes Stantonsburg Road, which leads to the Eastern AHEC building.

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