

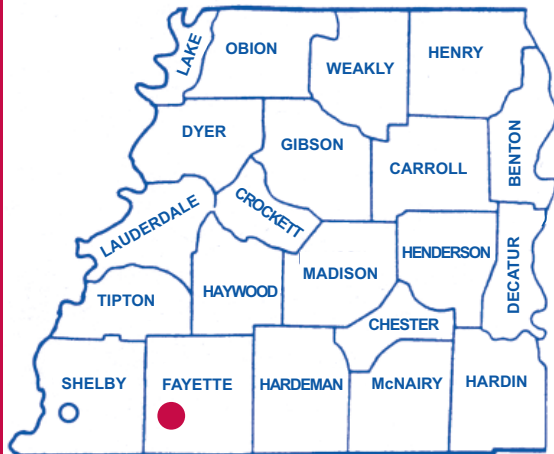
West Tennessee Area

Health Education Center

West Tennessee AHEC is a non-profit community-based health education and training program serving the 21 counties west of the Tennessee River since 1987.

Program Goals

- To provide a link between community organizations and educational institutions in the health professions.
- To coordinate continuing education programs for health care professionals.
- To promote training experiences in medically underserved areas through community based training experiences.
- To enhance consumer awareness of health wellness and preventive care through creative means.
- To recruit students for health professions programs and promote their return to their communities to deliver health care.



● WTAHEC Central Office

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Health Career & Training Programs

MISSION STATEMENT:

To improve the quality and accessibility of health care services through the provision of support services to health professionals and the promotion of health and educational interventions for the communities we serve.

Health Career Development Program

Goal:

To increase exposure of underrepresented, low income, and minority students to careers in health.

West Tennessee Area Health Education Center (WTAHEC) partners with elementary, middle/high schools and post secondary schools in the West Tennessee region to create and conduct programs designed to encourage students to explore and pursue careers in health care professions.

Program Activities Include:

- School-based Career Fairs
- School-based Health Fairs
- Classroom Presentations
- Parent Presentations
- Summer Youth Internships



Health Career Training Program

Goal:

To increase access to quality health care services for medically underserved urban and rural populations of West Tennessee through expanded academic and community partnerships.

West Tennessee Area Health Education Center (WTAHEC) develops collaborations with colleges, universities and vocational schools to provide community placements, service learning opportunities and clinical experiences for medical, dental, nursing and other allied health students in rural and urban underserved settings.

Program Activities Include:

- Preceptorships
- Summer Internships
- Recruitment Fairs
- Cultural Competency Training
- Mentors and Advisors
- Housing Assistance
- Classroom and Community Education Opportunities
- Health Fair and Screening Opportunities



Additional Programs and Services provided by WTAHEC include but are not limited to:

Consumer Health Education in the following areas:

- Diabetes, Heart Disease, Stroke and Cancer Prevention
- Rape, Sexual Assault and Personal Safety
- Violence Prevention
- Tobacco
- Teen Pregnancy/Parenting
- HIV/AIDS
- Establishment of Healthy Lifestyles (physical activity and nutrition)
- Breast Cancer Education and Mammography Screenings
- Youth Alcohol and Drug Prevention Education
- Highway Safety
- Holistic Youth Initiatives
- Educational Resources
- Referrals

Continuing Education for Health Care Professionals/Providers

Train the Trainer Workshops

Community Health Fairs and Screenings