

Professional Education & Support *for recruitment and retention of health professionals*

Our Professional Education & Support Program is designed to **recruit, train and retain** a health professions workforce with a priority to meet needs of underserved populations.

Many **rural and urban medically underserved communities in Texas** face significant shortages of health professionals, Texas AHEC East works with these communities to determine their needs and assist recruiting of individuals to address shortages.

Employment Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Texas Health Match</i> recruitment • Community Health Worker training • National Health Service Corps referral • Student Loan Repayment Information
Personal Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community integration opportunities • Community sponsorship possibilities • Practice site selection previews • Networking opportunities
Continuing Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preceptor orientation and training • CNE, CME, and other CEU opportunities • Interprofessional learning

We encourage **the use of Texas Health Match**, our web-based, software-driven matching tool to recruit and retain healthcare providers, healthcare related professionals, and health industry skilled workers.

We promote efforts to build healthy communities by supporting the **National Health Service Corps (NHSC)**, which places qualified providers in areas of the country that have too few health care professionals to serve people who live there. The NHSC repays educational loans and provides scholarships to those primary care providers. Many Corps members choose to remain in underserved communities after their service commitment has ended.

Texas AHEC East offers **accredited continuing education (CE) programs and professional support** for health care professionals. Programs are often designed to provide continuing education related to selected, high priority, emerging, or urgent health issues with an emphasis on inter-professional team educational strategies. Offerings are especially targeted for health professionals serving the underserved, with 90% of those professionals identifying the CE as contributing to retention measures.

We work diligently to **enhance and support the ability of the healthcare provider in a rural or medically underserved area to set up practice and to continue practicing in those areas.**

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