The National AHEC Organization supports and advances the AHEC Network to improve health by leading the nation in the recruitment, training and retention of a diverse health workforce for underserved communities.

Nationally, AHEC Centers and AHEC Programs:

- Effectively Link to and Support HRSA Programs
  - Bureau of Health Professions: GEC & Allied Health, Nursing, Medicine & Dentistry, Diversity, Senior Advisor for Diversity
  - Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service: National Health Service Corps (NHSC)
  - Bureau of Primary Health Care: Community Health Centers (CHC)
  - Office of Rural Health Policy
  - Office of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation: Primary Care and Public Health
  - Office of Regional Operations

- Comprise Effective National Network
  - Veterans Mental Health Train the Trainer programs in all ten HRSA Regions.
  - AHECs successful contractors for SEARCH and Collegiate Health Service Corps programs

- Contribute to Inter-Professional Training
  - AHEC representation and participation on “Collaborating Across Borders III. Interprofessional Collaboration: From Concept to Preparation to Practice” International Conference on Interprofessional Education 2011
  - NAO Inter-Professional Education workgroup established, AHEC Programs and AHEC Centers surveyed regarding IPE initiatives, abstract submitted for breakout session at NAO “AHECs in the Changing Healthcare Landscape” conference

- Collaborate with Community Health Centers
  - AHEC partnerships nationally with over 1,000 CHCs and provide student rotations, shadowing experiences, mentoring, recruitment, resource and continuing education
  - AHECs support development and training in Teaching Health Centers

- Increase Diversity
  - AHECs develop and implement effective K-12/post-secondary pipeline programs which enable underrepresented minority students to explore and experience health care delivery in medically underserved communities
  - AHECs provide clinical experiences, cultural exposure and continuing education for health professions students and health providers who serve in medically underserved communities. (i.e. NHSC/CHSC; SEARCH; CHW Initiative)
  - AHECs partner locally and nationally with organizations like the National Association of Minority Medical Educators (NAMME) to collaborate on organizational activities which promote recruitment of motivated minority students into health professions

- Increase Access to Health Care in Rural Areas
  - AHECs provide K-12/post-secondary health careers promotion and preparation activities, community-based student education experiences and professional education and support for health providers in rural areas throughout the US
  - AHEC Programs and AHEC Centers provide workforce data and workforce projections for rural areas

- Support Practice Transformation and New Models of Care
  - AHECs provide community-based student education experiences in Patient Centered Medical Home settings
  - AHEC Programs and AHEC Centers collaborate with academic institutions, payors and practices in quality improvement initiatives