



# CALIFORNIA ORANGE COUNTY AHEC

## ABOUT

The Orange County Area Health Education Center (OC AHEC) is hosted by the Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers (COCCC), a consortium of safety net providers and key partners creating quality health care for vulnerable, underserved communities. The Coalition has 26 clinic members and affiliates and 16 Federally Qualified Health Centers, altogether totaling 88 clinic sites.

The OC AHEC partners with academic institutions and community groups to provide Community Health Center (CHC) training experiences for medical, nursing, medical assistants and mental health students; conducts continuing education programs for clinic staff and providers on disease-specific topics, clinic management, cultural competency and changes related to the Affordable Care Act and Covered California; and has created workforce development with the Health Scholars Program by training undergraduate students and post-baccalaureate students in community health centers.

The OC AHEC is developing its workforce by training medical residents, medical students and undergraduates developing community health projects at COCCC community health centers. This program expansion is a true education-to-career pipeline, starting with academic support but including the technical and on-the-ground training that builds confidence and increases engagement for those individuals with a passion for serving medically underserved populations.



Health Scholars headed to medical school and health professions programs (top). OC AHEC's Chief Medical Officer Track training program (middle). Health Scholars volunteer at an AHEC health fair (left).

## 2017-18 OUTCOMES TO DATE

**6 medical residents** were matched in Chief Medical Officer training and CHC rotations

Engaged with  
**65 undergraduate volunteers** with 81% being first-generation and/or low-income students

**100% of Health Scholars** have received acceptance to medical school and health professional programs

Provided training for **194 health professionals** and other CHC staff from January to April 2018

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