



Los Angeles Harbor AHEC



LA Harbor AHEC is affiliated with the Lundquist Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and housed in the Department of Family and Community Medicine. Its mission is to train dedicated, resourceful family physicians who can advocate for and partner with underserved populations to create healthy communities and reduce health disparities.

As a residency training program, it operates on the principle that healthcare is a right, not a privilege. Residents and faculty are committed not only to providing primary care to clinic patients but also to addressing the social, structural, and economic barriers that impact community health and quality of life.

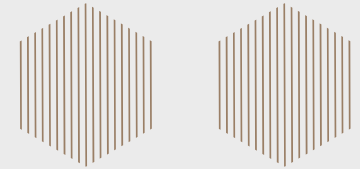
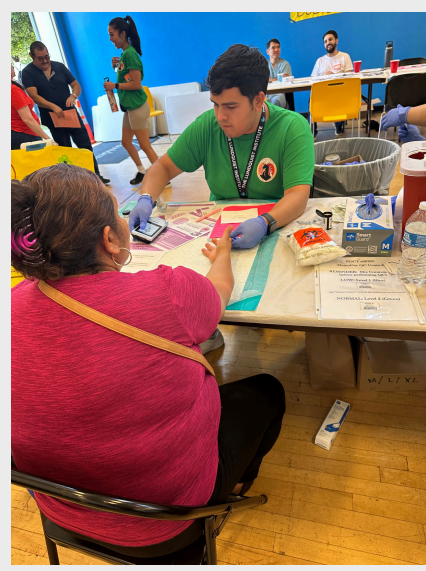
The curriculum immerses residents in working alongside marginalized patients, whose challenges to primary care extend beyond financial limitations to include broader social determinants of health. Training occurs in real-world clinical settings where residents gain expertise in chronic care management, acute exacerbation treatment, procedural skills, and community-based participatory approaches tailored to community needs.

Our program recruits trainees passionate about primary care and health equity, equipping them to become skilled clinicians, community advocates, and partners. At least 50% of graduates pursue careers or further training in underserved practice settings.

Recognizing that cultivating committed health professionals begins long before residency, LA Harbor AHEC offers programs for youth, pre-health, and health professions students at various stages of their education, fostering mentorship and early engagement in community health. Some of these programs include:

- **Harbor-UCLA Summer Urban Health Fellowship:** 6-week, multilevel, mentorship and community-based work for students and residents across multiple education levels.
- **Health Equity & Social Justice Fellowship:** Year-long clinical, didactic, and research experiences in underserved communities for post-undergraduate pre-health students.
- **AHEC Scholars Program:** Longitudinal training in clinical care, didactics, and community engagement addressing social determinants of health.
- **Clinical & Mentorship Opportunities:** Hands-on experience serving vulnerable populations, including high-risk youth, unhoused, and immigrant communities.

Through our programs, we hope to mentor and inspire future generations of health professionals, at all levels of their educational journey, especially those who have been traditionally marginalized from the health professions, to become healers and lifelong social justice advocates committed to the underserved.



2020-2025 Site Outcomes

- 60** Family medicine residents have graduated.
- 5** Community Health Fellows have completed training with an emphasis on Environmental Justice, Care of Incarcerated Women, and Pre-natal health outcomes of African American Women.
- 30** Residents, **26** Medical Students, **2** Physician Associate Students, **92** Undergraduates, **94** High School students have participated in the SUHF Pathways program
- 104** of AHEC scholars have participated and **57** have successfully completed the program

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