



Connecting students to careers, professionals to communities and communities to better health.



**Supporting Primary Care Workforce Development in Connecticut By:**

- ▶ Promoting Strong Community/Academic Partnerships
- ▶ Creating Pipeline Programs for Pre-Health Professions Students
- ▶ Supporting Health Careers Awareness Programming
- ▶ Providing Community-Based Training for Health Professions Students
- ▶ Supporting Community-Based Health Education and Screenings
- ▶ Promoting Strategies to Address Health Disparities

**CT AHEC Network Regional Centers:**

## **YHSC Engages Secondary Students in Health Careers Exploration**

The award-winning Connecticut AHEC Network's Youth Health Service Corps (YHSC) engages over 700 high school students annually. YHSC seeks to increase enrollment, retention and success in the allied health and nursing professions by exposing students to these careers through service learning. Partnering with public schools in the four CT AHEC Network regions, YHSC introduces students to health profession role models, engages students in academic and civic engagement through service learning and provides CPR certification.

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(Hartford area)

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area) [www.health360.org](http://www.health360.org)

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Haven area)

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Since YHSC's inception in Connecticut in 2004, more than 60 AHEC programs nationwide have received implementation training for the YHSC program. YHSC uses a five-module curriculum comprised of Leadership and Service Learning, Vulnerable Populations and Cultural Competency, Legal and Ethical Issues, Health Career Exploration and Health Care Skills.

Pamela Belury, Student Success Plan Coordinator at Waterbury Public Schools, promotes YHSC as a wonderful opportunity for high school students to receive valuable support pursuing their desire to study a health profession in college. One example of YHSC's impact on a recent graduate is a Stratford High School student who, prior to participating in YHSC, was uninterested in a health career. Now majoring in Biology (Pre-Med) at Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, she wants to become a pediatrician.

The statewide Connecticut Area Health Education Center (CT AHEC) Network, based at UConn Health, is implemented through four regional centers which enable the CT AHEC Network to provide high-quality, efficient, effective and flexible services that meet local needs. Thank you for your continued support of the CT AHEC Network.

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