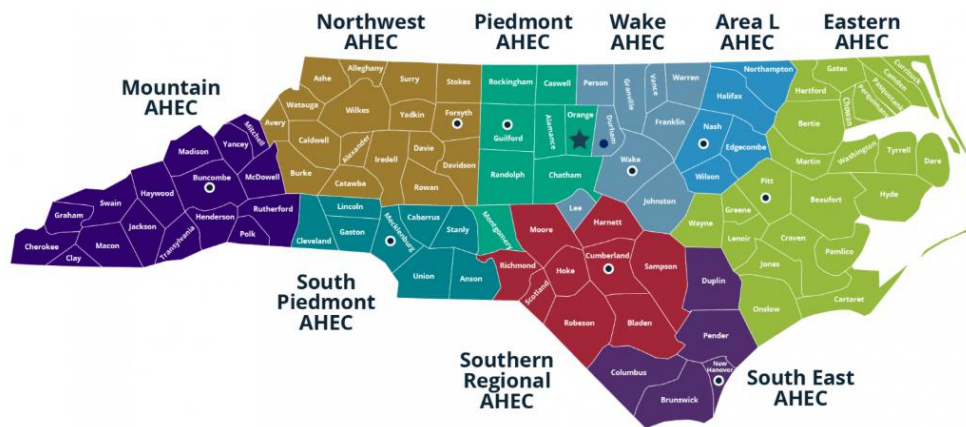


Health Careers PASSPORT



Welcome to the Area L AHEC Health Careers Passport Program

AREA L AHEC

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PASSPORT FOR NC AHEC HEALTH CAREERS STUDENTS

Welcome aboard to one of the NC AHEC Health Careers programs! The NC AHEC Program was established to meet the state's workforce needs by creating a pathway for students across North Carolina to become academically prepared for a career in healthcare. We are also navigators who **engage, educate**, and provide **exploration** opportunities to pre-college students, parents, educators, and the community about the many careers in the health care workforce.

By participating in the Area L AHEC Passport Program, you have a unique opportunity to gain academic and enrichment hours towards a **Certificate of Completion** that is recognized by academic institutions and employers in North Carolina that sets you apart from other students in an increasingly competitive environment. The Passport curriculum offers you the chance to document and collectively report in a **transcript** all the health science, community service, and leadership activities you participate in as early as 9th grade.

Starting your journey is as easy as **1 - 2 - 3!**

STEP 1: Complete the standardized registration form (link can be found on the next page).

STEP 2: Return the Parental Consent forms to Area L AHEC. Complete and email to healthcareers@arealahec.org.

STEP 3: Start participating in *approved* activities and documenting passport requirements. There are three categories: **Educate, Explore, and Engage**. Read through the list of requirements to see which activities fit your career goals best to begin. Then, begin working through your Passport!

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How does the Passport benefit me?

The Passport gives you a comprehensive portfolio of all the academic and enrichment programs and activities on your journey to a health career! It can be used as part of your college applications, scholarship applications, and interviews.

2. When can I begin to complete the requirements?

You can count activities as early as 9th grade and they must span over at least 2 years.

3. I have completed an event/task in multiple grades (i.e. AP Math). Can I count that event more than once towards the minimum requirement?

No. You may check as many boxes in that row as appropriate, but it will only count once towards your minimum requirement.

4. Can an event I complete count in more than one row?

No, events cannot count in multiple rows.

5. Can I count events I completed before starting the Passport?

Yes, as long as they were completed in 9th grade or above and you have the proof of completion requested in the Passport. Additionally, you still must complete the Passport over a span of two years and complete at least 10 hours of NC AHEC programming.

6. I have completed my passport. Now what?

Once you have completed all the requirements, return the passport to your Health Careers Director for final approval. They will check for accuracy and coordinate the details regarding awards and recognition.

7. How will I be recognized?

Students that complete the certificate can be recognized during a local awards ceremony (at your school or with your group) if allowable by your group. You will need to arrange with the Area L AHEC Health Careers Director. You will receive an Area L AHEC Health Careers Certificate of Completion, letter of recommendation from the Director of Health Careers at Area L AHEC, and a Passport to Health Careers transcript of your accomplishments to share with colleges or employers.

8. Can I still get certificate of completion without completing NC AHEC sponsored programming?

No. You must complete at least 10 hours of *approved* NC AHEC programming as part of the requirements.

9. Can I include this certificate of completion in college applications?

Absolutely and we highly encourage it. Our partners across the state are aware of this certificate and would be delighted to see it on an application.

If you have any other questions, please contact:

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Step 1: Complete registration.

HC Program Registration - Area L (<https://formstack.io/23668>)

STEP 2: Complete Parental Consent Form

By enrolling in this program, your student will participate in the NC AHEC Passport to Health Careers initiative through Area L AHEC. This program supports students in grades 9–12 who are interested in exploring health careers by completing approved activities such as community service, leadership, and career exploration events. These experiences count toward a Certificate of Completion that is recognized by colleges and employers across North Carolina. Your consent allows your student to begin tracking their progress and participating in NC AHEC-sponsored opportunities.

Parent/Guardian Consent

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

For office use only -

Area L AHEC Health Careers Director Final Approval

Printed Name

Signature

Date

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Step 3: Review the options below in each category to complete to meet the minimum requirements. Complete the corresponding worksheets that follow to document your work. **Please note that the Course, Activity, or Events followed by an asterisk (*) are required.**

EDUCATE: Complete a minimum of 7
Knowledge of HIPAA Privacy Laws* (need all below) • Patient Privacy • Electronic Medical Record (EMR) • Patient Rights • Protected Health Information (PHI)
Knowledge of Professional Behavior* (at least one) • Punctuality • Professional Dress/Dress Code • Respect in the Workplace • Appropriate Use of Social Media • Resume Writing
Knowledge of Standard Precautions* (at least one) • Proper Handwashing Techniques • Infection Control • Personal Protective Equipment (Gloving) • Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)
Health Ethics
Ability to Measure & Interpret Vital Signs (need all below) • Blood Pressure • Pulse • Temperature
CPR Certification (Heart Saver with/without AED)
ACT Preparation Session
SAT Preparation Session
Advanced Mathematics Course (AP, Honors, Community College)
Advanced Science Course (AP, Honors, Community College)
Job Skills – Soft Skills (at least one) • Communication Skills (submit a written/oral presentation) • Networking • Interview Skills (participate in a mock/actual interview) • Critical Thinking Skills
Leadership Skills Leadership role in a school or community project/organization (i.e., HOSA officer, club president)
Media & Technology Skills Microsoft Suite or other Computer Class
Reading Comprehension Skills (end of grade score of 3 or higher)
EXPLORE: Complete a minimum of 3
Health Career Fair* Explore a minimum of 5 careers
Health and Safety-Related Conference (i.e., HOSA, Skills USA, Stop the Bleed, Health Careers Day on the Hill)
Healthcare Professional Speaker/Presenter • Job Description • Academic Requirements

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Job Shadowing of Healthcare Professional Minimum of 2 hours
Health Career-Related University-Based Programs, Symposia, Camps Minimum of 6 hours of content
ENGAGE: Complete a minimum of 4
Healthcare-Related Service-Learning/Community Service* Minimum of 40 hours
Health Science Enrichment and Hands-On Exposure* (Healthcare-Related Summer & Weekend Programs/Events) Minimum 20 hours
Health Career Club/Academies (Minimum of 20 hours)
Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)
Health Career-Related Award
Healthcare-Related Capstone Project, Senior Project, or Service-Learning Project
Peer Educator Training (<i>i.e. Youth Mental Health First Aid or other curriculum</i>)

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Documentation

Must have completed 10 hours of NC AHEC Health Careers programming, maintain a GPA of at least 3.0, and complete the activities over at least a 2-year period	Yes	No
NC AHEC Health Careers Programming (10 hours minimum)		
Cumulative Minimum Weighted Grade Point Average 3.0 (Attach high school transcript)		
Completed over at least a 2-year period		

Educate

In order to meet the requirements of the Educate section, the student must complete a minimum of 7 tasks and attach any required documentation. **Please note that the Course, Activity, or Events followed by an asterisk (*) are required.**

Check the grade(s) the event was completed and if the program was NC AHEC sponsored					
	NC AHEC	9th	10th	11th	12th
EDUCATE: Complete a minimum of 7					
Knowledge of HIPAA Privacy Laws* Name of program where this skill was acquired: _____ Date(s) of Program: _____					
Knowledge of Professional Behavior* Name of program where this skill was acquired: _____ Date(s) of Program: _____ <i>If you completed the resume writing workshop, submit resume</i>					
Knowledge of Standard Precautions* Name of program where this skill was acquired: _____ Date(s) of Program: _____					
Health Ethics Name of program where this skill was acquired: _____ Date(s) of Program: _____					
Ability to Measure & Interpret Vital Signs Name of program where this skill was acquired: _____ Date(s) of Program: _____					
CPR Certification (Heart Saver with/without AED) <i>Submit Copy of Card</i>					
ACT Preparation Session <i>Attach session completion letter, school transcript with class highlighted, or other documentation</i>					
SAT Preparation Session <i>Attach session completion letter, school transcript with class highlighted, or other documentation</i>					
Advanced Mathematics Course (AP, Honors, Community College) <i>Attach official transcript</i>					

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EDUCATE continued...	NC AHEC	9th	10th	11th	12th
Advanced Science Course (AP, Honors, Community College) <i>Attach official transcript</i>					
Job Skills (Soft Skills) Name of program where this skill was acquired: _____ Date(s) of Program: _____ <i>For communication skills, submit written or oral presentation</i>					
Leadership Skills Name of program where this skill was acquired: _____ Date(s) of Program: _____					
Media & Technology Skills <i>Attach official transcript or certificate of completion</i>					
Reading Comprehension Skills <i>Attach end of grade score report or other documentation</i>					

EXPLORE

In order to meet the requirements of the Explore section, the student must complete a minimum of 3 tasks and attach any required documentation. **Please note that the Course, Activity, or Events followed by an asterisk (*) are required.**

<i>Check the grade(s) the event was completed and if the program was NC AHEC sponsored</i>					
	NC AHEC	9th	10th	11th	12th
EXPLORE: Complete a minimum of 3					
Health Career Fair* Location of event: _____ Date(s) of Event: _____ 5 Careers Explored: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____					
Health and Safety-Related Conference Name/Location of Conference: _____ Date(s) of Conference: _____					
Healthcare Professional Speaker/Presenter Name/location of program where this activity occurred: _____ Date(s) of Program: _____ <i>Attach a reflection of at least 200 words including job description, education requirements, and your thoughts about the career after hearing the speaker</i>					

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EXPLORE continued...	NC AHEC	9th	10th	11th	12th
Job Shadowing of Healthcare Professional Agency where shadowing experience occurred: _____ Date(s) of shadow experience: _____ Name and occupation of healthcare professional shadowed: _____ _____ _____					
Health Career-Related University-Based Programs, Symposia, Camps Name/location of event(s)/activity(ies): _____ _____ Date(s) of Program: _____					

ENGAGE

To meet the requirements of the Engage section, the student must complete a minimum of 4 tasks and attach any required documentation.

<i>Check the grade(s) the event was completed and if the program was NC AHEC sponsored</i>					
	NC AHEC	9th	10th	11th	12th
ENGAGE: Complete a minimum of 4					
Healthcare-Related Service-Learning/Community Service* Minimum of 40 hours <i>Attach volunteer log or report</i>					
Health Science Enrichment and Hands-On Exposure* Name of Event(s): _____ Location of Event(s): _____ Date(s) of Participation: _____					
Health Career Club/Academies Club Name and Location: _____ Date(s) of Participation: _____					
Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) <i>Attach proper documentation</i>					
Health Career-Related Award <i>Attach photo or copy of award</i>					
Healthcare-Related Capstone Project, Senior Project, or Service-Learning Project Name of Project: _____ Date Project Completed: _____ <i>Attach final project deliverable (paper, PowerPoint, picture of poster, etc)</i>					
Peer Educator Training Name/Location of Training: _____ Date(s) of Training: _____ <i>Attached documentation of completion</i>					