

**SOUTHERN
REGIONAL AHEC**
AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER

ORPCE

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For he who has health has
hope; and he who has
hope has everything.

- Owen Arthur

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*Educating tomorrow's
health care leaders today*

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OFFICE OF REGIONAL PRIMARY CARE EDUCATION

Office of Regional Primary Care Education (ORPCE)



Together we can increase the number and diversity of practicing health care providers in our area.

Have you considered precepting a Medical, PA, NP, or CNM student in your office?

Sharing your knowledge and clinical experience is an excellent opportunity to give back to your profession. Since its inception, community-based education has been viewed as an invaluable experience for students, putting them in communities like the places they will be practicing.

Community-based education is valued not only by North Carolina's health professions schools, but also by the NC General Assembly. In the early 1990's, the NC General Assembly passed funding to support rural primary care education through the NC AHEC Rural Primary Care Initiative. As a result, an Office of Regional Primary Care Education (ORPCE) was created at each of the nine AHECs to facilitate the teaching of primary care students in community settings.

About ORPCE...

The mission of each ORPCE is to facilitate quality, community-based, primary care education for health science students. This is achieved through partnerships between the health science schools, the AHECs, and practicing clinicians. ORPCE places Medical, FNP, Nurse Midwifery and PharmD students throughout our nine county region (Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Moore, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, and Scotland) of North Carolina.

ORPCE's responsibilities to preceptors include:

- Making preceptor payments;
- Coordinating placements for students in community-based practices;
- Representing preceptor concerns to the schools and AHEC Program office;
- Assisting providers with obtaining faculty appointments.; and
- Providing access to the AHEC Digital Library which includes Medline and other evidence-based resources.

Please consider becoming a community preceptor. For more information or to schedule a visit, contact the SR-AHEC Office of Primary Care Education at 910.678.7201.