



Catskill Hudson AHEC launched **HealthMatch** in April 2009, to address the physician shortage crisis in New York State. **HealthMatch** is a health professional recruitment service designed specifically for small and rural communities in New York State. The objective of this program is to increase the number of healthcare professionals that move to and work in our communities.

HealthMatch provides the expertise and real-world experience to effectively match the right primary care providers with communities in need. **HealthMatch** is a collaborative effort that brings the commitment of healthcare, business, and civic leaders together in order to provide increased local access to quality healthcare throughout New York State.

As a result of this initiative:

- Community-based healthcare is greatly improved and the need to travel outside the community for healthcare needs is reduced.
- Higher paying jobs become available — for both healthcare providers and support staff, improving and supporting the local economy.
- A healthier workforce is cultivated because more people will have access to healthcare.
- A renewed sense of commitment arises because people come together to improve the health of their community.

Please visit
www.HEALTH-MATCH.org
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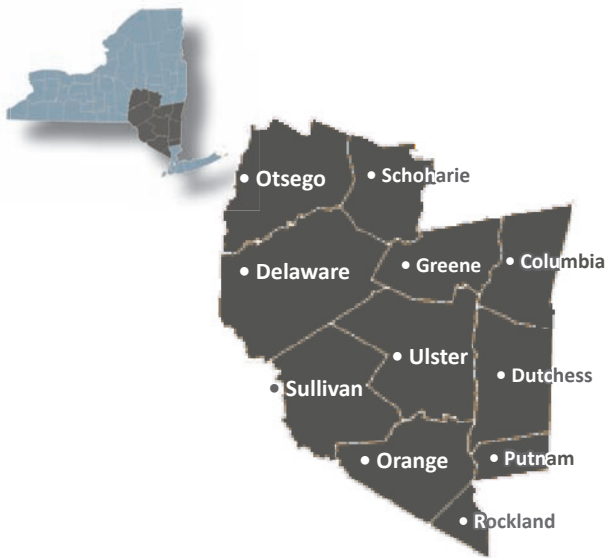


**PATHWAYS TO
HEALTH CAREERS**

and home to



*Catskill Hudson AHEC is a partner in the
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New York State has serious health workforce shortages. Hospitals, long-term care and home healthcare agency leaders in communities across New York State have identified critical shortages in dental medicine, mental health, nursing and medical technology, in addition to the ongoing needs for medicine and pharmacy.

Catskill Hudson AHEC enhances the quality of and access to healthcare in its 11-county region (shown above) by addressing health manpower shortages through collaborative initiatives:

- K-12 Post-Secondary Health Career Exploration.
- Continuing Education for Health Professionals.
- Student Clinical and Non-Clinical Placements.
- **HealthMatch** provider recruitment services.



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Created by Congress in 1971, the mission of the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program was to enhance access to quality healthcare by improving the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals through community and academic partnerships. Each center provides basic services, including recruitment and retention of health professionals in underserved areas, training of health professions students and developing health careers opportunity programs for local youth.

Catskill Hudson AHEC was established in July 2003, and serves an 11-county region to the south and west of the Capital District of New York State). Our service area is home to:

- 28 Hospitals
- 108 School Districts
- 11 BOCES
- 72 Health Professional Schools
- The only family practice residency program between Albany and Manhattan
- A Population of 1.7 Million People

K-12 Health Career Exploration



Continuing Education Programs



Health Professions Student Training Opportunities



Visit **www.CHAHEC.org** for program summaries and additional information.