



In April 2009, Catskill Hudson AHEC launched **HealthMatch** to address the physician shortage crisis 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** 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.

## WEBCASTING



Catskill Hudson AHEC also offers a wide array of Webcasting services. These services provide distance learning opportunities to audiences in the form of a live stream over the Internet or archived workshops and training for future viewings. Many of our programs have been webcast and archived on our website. We offer these services to other organizations that wish to expand their audience, provide distance learning opportunities and broadcast across the US or around the world.

For additional information about Catskill Hudson AHEC, **HealthMatch** or any of our services please call (845) 883-7260 or visit our website at:

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# Pathways to Healthcare Careers

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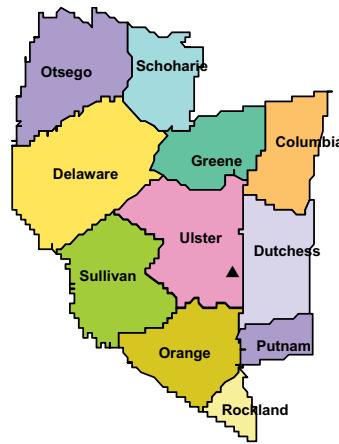


*New York State has serious health workforce shortages. Hospitals, long-term care and home healthcare agency leaders in communities across New York State have identified critical shortages in dental medicine, mental health, nursing and medical technology, in addition to the ongoing needs for medicine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

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Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) are locally directed, Federal and State supported organizations that work in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) and Medically Underserved Areas (MUA) to improve healthcare through partnerships with training institutions, providers of care and communities in need. There are over 50 AHECs in 40 States across the United States and there are 9 AHECs in New York State.

Catskill Hudson AHEC was established in July 2003, and serves an 11-county region in lower Hudson New York. Our service area is home to 29 hospitals, serving a total regional population of over 1.5 million people. We are devoted to improving the quality of, geographic distribution of and retention of health career professionals and stimulating interest in health professions careers through educational programs in our regional service area.



Catskill Hudson AHEC enhances the quality of and access to healthcare in its 11-county region through working with community-based partners to address healthcare workforce shortages by:

1. Training and supporting healthcare professionals.
2. Advocating the elimination of health disparities.
3. Developing programs to familiarize students with healthcare career choices.
4. Providing the means to recruit students into healthcare professions.



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The Board of Directors and staff of Catskill Hudson AHEC are dedicated to developing and implementing a strategic plan and specific initiatives to address the healthcare workforce shortages. Our Strategic Plan focus for 2008-2010 is on four major areas:

**Nursing Workforce Development:**

Analyzing the issues of nursing faculty shortages, recruitment and retention of nursing personnel and developing continuing education programs for nursing professionals.

**Allied Health Workforce Development:**

Collecting and analyzing data on healthcare workforce shortages in the allied health professions and developing programs to promote these professions as desirable career choices.

**Technology Development:**

Establishing an inventory of video and teleconferencing capabilities across our 11-county region and developing connectivity for distance-learning programs.

**Health Career Student Programs:**

Working with hospitals, healthcare organizations, schools and BOCES within the Catskill Hudson AHEC region to develop and support programs that introduce youth to health careers and assist them through their studies to achieve the academic requirements for their chosen health profession.