



## **MassAHEC HOSA**

**MassAHEC at UMass Medical School** is host to the state affiliate of a national student organization- **HOSA- Future Health Professionals** for high school and college students interested in pursuing the health professions.

**MassAHEC HOSA** increases student access to education, field experiences, and service learning while building academic-community alliances. The collaboration between the two organizations creates a solid and unique workforce model for young people to explore health careers and strengthen their academic skills.

MassAHEC is comprised of six community-based centers in Boston, Worcester, Springfield, Pittsfield, Brockton and Lawrence, whose mission is to increase the pipeline of underrepresented minorities in the health professions.

HOSA. is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education, has 50 state affiliates comprised of 150,000+ members and offers structured activities in leadership and career development, service learning, and health science competitive events. <http://www.hosa.org/node/19>

### **What are the benefits of MassAHEC HOSA?**

#### **For students:**

- HOSA activities prepare you academically for the next step in your education and career.
- Provides a competitive edge that sets you apart from the others- on college applications, as a credential for your résumé, and in the job market with employers.
- Affiliation with a program sponsored by UMass Medical School, and a national organization endorsed by the US Department of Education that supports and promotes your academic success, and hands-on learning to explore health careers
- Eligibility for educational scholarships through HOSA
- Opportunities to make new friends with similar interests, develop professional skills, meet adults in the health professions willing to advise and coach you, and have fun while contributing in meaningful ways to your community

#### **For chapter advisors:**

- Professional development opportunities to earn PDP's and CEU's
- Technical assistance and resources provided by MassAHEC HOSA, the program office at UMass Medical School, and regionally through MassAHEC's community-based centers
- Access to a resource library of educational and health career exploration materials
- A coordinated network of colleagues statewide with whom to share ideas and best practices
- Unlimited access to curriculum supplements, career resources, an e-magazine, and the most comprehensive health sciences competitive events program at [www.hosa.org](http://www.hosa.org)

#### **For schools**

- A structured and proven model to integrate 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills in health science education that will enhance student success
- Access to local, regional and state resources to build community partnerships and expand school-based learning opportunities for students and teachers
- Opportunities for students to compete in competency-based skills, knowledge and team-based events, and gain state and national recognition

#### **For health care providers:**

- Enhanced visibility in your community as a partner in local youth workforce development efforts
- Relationships with high schools and postsecondary institutions as an employee recruitment strategy
- An opportunity to 'grow your own' next generation workforce

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