

The **Montañas del Norte Area Health Education Center (MdN AHEC)** is located on the Luna Community College campus in Las Vegas, New Mexico. The MdN AHEC is one of four AHEC's in the state. The MdN AHEC covers *fifteen counties* in Northern New Mexico that are designated as Health Professions Shortage Areas (HPSA's). The overall goal of an AHEC is to enhance the quality of the healthcare workforce by improving diversity, access to education and distribution of qualified healthcare providers to these areas. The MdN AHEC collaborates with many local, state and national partners to accomplish its goals in workforce development in rural communities in Northern New Mexico.

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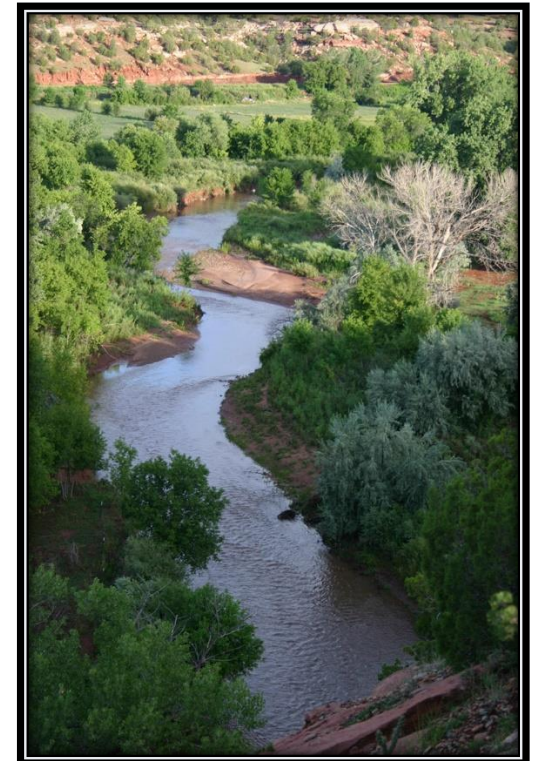
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*Montañas del Norte*

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*“Enriching lives in Northern New Mexico by enhancing access to primary and preventive health care.”*



*“Together, we can change lives one step at a time, no matter how small the step.”*

## MdN AHEC Goals

- ❖ **Developing the Health Professions Pipeline**
- ❖ **Encouraging Health Professional Students to Work in Underserved Communities**
- ❖ **Improving Health Professional Competency to Provide Healthcare**
- ❖ **Improving Access to Health Care and Related Services**

## MdN AHEC

**Supports health career awareness programs, student pipeline programs and resources to career pathways**



**Supports health professions students and medical residents to complete their rural training**



**Collaborates with various partners to provide education & training opportunities for health care professionals**



## MdN AHEC Partners:

- ❖ Luna Community College
- ❖ UNM AHEC, Southern AHEC and FORWARD NM AHEC
- ❖ UNM Office for Community Health
- ❖ UNM Office for Community Faculty
- ❖ UNM Office for Diversity
- ❖ San Miguel County Family and Community Health Council
- ❖ Alta Vista Regional Hospital
- ❖ Pecos Valley Medical Center
- ❖ El Centro Family Health Center
- ❖ New Mexico Highlands University
- ❖ Community Health Worker Association
- ❖ New Mexico Public Health Association
- ❖ New Mexico Department of Health
- ❖ New Mexico Children, Youth & Families
- ❖ NM Chronic Disease Prevention Council
- ❖ New Mexico Health Resources
- ❖ School Districts in Rural New Mexico
- ❖ NASW-New Mexico Chapter
- ❖ Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico
- ❖ NM Academy of Family Physicians