



RURAL EXPERIENCES FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENTS

REHPS is a four-week program that pairs students from different health professions together in a rural healthcare system for a holistic view of what it is like to work and live in a rural community.

2011 - 2025

REHPS is organized by Southeast SD AHEC and funded by the SD Department of Health.



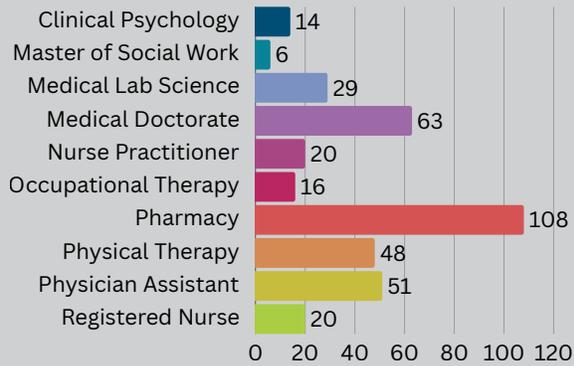


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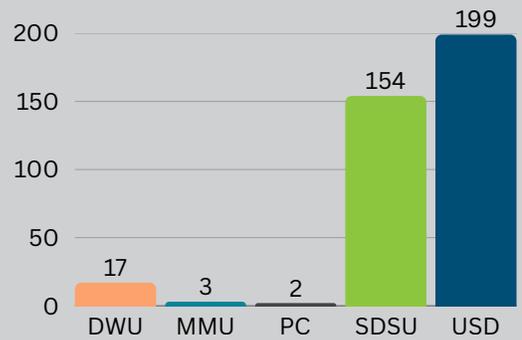
Students Since 2011

In 2025, 80% of students are more likely to consider a future in rural healthcare after their REHPS experience.

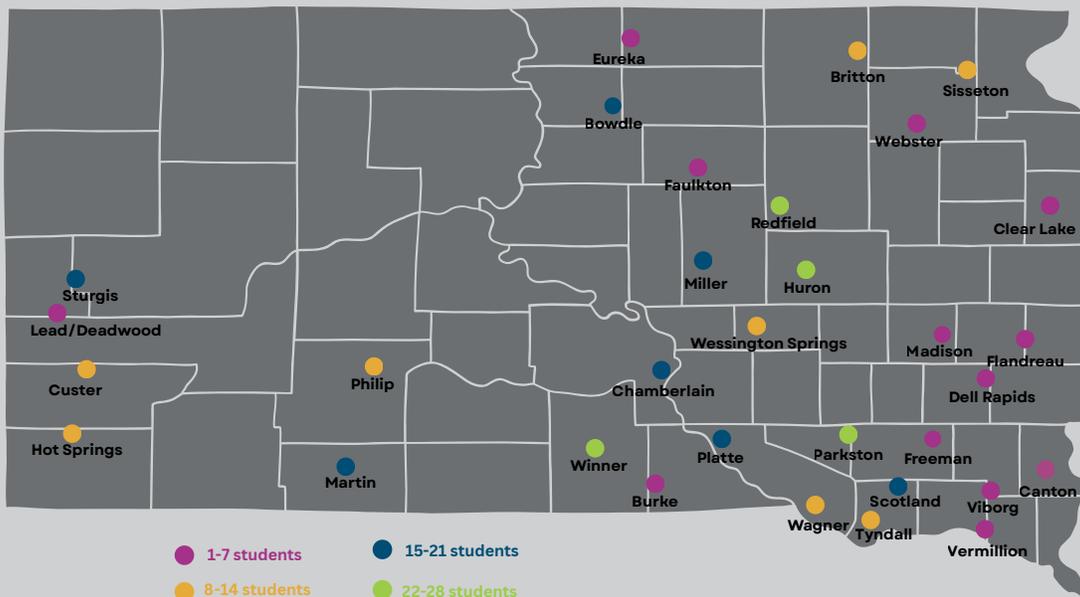
Students by Discipline



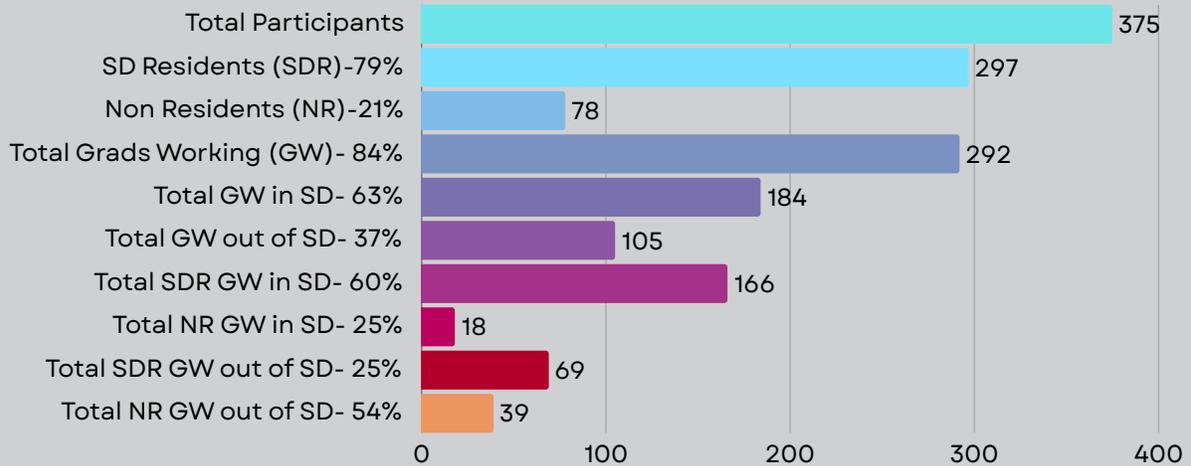
Students by College



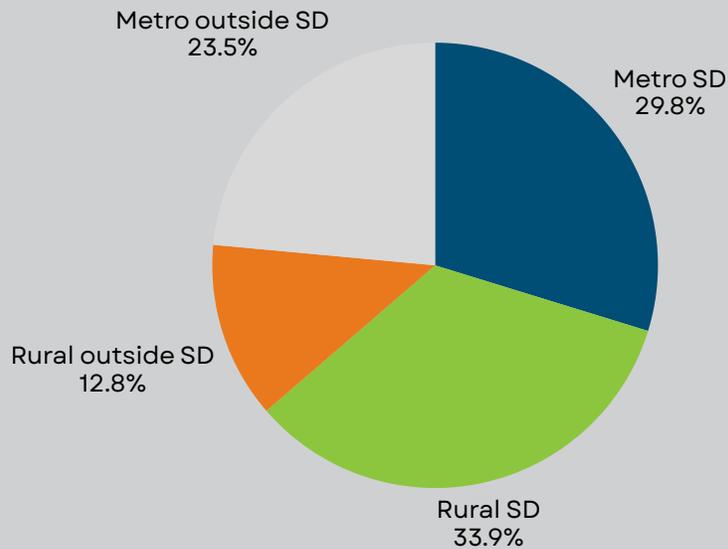
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SD Resident and Non-Resident Students



Graduates Working in Metro vs. Rural



63% OF GRADUATES ARE WORKING IN SD

47% OF GRADUATES ARE WORKING IN RURAL COMMUNITIES ACCORDING TO HRSA GUIDELINES

25% OF GRADUATES WHO WERE NOT ORIGINALLY FROM SOUTH DAKOTA CHOSE TO STAY AND WORK IN THE STATE

2025 REHPS

Bowdle
Britton
Chamberlain
Clear Lake
Dell Rapids
Eureka
Flandreau
Huron
Lead-Deadwood
Miller
Platte
Redfield
Scotland
Sturgis
Tyndall
Viborg
Wessington Springs



Name	School	Discipline
Zada Hoogendoon	USD	MSW
Alison Gisi-Ohler	USD	MD
Brooke Wilson	USD	OT
Danielle Hintz	USD	OT
Megan Cotton	USD	OT
Hannah Heins	SDSU	MLS
Alysha Walker	SDSU	MLS
Jada Pemble	SDSU	MLS
Lacey Person	USD	MD
Connor Kirwan	USD	PA
Alison Vacanti	SDSU	MLS
Shelby Olson	SDSU	MLS
Aaron Fiegen	USD	PT
Abigail Kortan	USD	PT
Alexis Allen	USD	PT
Amelia Nesheim	USD	PT
Bryant Haas	USD	PT
Gavin Reinert	USD	PT
Kennedy Leiferman	SDSU	PharmD
Lara Widstrom	MMU	RN
Meredith Lovell	USD	PT
Rachael Schmitt	USD	PT
Robert "RJ" Achterberg	USD	PT
Sydney Jensen	USD	PT
Tristan Furgeson	USD	PT
Zane Reinert	USD	PT
Sydney Olson	SDSU	PharmD
Rachel Krier	USD	PA
Madysen Handel	USD	OT
Rachel Eickman-Hajek	USD	RN