



***“Scrubs Academy introduces kids to college life by bringing them on campus; and exposes them to the wide range of opportunities in health care through exciting and fun hand-on activities. The ultimate goal is to plant the “seed” that will result in growing our own workforce - using the most valuable North Dakota resource - our youth!”***

*- Lynette Dickson, MS, RD, LRD  
Associate Director  
Center for Rural Health*

## **Why health care? Why now?**

- North Dakota is projected to have a shortage of about 210 physicians by the year 2025.
- Workforce shortages are a challenge for the entire health care system, but they are likely to be most severe in rural areas of the U.S.
- “Growing our own” is the most feasible option for North Dakota. It is very expensive and very difficult to recruit health care professionals from elsewhere.

## **Why the Scrubs Academy?**

The R-COOL-Health Scrubs Academy is a program aimed at increasing awareness, interest, and understanding of health careers available in rural North Dakota through creative and interactive activities.

The R-COOL-Health Scrubs Academy is a platform where students are able to explore health career options by hearing from local health care professionals and participating in exciting hands-on activities.



## Funding opportunities

To learn more about health careers, funding opportunities, and other information relating to health care, please visit the Center for Rural Health's website.

**[ruralhealth.und.edu/workforce](http://ruralhealth.und.edu/workforce)**

### On the Workforce page, you will find:

- General Resources
- K-12 Teacher Resources
- Student Resources

These pages contain an abundance of information on everything workforce! If you need additional assistance or cannot find something you are looking for, please contact the Center for Rural Health.



### Questions? We can help!

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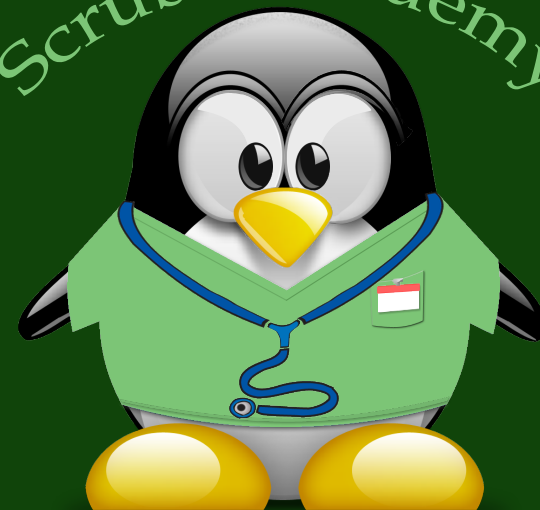
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