



PRE-HEALTH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

UTHSC Health Career Programs Mission

The aim of the Office of Health Careers Programs is to prepare the next generation of health professionals to serve their communities with empathy and humility. We are committed to exploring the beauty of a diversity of ideas, experiences, beliefs, and cultures, as well as the strengths we each bring to the table, in order to effect systemic changes in community health outcomes across Tennessee and around the world. While we welcome applications from students of all backgrounds, we are dedicated to increasing access and support for under-represented students.

Program Offerings

Pipeline programs offered through the Office of Student Affairs and Community Engagement and the Office of Health Career Programs are developed to serve students who identify as underrepresented in the health professions. This includes but is not limited to students who identify as African American/Black, American Indian and Alaska Native, Pacific Islander and Hawaiian Native, Hispanic/Latino, or who have experienced socioeconomic or educational disadvantage. The programs are offered in a progression of phases. The residential program focuses on the first two years of undergraduate education while all other program elements maintain service and trajectory for students through ongoing support. The program serves students from Freshman year through matriculation to professional school.

Phase 1: UTHSC Pre-Health Scholars Program (PSP)

Intended Participants: Rising Sophomores and Juniors who identify as underrepresented

Format: 6-week residential program, on UTHSC campus. May be repeated once with advance approval programming:

- Clinical Shadowing
- Workshops
- Networking and Activities
- Team-Based IPE activities
- Friday Night at the ER
- Poverty Simulation
- Academic and Career Advising
- Academic Support – Refresher and Tutorial

Phase 2: Pre-Health Advising

Intended Participants: Students who do not have access to individualized professional pre-health advising at their home institution and are either PSP alums or interested in UTHSC for professional school.

Format: Pre-health advising appointments at least twice per semester and as needed:

- Prerequisite course selection
- Identify experiences (shadowing, volunteering, leadership, research)
- Academic year programming
- Networking
- Health Care Provider Panel
- Summer Opportunities
- Overcoming challenges on the transcript
- Identifying and cultivating relationships with potential letter writers
- Developing academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular background to prepare for professional school application
- Identifying schools/programs to apply to
- Academic support connections

Qualifications & Required Prerequisites

Freshmen must have completed one semester of general Biology and/or general Chemistry. one semester of college Math is desirable. Sophomores must have completed two semesters of general Biology and general Chemistry; one semester of Organic Chemistry and/or Physics.

Application

Application Opens: November 1

Application Deadline: February 1

To apply, visit uthsc.edu/hcp.

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