

Summer Health Professions Education Program

Shaping Careers. Changing Lives.

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SHPEP is...

A FREE six-week summer enrichment program for college freshman and sophomore students interested in the health professions.

The program is committed to strengthening the career development of underrepresented students while preparing them for a successful career in the health professions.

SHPEP scholars have a legacy of success: Over 65% of scholars who apply to medical or dental school are accepted.

Rich History of SHPEP

1989

Minority Medical Education Program
(MMEP)

2003

Summer Medical Education Program
(SMEP)

2006

Summer Medical and Dental Education Program
(SMDEP)

2016

Summer Health Professions Education Program
(SHPEP)



Health Professions Tracks

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Nursing
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physicians Assistant
- Physical Therapy
- Public Health



SHPEP Program Sites

- Columbia University
- Howard University
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- University of California Los Angeles and Charles R. Drew University
- University of Florida
- University of Iowa
- University of Louisville
- University of Nebraska
- University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- University of Washington
- Western University of Health Sciences



What are the benefits of this FREE program?

Housing, meals, a stipend, and travel assistance.

Guidance from current admissions deans, health professionals, students in health professions programs, and an alumni base of over 30,000 about how to pursue their profession of interest.

SHPEP Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a high school graduate and currently enrolled as a freshman or sophomore in college.
- Have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.5.
- Be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident, or an individual granted deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) status by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- Must not have previously participated in the program.

Other factors for consideration include that a student:

- Identifies with a group that is racially/ethnically underrepresented in the health professions;
- Comes from an economically or educationally disadvantaged background; and/or
- Has demonstrated an interest in issues affecting underserved populations.
- Submits a compelling personal statement and a strong letter of recommendation.



What activities will students participate in during SHPEP?

- Academic enrichment in the basic sciences and math.
- Career development activities.
- Learning and study skills workshops.
- Exposure to clinical settings.
- Workshops in financial planning and health policy.
- Interprofessional education that addresses effective collaboration across health professions.

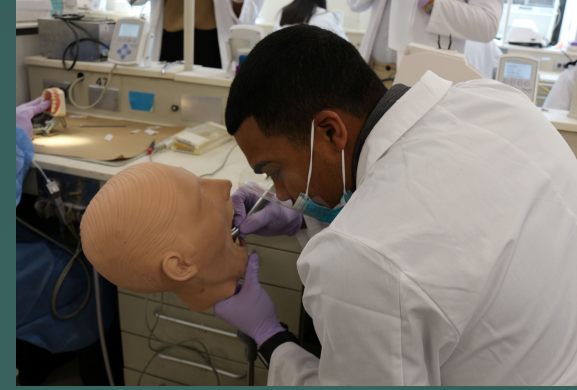
Required Application Materials

One official transcript from every U.S., U.S. Territorial, or Canadian post-secondary institution attended must be sent directly by the institution's registrar's office.

- If you are a freshman and have not received your first semester grades, please allow them to be finalized before you submit your transcripts.

One letter of recommendation from a prehealth advisor or college professor from within your major field of study is preferred; however, if a recommendation cannot be submitted by a prehealth advisor or instructor within your major field of study, the National Program Office will accept one from an employer that is within a health professions field or from a science high school teacher.

- The application is marked complete only after all required application materials have been processed by the NPO.



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SHPEP Application Timeline

Application Opens: November 1

Application Closes: February 5

- All materials must be postmarked/timestamped no later than February 5.

Decisions will be released on March 15.

SHPEP Personal Statement Guidelines

Points to consider when crafting your personal statement:

- How has your personal background, interests, and experiences influenced your decision to pursue a career in healthcare?
- What do you want program sites to know about you that has not been disclosed in another part of the application? Your interests and experiences in reducing health care disparities, advancing diversity, and improving health care for all could be included in your personal statement.

SHPEP Application Tips

- Apply early! Designated program sites automatically receive applications once they are completed.
- Remind your letter writer of your application deadline. Encourage them to submit their letter by email, shpepletters@aamc.org, rather than mail.
- Do not forward your transcripts. All transcripts must be issued to SHPEP and must be sent directly from the post-secondary institution(s) you have attended to be processed. Check your application status online. It can take up to 10 business days to process materials once they have been received.

Questions?

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Contact the National Program Office



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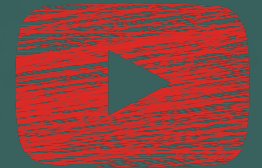
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