

Building a Culture of Health

The Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP)* offers an opportunity for freshman and sophomore college students to explore a career in the health professions. The program focuses on increasing diversity in the health professions. SHPEP career tracks include dentistry, medicine, nursing, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, and public health.

Apply and start building a successful career in the health professions.



Working Together Across an Array of Health Professions

SHPEP scholars are able to:

- Recognize how peers' and health professionals' skills and knowledge complement and overlap with their own.
- Identify the benefits of the interprofessional team approach for patients, health care professionals, family members, communities, and health systems.

*Formerly Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP).



It's a summer opportunity that lasts a lifetime!

Visit shpep.org to learn more about the SHPEP summer experience.



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SHPEP is a **FREE** six-week academic summer enrichment program for freshman and sophomore college students interested in the health professions, including:

- **Dentistry**
- **Medicine**
- **Nursing**
- **Optometry**
- **Pharmacy**
- **Physical therapy**
- **Public health**

*Health professions are subject to change each year.
Visit shpep.org for the most up-to-date list of program tracks.*

The program includes:

- Housing, meals, a stipend, and travel assistance.
- Guidance from current admissions deans, health professionals, students, and SHPEP alumni about how to pursue their profession of interest.

To be eligible for SHPEP, an applicant must:

- Be a freshman or sophomore college student.
- Have an overall 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.

Other factors for consideration include that a student:

- Identifies with a group that is underrepresented in the health professions.
- Comes from an economically or educationally disadvantaged background.
- Has demonstrated an interest in issues affecting underserved populations.

APPLICATION OPENS*

NOV. 1

APPLICATION DEADLINE

FEB. 5

**Application dates are subject to change. Please visit shpep.org for the most up-to-date information.*

Contact Information

To apply and obtain additional information, visit shpep.org or call the national program office toll-free at **866-587-6337**.



Participating SHPEP Institutions*

Columbia University

Howard University

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

University of Alabama at Birmingham

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) -
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

University of Florida

University of Iowa

University of Louisville

University of Nebraska Medical Center

University of Texas Health Science Center
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Western University of Health Sciences

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