Office of Diversity Education and Research

“Exploring Health Careers” Program

Program Background
The “Exploring Health Careers” program is an initiative to expose students to a variety of career options in the health professions.

Who Can Apply
Students who are:
- Educationally or financially disadvantaged
- Freshman, Sophomore or Junior in college
- Attending one of the following designated colleges:
  - Brooklyn College
  - City College
  - Hunter College
  - Kingsborough Community College
  - Lehman College
  - Medgar Evers College
  - New York City Technical College
  - Queens College
  - York College
  - SUNY Stony Brook

Length of Program
6 weeks in duration (June-July)
9-5 Monday – Friday schedule
(no conflicts such as jobs or other classes allowed)

Expenses
Stipends will be awarded for the summer session.

Application Requirements
- U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
- Completion of at least 1 semester of Science or Math
- Evidence of strong academic potential
  (must be in good academic standing)
- (1) letter of recommendation from a Science/Math faculty member or Pre-Health Advisor
- Official Undergraduate transcripts from all colleges attended

Description
The program is designed to provide exposure to targeted health professions through faculty presentations, shadowing opportunities in clinics and affiliate sites, and information about the application process.

Program Highlights
Sample Presentations and Seminars:
- History of Medicine
- Scientific Research Methods
- Intro to Kinesiology
- Admissions and Financial Aid workshops
- Interviewing skills
- Verbal Reasoning Strategies

Note: Students who complete the “Exploring Health Careers” program and who are in good standing during the academic year are eligible to apply to the Early Medical Education (EME) program for entry to the College of Medicine.

Students can also consider applying to one of our other 4 health professions schools when eligible (i.e. School of Public Health, College of Nursing, College of Health Related Professions, or School of Graduate Studies)

Program requirements once accepted
- Attend entire summer session
- Participate in all lectures and seminars
- Complete all assignments

Program applications
Applications are available on the Office of Diversity Education and Research page of the SUNY Downstate Medical Center website at:

http://sls.downstate.edu

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