The Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP) gives students interested in health careers the opportunity to have a transformative summer experience. The program has been shaping careers and changing the lives of premedical and predental college students for 30 years, formerly as the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP). Now, other health careers, such as nursing, pharmacy, physician assistant, and public health, are part of the program.

SHPEP connects opportunity with student success.

The FREE six-week summer enrichment program helps college students enhance their academic proficiency and career development opportunities in a health profession. Participation in the summer enrichment program may better position students for acceptance into advanced-degree programs.

To be eligible, you must:

- 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.
- Be a college freshman or sophomore at the time of application.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Identify with a group that is underrepresented in the health professions.

The SHPEP application opens Nov. 1.

Learn more at shpep.org.
Help Build a Culture of Health

The Summer Health Professions Education Program is working toward building a Culture of Health (evidenceforaction.org/what-culture-health) that will enable all to live longer, healthier lives now and in generations to come. The SHPEP prehealth scholars are inspired to become tomorrow’s change leaders in their local communities and throughout the nation.

What types of activities will students participate in during the summer program?

- 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

What costs are covered by the program?

All student housing costs, meals, and travel to and from the program site are covered by the program. Students are awarded a $600 stipend for successfully completing the program.

Visit shpep.org for more information about the program and how to apply.

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