WHAT IS HCOP?

The Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) is a federally funded grant that provides students from economically or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity to develop the skills needed to successfully compete for, enter, and graduate from health or allied health professions schools.

Pipeline to Success – HCOP consists of the:

- High School Health Careers Ambassador Program (Duration: Academic Year)
- Structured High School Summer Program (Duration: 6-Week Summer Program)
- Undergraduate Health Careers Ambassador Program (Duration: Academic Year)
- Structured Undergraduate Summer Program (Duration: 6-Week Summer Program)
- Health Professional Health Careers Ambassador Program (Duration: Academic Year)

WHERE TO APPLY

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HCOP?

To provide students from disadvantaged backgrounds the access, education and training necessary to become a health professional with the goal of increasing diversity within the healthcare workforce.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

• Students currently enrolled in high school, community college, a four-year college/university or health professional school.

• Students who are economically or educationally disadvantaged, interested in a health career or the health sciences and meet the HCOP eligibility criteria.

• 2.5 GPA or greater (on a 1.0 – 4.0 scale)

WHAT BENEFIT DOES HCOP OFFER?

• Formal and informal opportunities for counseling, mentoring and group support.

• Academic support services, academic enrichment, and skill development.

• Reduction in cognitive or attitudinal barriers to learning through discussion of educational, personal, and/or family issues that may impact academic progress.

• Educational and clinical shadowing activities.

• Training in primary care settings as well as opioid abuse, mental and behavioral health.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

• Participate in monthly meetings/workshops that will focus on varying topics i.e. financial aid planning, health disparities, stress management, public health, etc.

• Group sessions with local practicing physicians, dentists, pharmacists, occupational therapists and physical therapists.

• Scheduled field trips and tours of health professional private offices.