



2024 Summer Health Careers Academy

June 3 - 7, 2024

2024 Summer Health Careers Academy Components:

- This year's program will be a *blended format*: instruction on June 3-4 will be online followed with in-person programming on MUSC's campus in Charleston from June 5-7.
- Classroom lectures and project topics will focus on several health disparities prevalent in South Carolina. Academy Fellows will research assigned topics and engage in Socratic discussions to foster collaborative dialogue.
- Hotel lodging and food are provided for the on-campus portion of the Summer Academy. Students are responsible for travel to and from Charleston.
- Fellows will receive a stipend of \$200 upon the successful completion of the Academy.

Join us for the 2024 Summer Health Careers Academy, brought to you in collaboration with MUSC! The Summer Careers Academy is a one week summer program designed to help students, especially from rural/underserved areas and minorities underrepresented in healthcare, prepare for entry in health professions programs in South Carolina.

The Summer Careers Academy provides:

- Hands-on skills workshops
- Networking with faculty and staff from the health professions programs
- Professional skill building
- Opportunity to research Public Health topics for group discussions

Students will learn more about:

- Health professions
- Admissions requirements for graduate health professions programs
- Financial assistance resources
- Academic success skills
- Professional techniques
- Educational & professional opportunities

Available Careers Academy Health Professions Tracks:

- Dental Medicine
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy (OT)
- Physical Therapy (PT)
- Physician Assistant

Applications open Monday, January 8. Learn more about the Summer Careers Academy and apply at:

www.scahec.net/hcp

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in the Summer Careers Academy, all applicants must be/have:

- A South Carolina resident or enrolled in a SC school, college or university
- 18 years old on or before June 1, 2024 - no exceptions
- Sincere interest in one of the participating health professions
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Currently enrolled in or accepted to an accredited college or university for the fall of 2024 with an interest in pursuing a career in a designated Academy career path
- Completed graduation/GED requirements prior to June 1, 2024 (Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, or Physician Assistant tracks)
- Dental track requirement (college students only): Graduated from high school by December 2023 and earned a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit from an accredited college or university
- Follow-up: Academy Fellows are required to sign a release document that will allow their progress to be tracked through the respective educational programs with quarterly contact with the student and/or academic program advisor.

Note: Applicants not meeting all eligibility requirements will not be considered.

How to Apply

1. Complete online application at www.scahec.net/hcp
Includes a typed, 500-word personal statement outlining:
 - a. Your plans to enter a health profession
 - b. How can you help your health profession become more diverse and inclusive?
 - c. Why should you be selected as a 2024 fellow?
2. Submit supporting documents via the online application:
 - a. Current unofficial transcripts
 - b. For 2024 high school graduate applicants only:
 - Documentation by a counselor on school letterhead confirming anticipated 2024 graduation date
 - Copy of letter of acceptance to an accredited undergraduate program
3. Contact two professional references to submit letters of recommendation on your behalf
 - a. Professional references can be an employer, community individual, teacher, or academic advisor
 - b. Letters of recommendation must be on letterhead and emailed directly to Paula Jones at jonespa@musc.edu from the recommender by the application deadline

The online application must be submitted by March 25, 2024. All materials must be uploaded to the online application portal and both letters of recommendation received for it to be considered complete.

For more information and questions, please contact:

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Immunization Information

Summer Careers Academy Fellows will be participating in activities on an academic medical center campus. Because activities may take place in a hospital/patient setting, MUSC requires that students selected for the program provide proof of immunization for Varicella (Chicken Pox), Rubeola (Red Measles), Rubella (German Measles), and Mumps. Additionally, students accepted as SCA Fellows are required to submit a tuberculosis (TB) test from within 3 months from the start date of the SCA (between March 5, 2024 – May 22, 2024).

Students will be notified how to submit this information after being accepted to the Summer Careers Academy. The form confirming immunizations and TB test results and signed by a physician or student health official is due to MUSC Human Resources by May 22, 2024.

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