2022

# Summer Health Careers Academy

## June 13 - 17, 2022

*Blended Format*

Join us for the 2022 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.

This year's Summer Careers Academy will be a blended format, with the first part of the week taking place online and the second part of the week taking place on MUSC's campus in Charleston.* Attendance at both portions are required for students to complete the Summer Careers Academy.

The Summer Careers Academy supports students' career goals by helping them learn more about:

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

The Summer Careers Academy provides:

- Hands-on skills workshops
- Networking with faculty and staff from the health professions programs
- Professional skill building
- Capstone project and presentation

**Blended Summer Academy Components**

- Students apply to the program and take part in a week of clinical and didactic sessions June 13-17 Both components are required:
  - **June 13-14 will take place online**
  - **June 15-17 will take place on MUSC's campus in Charleston***
- Classroom lectures and project topics will focus on several health disparities prevalent in South Carolina. Academy Fellows will complete a group capstone project related to a health disparity topic and present it to faculty and staff at the end of the program.
- 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.

**Available Summer Careers Academy Health Professions Tracks:**

- Dental Medicine
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy (OT)
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy (PT)

**In the event of a change in COVID-19 measures, the Summer Careers Academy may revert to a fully virtual format*

**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 12, 2022 - 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 2022 with an interest in pursuing a career in a designated Academy career path
- Completed graduation/GED requirements prior to June 12, 2022 (Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, or Physical Therapy tracks)
- Dental track requirement (college students only): Graduated from high school by December 2021 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/SummerAcademy
   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 2022 fellow?
2. Submit supporting documents by email (see below for contact information):
   a. Two letters of recommendation (Must be on letterhead)
   b. Current official transcripts
   c. For 2022 high school graduate applicants only:
   - Documentation by a counselor on school letterhead confirming anticipated 2022 graduation date
   - Copy of letter of acceptance to an accredited undergraduate program

**Online application and supporting documents must be received by April 2, 2022 (no application fee required).**

To find out more, ask questions and/or submit supporting documents, please contact:


Paula M. Jones, MBA, BHS
Director of Health Careers Program, SC AHEC
1 South Park Circle, Suite 203
Charleston, SC 29407
843-792-4443 | jonespa@musc.edu


*Collaboratively Sponsored by:*

SOUTH CAROLINA AHEC
Lowcountry • Mid-Carolina • Pee Dee • Upstate

MUSC
Medical University of South Carolina

MUSC College of Dental Medicine
MUSC College of Health Professions
MUSC College of Medicine
MUSC College of Nursing
MUSC College of Pharmacy
Library