

South Carolina AHEC Summer Careers Academy

About the Summer Careers Academy

The Summer Careers Academy is presented by the South Carolina AHEC in collaboration with the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Colleges of Dental Medicine, Health Professions, Nursing, Medicine, Pharmacy and MUSC Library. The Academy is a one-week summer program designed to help underrepresented minority and disadvantaged students prepare for entry into health professions programs within South Carolina.

The Summer Careers Academy is an opportunity to increase the academic retention and graduation rates by increasing the participants' knowledge in key areas:

- Designated health professions
- Admission requirements for the designated health professions
- Financial assistance resources
- Academic success skills
- Professional techniques
- Educational/professional opportunities

Participating Health Professions Training Programs

Dental Medicine
Medicine
Nursing

Pharmacy
Physician Assistant (PA)
Occupational Therapy (OT)

Summer Academy Components

Students apply to become Academy Fellows and take part in a week of clinical and didactic sessions on the MUSC campus in Charleston, South Carolina, from June 3-8, 2018.

Classroom lectures and project topics will focus on several health disparities prevalent among South Carolinians. Academy Fellows will then complete a project at the end of the week related to a health disparity topic.

Housing and meals will be provided. Fellows will receive a stipend of \$200 upon the successful completion of the Academy.

Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must be/have:

- A South Carolina resident or enrolled in a South Carolina school, college or university
- 18 years old on or before June 1, 2018 **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Sincere interest in one of the participating healthcare professions
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Currently enrolled in or accepted to an accredited college or university for the fall of 2018 with an interest in pursuing a career in a designated Academy career path
- Completed graduation/GED requirements prior to June 1, 2018 (Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy or Physician Assistant tracks)
- (Dental & Pharmacy tracks - **for college students**) Graduated from high school by December 2017 and earned a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit from an accredited college or university

Note: Applicants not meeting all eligibility requirements will not be considered. If accepted, transportation to and from Charleston will be the responsibility of the Academy Fellow.

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.

Application Components

- 1. Academy Application Form**
Complete online at www.scahec.net/SummerAcademy
- 2. Personal Statement**
A typed, 700-word personal statement outlining:
 - A) Your plans to enter a health profession
 - B) Why do you feel that you are underserved or underrepresented?
 - C) Why you should be selected as a 2018 Fellow?
- 3. Two letters of Recommendation**
- 4. Current Official Transcripts**
- 5. \$25 Non-refundable Registration Fee**
(Only online credit card payments or money order by mail accepted)
- 6. For 2018 High School Graduate Applicants only:**
(Documentation by a counselor on school letterhead confirming anticipated 2018 graduation date)

Applications must be completed online by March 30, 2018

To submit supporting documents or receive further instructions, please contact:

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