

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

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:

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