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Pre-enrollment Support Program

The Pre-enrollment Support Program is a six-week summer experience designed to provide students with an introduction to the dental, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, and speech pathology and audiology curricula and assist them in making the transition from pre-professional studies to the demanding professional phase.

Eligibility

Dental, physician assistant studies, and speech pathology and audiology students are selected by admission committees from each respective program. Students must apply for admission to the professional program in order to participate. The physical therapy, physician assistant and clinical laboratory sciences participants are selected from the direct admit students who have completed the pre-professional phase of study requirements. Non-Marquette students may also be eligible for the Pre-enrollment Support Program provided they apply for admission to their program of choice at Marquette. Transfer students must have a senior standing at their current undergraduate institutions. All students must be academically or financially disadvantaged.

Cost

There is no cost for students participating in the summer program because it is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and Marquette University. The program provides supplies, books, tuition, and room and board. Participants also receive a stipend, which covers room and board and a weekly allowance to help offset reduced summer employment opportunities.

College Science Enrichment Program

The College Science Enrichment Program is a six-week summer experience created for college students who are interested in pursuing a career as a dentist, physician assistant, biomedical scientist, clinical laboratory assistant, speech and language pathologist, physical therapist or sports trainer. Participants become familiar with various medical specialties and skills necessary to succeed in these fields. The dental and PA components include a review course for the Dental Admissions Test or the Graduate Record Examinations. In addition, all participants have an opportunity for clinical shadowing and hands-on experiences within each field. Throughout the summer, participants enjoy regular interaction with faculty and students from the respective departments.

Eligibility

Applicants must be rising college sophomores, juniors or seniors who are interested in careers in these various fields. Applicants must also meet the following criteria:

- Minimum GPA of 2.7 (transcript required)
- Two semesters of biology and chemistry completed
- Returning to school in the fall
- Academically or financially disadvantaged

HCOP professional studies programs include:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Clinical Laboratory Science
- Dentistry
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant Studies
- Pre-dental
- Pre-medicine
- Speech Pathology and Audiology
- Sports Medicine (Athletic Training)

Health Careers Opportunity Program: Professional Education

A lack of diversity in the health care professions in Milwaukee’s inner city and other urban centers has created a critical need for trained professionals from minority and disadvantaged backgrounds. Marquette is committed to meeting the needs of urban and underserved communities, and we hope you’ll decide that Marquette is the right place for you to pursue a health career.