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Dedication to Diversity

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Mission

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 disadvantaged backgrounds.

Marquette University 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.

The goal of Marquette’s Health Career Opportunity Program is to recruit, educate and retain disadvantaged students in health professions with the overarching goal of addressing health disparities among disadvantaged populations. HCOP has partnerships with the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Medicine and Public Health and the UW–Milwaukee College of Health Sciences’ pre-health and health programs to meet the educational needs of Wisconsin students interested in health care careers.

HCOP professional studies programs include:
- Behavioral health
- Biomedical sciences
- Clinical laboratory science
- Dentistry
- Human movement science/exercise physiology
- Medicine
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Physician assistant studies
- Speech pathology and audiology

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 behavioral health clinician, clinical laboratory scientist, dentist (pre-dent), exercise physiologist, physician (pre-med), physical therapist, physician assistant, or speech pathologist and audiologist. Our early acceptance date is March 1 of the current school year. We accept applications until the program is full.

Cost

The summer curriculum is free and provides a stipend that helps offset lost summer wages while helping cover room and board. Travel reimbursement for one round trip to Milwaukee may be granted for economic hardship cases.

Programming includes:
- Science courses: biochemistry, gross anatomy, human biology, neuroanatomy, physiology, physics
- DAT preparation for pre-dental students
- Professional development and interactions with faculty
- Hands-on experience and clinical exposure
- Cross-cultural competency training

Eligibility

To be eligible for the program, you must:
- Be both financially and educationally disadvantaged (see CSEP application for eligibility details)
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.7

Pre-enrollment Support Program

The Pre-enrollment Support Program is a six-week summer experience designed for disadvantaged students who have applied and/or been accepted to a professional health program. PESP specifically targets students who have applied to study dentistry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, speech pathology and audiology, and clinical laboratory science. PESP helps students make the transition from pre-professional studies to the demanding professional phase.

Cost

The summer curriculum is free, and students receive a stipend to help offset lost summer wages and cover room and board. Travel reimbursement for one round trip to Milwaukee may be granted for economic hardship cases.

Eligibility

Dental, physician assistant studies, and speech pathology and audiology students are selected by admissions committees from each respective program at Marquette. Students must apply for admission to the professional program. Physical therapy and clinical laboratory sciences participants are often selected as Marquette’s direct-admit students who have completed the pre-professional phase of study requirements. University of Wisconsin–Madison and University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee and other non-Marquette students may also be eligible for PESP, provided they apply for admission to a professional health program. All students must be educationally and financially disadvantaged.