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**Health Careers Opportunity Program**

Marquette's Health Careers Opportunity Program is a federally funded program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The goal of HCOP 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 Milwaukee Public Schools and Chicago Public Schools to meet the educational needs of urban high school students interested in health care careers.

**Summer Science Enrichment Program**

The Summer Science Enrichment Program is designed for disadvantaged rising high school juniors (SSEP I) and seniors (SSEP II) who are considering a career in health care. The HCOP grant pays for instructional costs. Participants also receive a stipend, which helps to offset lost summer wages while also helping to cover room and board. Travel reimbursement for one round trip to Milwaukee may be granted for economic hardship cases. Students in SSEP II live on campus. SSEP II targets students from high schools in Milwaukee and Chicago, however we have students each summer from high schools nationwide. SSEP I focuses heavily on students in the Milwaukee metro area but does accept applications from students outside Milwaukee.

**Summer programming includes:**

**Academics**
- ACT preparation
- Advanced courses in biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics
- Test-taking skills

**Professional development**
- Professional interactions
- Career exploration
- Cross-cultural competency training

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for the program, you must:
- Be both financially and educationally disadvantaged (see SSEP application for eligibility details)
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Be a rising high school junior or senior

**HCOP offers disadvantaged students science enrichment and the opportunity to explore the fields of:**
- Behavioral health
- Biomedical sciences (pre-med)
- Clinical laboratory science
- Dentistry
- Human movement science/exercise physiology
- Medicine
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Physician assistant studies
- Speech pathology and audiology

**Application process**

Our early acceptance date is March 1 of the current school year. We accept applications until the program is full.

Application materials needed for consideration:
- Complete SSEP application
- A copy of your parents' latest tax returns (1040 or 1040A tax forms)
- An official copy of your high school transcripts
- One recommendation form completed by a science teacher
- An essay explaining why you want to pursue a health care career. Also describe your volunteer and service work with disadvantaged populations
- (For non-U.S. citizens) Proof of residency, i.e. green card, passport or immigration card