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South Carolina AHEC

Summer Careers Academy



June 5-10, 2016

Charleston, South Carolina

Collaboratively Sponsored By:



Application Deadline: April 1, 2016



The South Carolina AHEC Summer Careers Academy is presented by the South Carolina AHEC in collaboration with the **Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Colleges of Nursing, Dental Medicine, Medicine, Health Professions, MUSC Library, and the South Carolina College of Pharmacy.**

The Academy is a one-week summer program designed to help economically underrepresented minority and disadvantaged students prepare for entry into nursing, dental, medicine, pharmacy, physician assistant, and occupational therapy training programs within South Carolina. It has been developed as an opportunity to increase the retention and graduation rates of economically underrepresented minority and disadvantaged students by increasing the participant's knowledge in the areas of:

- Disciplines of nursing, dental medicine, medicine, pharmacy, occupational therapy, and physician assistant
- Admission requirements of South Carolina nursing, dental medicine, medicine, pharmacy, occupational therapy, and physician assistant programs
- Financial assistance resources
- Academic success skills
- Professional techniques
- Educational/professional opportunities

Academy Fellows will take part in a week of clinical and didactic sessions on the campus of MUSC, in Charleston, SC, from June 5-10, 2016. Classroom lectures and project topics will focus on several health disparities prevalent among South Carolinians. Housing and meals will be provided. Fellows will receive a stipend of \$200 upon the successful completion of the Academy.

Applications received incomplete or after the deadline will not be considered for acceptance.

FOLLOW-UP

Academy Fellows are required to sign a privacy 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. Transportation to and from the Academy in Charleston, SC will be the responsibility of the applicant if accepted as a 2016 Fellow.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must:

- Be a South Carolina resident or enrolled in a South Carolina school, college or university
- Be 18 years old on or before **June 3, 2016** **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Demonstrate a sincere interest in a field of nursing, dental medicine, medicine, pharmacy, occupational therapy or physician assistant
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Be currently enrolled in, or accepted for enrollment by an accredited college or university for the fall of 2016 with an interest in pursuing a career in a designated Academy career path
- Applicants to the nursing, medicine, occupational therapy or physician assistant tracks must have completed graduation/GED requirements prior to June 3, 2016
- Dental and Pharmacy Career Academy applicants must have graduated from high school by December 2015 and earned a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit from an accredited college/university

APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE BY APRIL 1, 2016.

Please go to the following link to start the application process.

<http://www.scahec.net/hcp/students/login.aspx>

A completed application consists of:

1. 2016 Summer Careers Academy Application Form
2. A typed, 700 words essay outlining your plan to enter a health profession, and why you should be selected as a 2016 Fellow
3. Two letters of recommendation (e.g., employer, teacher, advisor)
4. Current official transcripts
5. 2016 high school graduation applicants must also submit:
 - a) Documentaton by a counselor on school letterhead confirming anticipated 2016 graduation
 - b) A copy of a letter of acceptance to an accredited undergraduate program
6. A non-refundable \$25 online registration fee (**Only online credit card payment or money order by mail will be accepted.**)

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

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