

# SUMMER HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Shaping Careers. Changing Lives.



APPLICATION OPENS\*  
**NOV. 1**

APPLICATION DEADLINE  
**FEB. 5**

\*Application dates are subject to change. Please visit [shpep.org](http://shpep.org) for the most up-to-date information.

The Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP) is a transformative summer experience for students interested in the health professions. Formerly known as the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP), SHPEP has been shaping careers and changing the lives of premedical and predental college students for over 30 years. Now, in addition to dentistry and medicine, the program offers opportunities to explore other health careers, including nursing, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, and public health.

The **FREE six-week summer enrichment program** prepares college students for a career in the health professions by enhancing their academic proficiency and providing career development opportunities. Participation in SHPEP may better position students for acceptance into advanced-degree programs.

## What are the benefits of this FREE program?

### Program includes:

- A stipend.
- Guidance from current admissions deans, health professionals, students, and SHPEP alumni about how to pursue their profession of interest.

## To be eligible, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident, or an individual granted deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) status by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- Be a college freshman or sophomore at the time of application.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Identify with a group that is underrepresented in the health professions.

Learn more at [shpep.org](http://shpep.org).



## Help Build a Culture of Health

SHPEP is working toward building a Culture of Health\* that will enable all to live longer, healthier lives now and for generations to come. The SHPEP prehealth scholars are inspired to become tomorrow's change leaders in their local communities and throughout the nation.

\*Refer to [evidenceforaction.org/what-culture-health](https://evidenceforaction.org/what-culture-health).

## What types of activities will students participate in during SHPEP?

- Academic enrichment in the basic sciences and math.
- Career development activities.
- Learning and study skills workshops.
- Virtual clinical experiences.
- Workshops in financial planning and health policy.
- Interprofessional education that addresses effective collaboration across health professions.



Visit [shpep.org](https://shpep.org) for more information about the program and how to apply.

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