Michigan Health Sciences
Pre-College Exposure Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

**ATTENTION:** If you are experiencing any technical issues with the online application, please contact the Office for Health Equity and Inclusion to alert us immediately at oheiprecollegeprograms@umich.edu. You should receive a response within 48 hours.

When does the application open?
January 3, 2020

What is the application deadline and when will I know if I was selected?
The application deadline is **5pm EST Friday, March 9, 2020.** Students accepted for the program will be notified by early April.

When is the summer program?
The program is conducted from **Sunday, July 12, 2020 to Saturday, July 25, 2020.** (2-week program)

Is there a cost for this program?
No. There is no fee associated with attending this program.

Do I have to stay the entire program?
Yes.

Can I take another course while attending the program?
No.

Is there an advantage to submitting my application early?
No. All applications are reviewed after the application deadline.

Does the program have an associated cost?
No. Accepted students will receive on-campus housing and a meal plan.

**Eligibility - Who should apply?**
- Applicants must be a US citizen or permanent resident in the 10th or 11th grade at time of application submission
- Applicants with at least a 3.0 GPA
- Applicants with an interest in medicine, biomedical research and health equity
- Applicants from rural and/or socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds
- Applicants must demonstrate an interest in serving vulnerable populations

If I am not from an underserved community or from a group that is underrepresented in medicine, may I still apply?
Yes. However, applicants must have interest in health inequity and/or health disparities.

What is the purpose of this program?
SPEA is designed for participants who typically come from groups underrepresented in medicine, medically under-served areas, or have an interest in combating health disparities and serving vulnerable populations. The goal is transform medicine through the development of highly qualified students who want to become future leaders in health science careers.

**What will participants do and learn during this program?**
- Receive over 24 instructional hours of Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) sessions and take SAT diagnostic tests along with receiving on-line access to SAT study materials and additional tests until July 2021
- Attend workshops on anatomy and physiology, biomedical research, health equality and the Social Determinants of Health, collegiate readiness, introduction to research, and academic wellness
- Experience one-on-one and small group mentoring, academic coaching, and intellectual and social stimulation from SPEA staff
- Tour U of M central campus, Medical School, and Michigan Medicine
- Participate in fun-filled evening events that encourage cultural diversity, self-development, and the arts
- Receive practical experiences and classroom instruction by U of M faculty and staff, graduate and medical students, consultants, and alumni to create an enriching experience

**How will the residence halls be monitored during this program?**
Participants will reside in U-M residence halls, under the supervision of U of M OHEI student leaders who will be present 24/7. Participants are expected to remain in residence hall during this two-week program.

**Can I view the status of my letters of recommendation?**
- Once your application has been successfully submitted, track the status of your recommendation letters on your application profile page.
- Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all required recommendation letters are received by the deadline.

For more information, please visit our website or contact the Office for Health Equity and Inclusion:
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