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 2021

What is the application deadline and when will I know if I was selected?
The application deadline is **5pm EST March 13, 2021**. Students accepted for the program will be notified by mid-May.

When is the summer program?
The program is tentatively scheduled to be conducted three days per week (M, W, F 10am -3pm EST) from **Monday, July 12, 2021 to Friday, August 20, 2021**. (6-week virtual program)

Is there a cost for the 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?
Yes, as long as it does not interfere with SPEA scheduled activities.

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

Does the program have an associated cost?
No.

**Eligibility - Who should apply?**
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 populations underrepresented in medicine, medically under-served areas and have an interest in combating health disparities and serving vulnerable populations. The goal is to transform medicine through 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) instruction and take SAT diagnostic tests along with receiving on-line access to SAT study materials and additional tests until Spring 2022
- Attend workshops on anatomy and physiology, biomedical research, health equality, collegiate readiness, introduction to research, and academic wellness
- Experience small group mentoring, academic coaching, and intellectual and social stimulation.
- Virtual tours U of M central campus, Medical School, and Michigan Medicine
- Fun-filled evening events highlighting cultural diversity, self-development, and the arts
- Presentations by U of M faculty and staff, graduate and medical students, consultants, and alumni to create an enriching experience

**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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