Enrichment Programs - Summer Programs, Study Abroad, etc.

The Dallas area offers rich opportunities to learn about healthcare hands on: 13 major hospitals, hundreds of smaller practices, dozens of research venues, and a vibrant community of public health and community outreach programs.

Professional Experience

Working and observing in health settings is a critical aspect of pre-health education.

• Virtual Shadowing through UT Southwestern and Hearts for Health.
  “Does this count as ‘shadowing’?” YES, for the same reason that ‘telemedicine’ counts as ‘medicine.’
• Jobs and special learning opportunities posted to the Pre-Health Mailing List.
• Volunteer through Student Organizations, UT Dallas Service Learning, or the Comet Cupboard.

Summer Programs

Find a summer program or internship:

• AAMC Database
• ExploreHealthCareers Database
• RIT List

Of special note to UT Dallas students:

• Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP)
  • Six-week Summer Academic Program Free program for talented pre-med and pre-dent students completing their freshman or sophomore years of college. Offered at 12 sites around the nation. Apply ASAP!
• Retina Foundation of the Southwest
  • Undergraduate and Post-Graduate research opportunities in ophthalmology.
• Texas A&M College of Dentistry
  • Summer Pre-Dental Enrichment Program (SPEP) - SPEP Collegiate II is a six-week summer program which provides college and post-college students an opportunity to:
    • prepare for and successfully take the DAT,
    • strengthen their academic science background,
    • learn more about the field of dental medicine,
    • broaden their interest in biomedical and clinical sciences,
    • learn useful study patterns for professional study,
    • increase their competitiveness for admission to dental school, and
• enhance their success once admitted to dental school.

Deadline: January 31

• UT Southwestern Medical Center
  • Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program (SURF) - Enhanced research training of natural science undergraduates who are interested in obtaining the PhD or MD/PhD degrees. 10-week program, $4000 stipend. **Feb 8**

• The University Of Texas Southwestern
  • Quantitative and Physical Sciences - Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (QP-SURF) - Enhanced research training of physics, mathematics, chemistry, and computer science undergraduates who have completed the sophomore year. 10-week program, $4750 stipend. **Feb 8**

  • **Green Fellowships** - This program offers biochemistry majors from UT Dallas an intensive research training experience at the prestigious UT Southwestern Medical Center. The program replaces a spring semester at UT Dallas. **Oct 15**

• Parkland Hospital
  • Clinical Experience at Parkland Hospital - Apply to gain clinical experience at Dallas’s public hospital, Parkland.

**Travel and Service**

Health related community service initiatives, church missions, and foreign service ventures fall into this category.

• UT Dallas Service Learning
• UT Dallas Education Abroad - Study Abroad
• Remote Area Medical
• International Service Learning
• Atlantis Project
• Dozens of Dallas-area churches that support medical missions