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.

- [UT Dallas Service Learning](#) can help you to find volunteer opportunities.
- The [UT Dallas Career Center](#) can help you identify your strengths and interests, explore career options, and develop your resume and interview skills.
- [Student Organizations](#) are great places to meet other students who've found healthcare experiences in the Dallas area.

Academic Enrichment

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**