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](https://www.utsouthwestern.edu) and [Hearts for Health](https://www.heartsforhealth.org).
  "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](https://listserv.utdallas.edu/cgi-bin/wa/pub?L=PRE-HEALTH).

- **Volunteer** through [Student Organizations](https://studentorganizations.utdallas.edu), [UT Dallas Service Learning](https://servicelearning.utdallas.edu), or the [Comet Cupboard](https://cometcupoard.utdallas.edu).

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](https://www.utdallas.edu/medicine/smedepprogram/six-week-sa-program.html) 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](https://www.retinafoundation.org/research/undergraduate-postgraduate-research-opportunities).

- **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