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.com/).
  “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://oue.utdallas.edu/pre-health/enrichment-programs/makepdf).

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

Summer Programs

Find a summer program or internship:

- [AAMC Database](https://www.aamc.org/)

- [ExploreHealthCareers Database](https://www.explorehealthcareers.org/)

- [RIT List](https://www.rwiculture.com/list)

Of special note to UT Dallas students:

- Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP)
  • [Six-week Summer Academic Program](https://www.utsouthwestern.edu/smedep/) - 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.retina.org/)

- Texas A&M College of Dentistry
  • [Summer Pre-Dental Enrichment Program (SPEP)](https://www.tamu.edu/COLLEGE/DENTISTRY/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**