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**