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,
- 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.

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**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**