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Pre-College

Summer

Pre-Dental

Enrichment

Program

(Pre-College SPEP)



TEXAS A&M

HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

Dallas, Texas

Program Objectives

The six-week Pre-College SPEP will provide graduating high-school students with an interest in dentistry an opportunity to:

- ◇ Become familiar with the college environment
- ◇ Learn more about and broaden their interest in dentistry
- ◇ Start preparing for the Dental Admission Test (DAT)

Selection Process

- ◇ A selection committee, composed of the Program Director and Program Faculty will review all applications and interview up to 25 applicants.
- ◇ Students must have applied to college before applying to the Pre-College SPEP.
- ◇ To be selected, applicants must have been accepted into college.

Number of Participants

A minimum of ten (10) applicants will be selected.

Participant Support

- ◇ A stipend to help cover fees, tuition, books, food, transportation and miscellaneous expenses
- ◇ Clinic and laboratory supplies
- ◇ Notebooks and other instructional materials

Program Requirements

To be eligible for this program, applicants must:

- ◇ Have an interest in dentistry
- ◇ Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident with a social security number
- ◇ Attend a Dallas-area school
- ◇ Complete an interview with program staff
- ◇ Provide an official high school transcript documenting a grade point average of 2.75 or 77.5 or higher
- ◇ Submit an application, including an essay explaining why they want to participate in the program
- ◇ Submit two letters of recommendation from science or math teachers and/or counselors
- ◇ Sign a contract committing to participate in all required project activities
- ◇ Have the first and second injection of the Hepatitis B vaccination series completed before attending the program.
- ◇ Demonstrate a strong potential of working with underserved populations or in communities with limited access to dental health care.
- ◇ Have been accepted into college at the time of selection (must provide copy of acceptance letter).
- ◇ Have a history of overcoming adverse circumstances (examples: low socioeconomic status; 1st generation to attend college; bilingual; attend a financially-poor school district; attend a low-performing high school; have middle- or high-school home responsibility; come from a single parent family; have overcome or experienced extreme hardship; be a resident of a county designated as underserved by health professionals; be a resident of lowest 10% per capita income county; etc.)

Program Curriculum

The curriculum for the six-week program consists of:

- ◇ Courses at a local two-year college
- ◇ Observing/shadowing dental students
- ◇ Pre-Clinical Dentistry Course
- ◇ Pre-DAT Course
- ◇ Learning Strategies Seminars
- ◇ Feedback Sessions

START: June 6, 2011
END: July 15, 2011

DEADLINE FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION:
February 28, 2011

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS:
March 14-25, 2011

NOTIFICATION DATE:
NO LATER THAN
April 30, 2011

ORIENTATION DATE:
June 3, 2011