

Summer Prematriculation Program (SPP)



- 7 weeks (May - July)
- Guaranteed Admission
- 40-60 students

SPP Scholars are chosen based on their prior mastery in the sciences and demonstrated aptitude to become leaders who will advance of health equity.

Overview

The University Of Illinois College Of Medicine Urban Health Program's (COM-UHP) Summer Pre-matriculation Program (SPP) is a seven-week academic preparatory program that aims to help bolster students' basic medical science knowledge. SPP encourages the development of professional and peer support networks during the summer prior to matriculation in the University Of Illinois College Of Medicine.

SPP is specifically designed for Chicago-bound and Urbana-bound students who have been conditionally admitted to the COM. SPP Scholars who participate in the Program will receive resources to prepare them of the rigorous SPP curriculum. However, on a first-come-first-serve basis and if space permits, traditionally-admitted incoming COM students who feel they may benefit from additional academic enrichment may be invited to attend. SPP is offered only at the Chicago site of the College of Medicine.

SPP Scholars enter the College of Medicine with improved self-confidence and knowledge which is essential to be master scholars and leaders in medical school and beyond.

APPLICATION PROCESS

There is no direct application to SPP. In order to be considered for the SPP, you have to apply directly to the College of Medicine as a traditional medical school applicant, including submission of the complete AMCAS application, letters of recommendation, completion of the MCAT exam and medical school interview. The College of Medicine Admissions Committee reviews applications and considers applicants for the SPP. If the Admissions Committee believes you would benefit from the SPP, you will receive an offer to participate within the notification of your admission status.

Program Content, Examinations and Assessment

SPP Scholars:

- are exposed to significant portions of biochemistry, gross anatomy, histology, and physiology courses that comprise much of the first year curriculum in lecture, lab and small group learning venues taught by COM faculty;
- attend classes scheduled from Monday through Friday, from 8:45 AM to 5:00 PM (Note: Some reviews may take place after 5:00 PM and on weekends)
- gain the critical skills necessary to the meet the academic demands of the medical curriculum;
- make connections with fellow medical students and faculty; and
- discover how to navigate their way around the medical school as well as the campus.

Once a SPP Scholar has successfully met the SPP academic and readiness requirements, the College of Medicine will extend an offer to become a member of the entering class (i.e., those who begin the SPP program in May 2014 will matriculate to College of Medicine in August 2014 if they successfully complete the SPP).

QUESTIONS?

For information on the SPP or set up an advising appointment, contact us at uhpcom@uic.edu, 312-996-6491 or online at www.uicmeduhp.org.

For information on University of Illinois College of Medicine admissions, visit www.medicine.uic.edu/admissions.

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