The Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) is federally funded to provide students from economically or educationally "disadvantaged" backgrounds the opportunity to develop the skills needed to successfully compete for, enter, and graduate from health or allied health professions schools.

**COMPONENTS OF HCOP**

- High School Health Careers Ambassador Program
- Structured High School Summer Program
- Undergraduate Health Careers Ambassador Program
- Structured Undergraduate Summer Program
- Health Professional Health Careers Ambassador Program

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To provide students from “disadvantaged” backgrounds the access, education, and training necessary to become health professionals. The goal is to increase diversity within the healthcare workforce.

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

- Students currently enrolled in high school (11th and 12th graders only), community college, a four-year college/university, or health professional school.
- Students who are economically or educationally “disadvantaged” and interested in a health career.
- Students with a 2.5 GPA or greater (on a scale of 1.0 – 4.0)
- U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or foreign nationals who possess a visa permitting permanent residence in the U.S.

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HCOP?**

**WHAT BENEFITS DOES HCOP OFFER?**

- Formal and informal opportunities for counseling, mentoring, and group support.
- Academic support services, academic enrichment, and skill development.
- Educational and clinical shadowing.
- Stipends
- Scholarships for health professional students.
- Professional Test Preparation (MCAT, DAT, PCAT, GRE)
- Access to an expanding network of program alumni involved in health careers and academia.

**ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

- Participate in monthly meetings and workshops that focus on financial aid planning, health disparities, stress management, public health, cultural competency, etc.
- Group sessions with physicians, dentists, pharmacists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists.
- Field trips
- ACT Prep for high schoolers
- Guided tours of local colleges, universities, and health professional schools.