

Get a leg up on your competition!

Take the first step toward a health professions career at DMU

Des Moines University's Health Professions Advanced Summer Scholars Program — Health P.A.S.S. — is a great way to prepare for and enhance your chances of getting into medical or health professions school. Health P.A.S.S. provides you with key insights and hands-on experience in a variety of health professions. And it's **entirely free**.

Get a head start in exploring careers in medicine, health care and science at a top-quality university that prioritizes student success. At Health P.A.S.S., you'll **find out what it's like to be a physical therapy, physician assistant or medical student as you...**

- + **Learn from lectures and presentations in four clinical areas:** osteopathic medicine, podiatric medicine, physical therapy and physician assistant studies.
- + **Enjoy hands-on experiences in state-of-the-art facilities,** including simulations with life-like medical mannequins and labs to test your casting, suturing and surgery skills.
- + **Shadow doctors and other health care providers** in the on-campus clinic.
- + **Prep for medical/health professions school** by participating in mock interviews and giving presentations to enhance your confidence and success.
- + **Receive guidance from student mentors** and interact with DMU faculty, students and staff.

Did we mention Health P.A.S.S. is free? Des Moines University covers the cost of your meals and residence hall housing at nearby Drake University. Enjoy fun, chaperoned activities on campus and around Iowa's capital city on our dime! A travel stipend is provided, too.

HEALTH P.A.S.S.

June 4-24, 2016

Enrollment is limited to 10 students.

Preference is given to qualified applicants from underrepresented populations in medicine and health care.

Minority, low-income and/or first-generation college students are especially encouraged to apply.

A minimum 3.2 GPA is recommended.

Applications are due February 15. Supporting materials are due no later than March 1.

Visit www.dmu.edu/healthpass for more information and to apply.



Health P.A.S.S. Application Requirements

For consideration for the 2016 Health P.A.S.S. Program at Des Moines University, you must complete and submit the following:

1 Health P.A.S.S. application

Complete the application online at www.dmu.edu/healthpass (available December 1).

2 Responses to Health P.A.S.S. application essay questions

3 Official transcripts

Please include transcripts from all colleges or universities attended.

4 Parents' federal tax returns

Submit the 2015 or most recent returns if identifying as economically disadvantaged.

5 Letters of recommendation

Include two letters: the first from your science or mathematics professor and the second from any college/university professor with whom you've taken a course.

Return all supporting application materials by **March 1** to:

Des Moines University – Health P.A.S.S.
Office of Multicultural Affairs
3200 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Preference will be given to applicants entering their senior year in the summer of 2016 and demonstrating need in any of the following categories:

- + Economically Disadvantaged:** Family income must be within federal low income guidelines. Family tax returns are required to be considered economically disadvantaged. If you are unsure if you qualify, this link from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services may provide some guidance: www.aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/15poverty.cfm
- + Educationally Disadvantaged:** Neither parent has completed a bachelor's degree or higher.
- + Underrepresented Minority:** Racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population.

Application Deadline:
February 15

What previous Health P.A.S.S. participants have said...

"As a recent immigrant to this country, Health P.A.S.S. provided me with an inclusive atmosphere where I obtained clinical experience focusing on the importance of cultural competency."

Koushik Paul, Health P.A.S.S. 2015
University of Minnesota

"Health P.A.S.S. not only motivated me to continue on my journey to medicine, but it taught me a wealth of knowledge that has proven to be invaluable."

Ashley Costello, Health P.A.S.S. 2015
CUNY-Lehman College

"Health P.A.S.S. allowed me to step in the shoes of a medical student to witness the rigorous education and training that it takes to become a physician."

Whitney Vuong, Health P.A.S.S. 2011
DMU osteopathic medical student

QUESTIONS? Email HealthPASS@dmu.edu for more information.