

Good Afternoon,

VCU's Division for Health Sciences Diversity would like to invite high school and college level students from your church to apply for our Health Sciences Pipeline programs. The goal of our Pipeline programs is to reach promising students from all communities, expose them to the incredible variety of careers in the health sciences, excite them about pursuing a profession in health care and prepare them for that path.

Please consider sharing the following opportunities with your congregation.

Programs for High School Students:

Project ACEe

Program Dates: January 20- March 24, 2017

Application deadline: December 12, 2016



Project ACEe (Academic, Career, and Educational experiences) is a program sponsored by the VCU School of Medicine that serves high school students interested in medicine. The program provides workshops and mentoring opportunities to academically enrich the students, and build upon their interest in health professions. The program meets weekly on Fridays from 3:30pm- 5:00 pm. The goal of the program is to increase the number of health care practitioners from underserved communities in Virginia.

Dental Career Exploration Program

Program dates: July 5- July 14, 2017

Application deadline: May 1, 2017



The Dental Career Exploration program is a two week, non-residential program for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students who are interested in exploring a career in dentistry. This program is meant to expose students to dentistry through interactive courses and activities, along with provide a learning environment set at higher education standards, information for successful admission to colleges and dental schools, and encouragement for students looking into succeeding in a dentistry program.

[Physical Therapy Career Exploration Program](#)

Program dates: July 10 - July 21, 2017



This program is for current 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students from the Richmond Metropolitan area that are interested in exploring a career in physical therapy. It is a two week non-residential summer program that provides students with hands-on workshops, discussions, study skills activities, research, and public speaking exercises. This is done to better prepare the students for a professional health sciences school, and the application process that comes with it.

Programs for College Students:

VCU Acceleration

Program dates: June 25- July 21, 2017

Application deadline: May 6, 2017



This program is for incoming VCU freshmen who are interested in Pre-Health concentrations. Students participate in a four-week summer residential summer program prior to their first year and live together in a living-learning residence hall during their freshman year. The VCU Acceleration Program is designed to help students acquire the math and science skills necessary to pursue a career in health sciences, as well as learn more about various health specialties. They are also provided with workshops and seminars to build them into competitive applicants for professional schools.

Summer Academic Enrichment Program

Program dates: May 23- June 30, 2017

Application deadline: February 1, 2017



This is an intensive, six-week residential academic enrichment program designed to help junior and senior undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students develop academic skills to help them become competitive for admissions into a health professions track of their choice. Students may choose a concentration from among the following disciplines: dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, and physical therapy. The program is meant to simulate the first year at a professional school.

Allied Health Career Exploration

Program dates: June 5 - 16, 2017

Application deadline: April 3, 2017



The Allied Health Career Exploration is a two-week, non-residential summer program for rising and current college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. It allows students to explore the variety of professional programs available at the VCU School of Allied Health Professions, which include: patient counseling, clinical laboratory sciences, physical therapy, occupational therapy, nurse anesthesia, rehabilitation counseling, radiation sciences, health administration, and gerontology. Students will also participate in workshops, seminars, and hands-on activities to give them the information necessary to navigate the application process for one of these professional programs.

We thank you for passing this information along, and we encourage your students to participate in these programs and attend Virginia Commonwealth University. Learn more about our pipeline programs [here!](#)

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