

Future DOcs

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Audience

The Future DOcs program is distinct from any other medical school outreach initiative as it includes enrichment activities held at an actual medical school combined with the intentional pairing of high school students with medical student mentors. There is a competitive application process and selected students to the program progress throughout three of their four years of high school with Future DOcs.

Students have the opportunity to work with physicians and community members through their participation in activities such as community service, CPR/First Aid, OMM demonstrations, anatomy/physiology training, test prep skills seminars, and leadership development workshops.

- Total number of participants: 120 students
There are currently 3 programs, in Detroit, Macomb and Lansing.
- The target population of this program is under-resourced students who without participation in this program would not otherwise have exposure opportunities to the medical field.
- The purpose of this program is to foster an interest in the STEM fields, create awareness of college admission, and to generate a success strategy to obtain entrance into MSUCOM

Program Criteria

The criteria for admission into the Future DOc program is as follows:

- Students must be enrolled in a participating high school
- Students must be in good standing at their institution with no disciplinary or academic delinquencies.
- Interested students must fill out an application detailing their G.P.A., extra-curricular activities and future aspirations.
- Student applicants must secure a recommendation from their one of their current instructors.
- Parents must sign the parent contract to finalize student eligibility into the program

Funding

- This program receives operational funding from the Student Services unit housed within Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine.
- Scholarships are not available for this program as it is completely free to all students who are selected to participate.

Objectives

- Increase the access, persistence and graduation rates of minority students interested in the medical field.
- Connect minority and under-resourced student populations with academic and professional support resources/services.
- Create a culture of success that empowerment amongst its student participants.

Description

- This is an ongoing program that meets throughout the academic year. The high school students meet faculty, staff and their medical student mentors during a Saturday series hosted at medical school.
- Including staff, faculty and medical student mentors there are approximately 50 people that are integral to making the program successful.
- The enrichment workshops last from 9:00am-12:00pm with breakfast included for the student participants.
- Intentional contact hours total approximately 80 hours per month (this includes program planning time, meeting and coordinating with presenters, students, staff and physicians, actual time spent on task during the Saturday workshops, prep/clean-up time, and follow up/evaluation).

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