

Detroit 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' progress throughout two of their four years of high school as Future DOcs participants.

Students have the opportunity to work with physicians and community members through their participation in such activities as CPR/first aid, osteopathic manipulative medicine demonstrations, anatomy/physiology training and leadership development workshops.

- Total number of participants: 35 students
Medical school mentors: 15 students
- This program's target population is under- resourced students who would not otherwise have exposure to careers in the medical field.
- Future DOcs is designed to foster an interest in the STEM fields, create awareness of the college admissions process and to generate a success strategy for applying to MSUCOM or other post-graduate institutions.

Program Criteria

The criteria for admission into the Future DOc program are 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 community service, extracurricular activities, future aspirations and GPA.
- Applicants must secure a recommendation from a current instructor.
- Parents must sign a contract to finalize student eligibility.

Funding

- This program receives operational funding from the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Objectives

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

Description

- This is an ongoing program with meetings throughout the academic year. The high school students engage with faculty, staff and medical student mentors during a Saturday series hosted at the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine's Detroit Medical Center site.
- There are about 25 people, including staff, faculty and medical student mentors, who are integral to making the program successful.
- Intentional totals about 50 hours per month. This includes program planning time, meeting and coordinating with presenters, students, staff and physicians, actual time spent on task during Saturday workshops, prep/clean-up time and follow-up/evaluations.

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