

NEBRASKA'S HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

Youth Enjoy Science

Dear High School Student,

If you are interested in pursuing a health science career, this is a great opportunity for you!

UNMC has spots for up to 12 high school students who are currently enrolled in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade to join college students in a FREE weeklong summer enrichment program for individuals interested in health science professions on Sun, July 9 – Sat, July 15, 2023.

The goal of the Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP), Youth Enjoy Science (YES), Weeklong Institute for Students in High School (WISH) is to strengthen the career development of students underrepresented in the health professions and improve their access to information and resources that can prepare you for college success in a health-science field.

Program Location

The program will take place at the University of Nebraska Medical Center Campus. Students will be provided free overnight lodging at Scott Residence Hall at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Each student must have transportation to Omaha to arrive by 3:00 pm on Sunday and arrange for pickup upon conclusion of the program on Saturday around 6:00 pm. If needed, students can leave as early as 12:00pm. All meals and transportation during the program are provided.

Program Overview

SHPEP-YES WISH will offer students a variety of academic and career experiences:

- Introduction to opportunities in health professions with visits to colleges of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, public health, and allied health professions
- Discussion on cancer research areas in the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, and learn about a variety of opportunities in cancer research professions
- Learn about research into cancer causes, treatments, and professions in cancer research
- Writing, learning, and study skills development
- Clinical exposure through small-group simulation experiences and seminars
- Exposure to a larger view of health care, health systems, and the social determinants of health
- An introduction to interprofessional education that addresses effective collaboration across health professions

Eligibility Requirements

Students who meet these requirements are encouraged to apply:

- Is a high school sophomore, junior, or senior at the time of application
- Has a GPA that is equal to or exceeds the 50th percentile of all applications received
- Identifies as American Indian/Alaska Native
- Comes from an economically or educationally disadvantaged background; and/or
- Has demonstrated an interest in issues affecting underserved populations
- Submits a compelling personal statement, diversity essay, and a strong letter of recommendation.

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Application

Each applicant must fill out the online application form available:

- By clicking the hyperlink here <https://rebrand.ly/SHPEPYW23>
Or your phone camera to scan the QR code to the right



Personal Statement (500 word limit)

- What health profession(s) are you interested in and Why?
- What motivates you to learn more about your preferred health profession(s)?
- What special hardships, challenges, or obstacles may have influenced your educational pursuits?
- What do you want the selection committee to know about you that has not been disclosed in another part of the application?
- What commentary on significant fluctuations in your academic record provides detail that is not explained elsewhere in your application?

Diversity Essay (150 word limit)

SHPEP-YES WISH seeks individuals interested in advancing diversity in the health professions, reducing health care disparities, and/or improving health care for all. Please share your experiences or interest in one or all of these areas.

Permission Form and Vaccination/Immunization Reporting

A parent/guardian must complete and submit the SHPEP-YES WISH parent permission form. Because students will have an official affiliation as visiting student scholars at UNMC, proof of vaccination/immunizations is required for participation. If you do not meet these requirements, students must contact aislinn.rookwood@unmc.edu ASAP. See [UNMC policy](#).

- These forms can be emailed to aislinn.rookwood@unmc.edu or uploaded through the application.
- These forms can also be mailed to the mailing address below. All documents must be received or postmarked **no later than Friday, April 7, 2023**, to be considered. Students are responsible for ensuring that their forms are submitted on time.
- Mailing address:** SHPEP-YES WISH
c/o Aislinn Rookwood
984365 Nebraska Medical Center
Omaha, NE 68198-4365

Acceptance Notices

All applicants will be notified by April 14 of acceptance status by email provided on the application form. If you have any questions, please call (402) 836-9368 or send an email to aislinn.rookwood@unmc.edu

Sincerely,

Aislinn Rookwood

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