

ERF 1.8.a.8.2. Student Diversity Programs

Cancer Epidemiology Education in Special Populations

The UNMC College of Public Health Cancer Epidemiology Education in Special Populations (CEESP) Program focuses on research training of master students in public health in minority and underserved communities and recruiting students from underserved and disadvantages backgrounds. The CEESP is supported by a grant from the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health (R25 CA11238). Below, please find stats for the CEESP program for: 2013 (N=10), 2014 (N=12), and 2015 (N=10), respectively:

- Percent of racial and ethnic minority applicants to the CEESP program (50%, 41%, and 40%).
- Percent of racial and ethnic minority CEESP admitted students (50%, 42%, and 30%).
- Percent of admitted students from low-income backgrounds (40%, 42%, and 20%).
- Percent of admitted students from rural residence (10%, 25%, and 10%).
- Percent of admitted students from first college educated families (30%, 42%, and 20%).

<https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/ceesp/index.html>

Davis–Chambers Scholarship

The Davis–Chambers Scholarship recognizes academically promising students from diverse backgrounds who often find that the financial requirements of postsecondary education are a major obstacle.

Virginia-Nebraska Alliance

The College also participates in the Virginia-Nebraska Alliance, a partnership between UNMC and 11 Virginia area universities, many of which are part of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) network. This partnership is designed to increase minority participation in health care careers.

<http://www.unmc.edu/diversity/programs/virginia-nebraska-alliance/index.html>

Public Health Early Admission Student Track (PHEAST)

PHEAST is a cooperative program among the College and rural Nebraska campuses: the University of Nebraska Kearney, and The Nebraska State College System. The purpose of PHEAST is to recruit, educate, and graduate public health leaders from Nebraska. Program graduates are expected to promote and protect the health of Nebraskans by serving

communities across the state. The PHEAST program is a guaranteed admissions program where sophomores enrolled at the listed undergraduate campuses can apply to the College and gain provisional acceptance into the MPH program. Special emphasis is given toward the recruitment of rural students.

<http://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/rhen/pipeline/pheast/index.html>

Special Native American Residency Policy

<http://www.unmc.edu/studentervices/rse/recruitment/nativeamerican.html>

Student Medical Dental Education Program (SMDEP)

The University of Nebraska Medical Center is one of twelve sites of the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program, a national program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. SMDEP is a six-week summer academic enrichment program that offers diverse freshman and sophomore college students, intensive and personalized medical and dental school preparation. College of Public Health faculty and staff teach SMDEP students in ethics and health disparities and host public health sessions to encourage students to consider careers in public health.

<http://smdep.org/>; <http://www.unmc.edu/studentervices/rse/enrichment/undergraduate-enrichment/smdep/index.html>

Summer Internship Program

This 9-week summer program targets economically and educationally disadvantaged 10th-12th graders and undergraduate student enrolled in schools and undergraduate institutions in the Omaha metro area; and teaches the students to become peer health educators while introducing them to different health professions.

<http://unmc.edu/publichealth/crhd/community/summerintern/index.html>

Undergraduate Public Health Workshop

Offered annually, the week-long Undergraduate Public Health Workshop introduces undergraduate students from Nebraska campuses to public health domains and cross-cutting public health areas recommended by the Association of Schools of Public Health. Supported by UNMC Program of Excellence Funds, special emphasis is given to recruitment of rural and underrepresented populations.

<http://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/rhen/undergraduate/workshop.html>

Youth Expression of Health

This 4-day workshop provides health education for 7-12 graders enrolled in schools in the Omaha metro area. In addition to introducing students to health professions careers, the program teaches students to make healthy lifestyle choices. The workshop engages participants in role-play and other dynamic activities, so that they leave the workshops not just with textbook knowledge, but with the experience of acting on that knowledge.

<http://unmc.edu/publichealth/crhd/community/yeoh.html>