

Health Sciences LEAP Program

If you are going to the University of Utah next year and you are interested in studying for a career in Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Physical Therapy or any other profession offered in the College of Health, then make the leap from high school to college with the Health Sciences LEAP Program!

Eligibility: Students selected for the program must have a demonstrated interest in science and health science careers. The University of Utah Health Sciences is committed to the recruitment of diverse students knowing that diversity adds to the academic, research and civic responsibilities of the institution and the community. We therefore seek out students from varied backgrounds including, but not limited to, racial and ethnic minority students or those considered economically, socially or educationally disadvantaged according to the following criteria:

Economically disadvantaged: student comes from a family whose annual income falls below the thresholds published in the Federal Register, DHHS. Please attach 2006 federal income tax forms, or 2005 forms if 2006 forms are not available.

Socially disadvantaged: student comes from an environment that has inhibited (but not prevented) her/him from obtaining the knowledge, skills and abilities required to enroll in and successfully complete an undergraduate course of study that could lead to a career in health sciences. This includes, but may not necessarily be limited to students who are in foster care, who will be first generation college students, who are limited by their community setting (rural, inner city or reservation), or who are being reared by a single or a divorced parent.

Educationally disadvantaged: student is not succeeding or is underachieving in school due to a limited proficiency in English; standardized test scores at her/his school are markedly below other institutions in the area; a financially poor school district; parents or other adults in the household are not high school graduates or have limited English proficiency; or student performance on standardized tests is below national norms.

Applications should be received no later than May 2, 2008

If you have any questions, please call Zeta Tsagaris at (801) 587-9917

So here's what Health Sciences LEAP is...

You will be one of 35 freshmen students taking selected courses together during your first year at the University of Utah. These courses will fill regular requirements as well as prepare you for, and introduce you to careers in the Health Sciences. You will get to know other students who share similar career and educational goals and a similar background.

Upon acceptance into the Health Sciences LEAP program, the Office of Undergraduate Studies will pre-register you for your general education courses for two semesters. Classes that will be taken first semester and second semester will depend on individual admission indexes. Many of the classes you will be taking fulfill regular University requirements, no matter what major you choose (Diversity, Humanities, Fine Arts). Although you may register individually for additional courses, it is not recommended. HS Leap advisors are always available to answer questions and assist you in tailoring your education to meet your needs.

Health Sciences LEAP sponsors activities each year, such as an opening and closing reception for students and parents, and a winter social for all cohorts. You will have the chance to meet and get to know faculty from the College of Pharmacy, School of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Health, and Physician Assistant Program. HS Leap visits each of these colleges and works to ensure you know admissions criteria, programs offered, and whom to speak with for questions. You will also have a chance to talk with health sciences students currently participating in graduate programs.

The Health Sciences LEAP offices will be available to you for participating in study groups, individual tutoring, and a place to hang out. We are here to make sure you have the support and resources to succeed. You can find information about health sciences and the University of Utah at the Health Sciences LEAP offices. Health Sciences LEAP students will also be able to participate in general LEAP activities and interact with LEAP students from other colleges such as Business and Engineering.

Health Sciences LEAP is a great way to start your college career and make you a more competitive applicant for health professions programs. Plus, it's a chance to find your place at the U, meet great people, and enjoy your college education.

Here's how you apply...

First, please *make sure to apply for admission to the University of Utah*. For information on how to apply to the U please refer to: http://www.utah.edu/future_students/. Then, you may apply to the Health Sciences Leap Program by submitting:

- attached application form
- 1-2 page personal statement about your career goals, background, and your interest in pursuing a career in the Health Sciences
- copy of your most recent high school transcripts (unofficial transcripts are accepted)
- copy of your ACT/SAT scores
- passport size picture
- copy of 2007-2008 tax return

Please submit your application to:
University of Utah School of Medicine
c/o Zeta Tsagaris

30 North 1900 East, 1C117
Salt Lake City, Utah 84132

OR Fax to: (801) 585-3300, Attention: Zeta



Health Sciences LEAP Application

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Other Phone: () _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Current GPA: _____

Current High School: _____

Race/Ethnicity (optional):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latin American | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

Language most commonly spoken at home: _____

Did both or either of your parents attend college? Yes No

If yes, what was the highest degree attained? _____

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, how many hours per week do you work? _____

Have you applied for admission to the University of Utah? Yes No

Have you been accepted to the University of Utah? Yes No

Health Sciences area of interest: _____

Please list two references (name & phone number):

1. _____

2. _____

Please submit with this application all required items mentioned on the previous page.
Application deadline is May 2, 2008