



APPLICATION INFORMATION

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP). HCOP is a comprehensive program to provide students with the knowledge, skills, support, and abilities to enter and graduate from colleges and universities offering careers in allied health, medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy. The Preliminary Entry (PE) summer enrichment program is designed for high school graduates prior to their freshman year of college or rising high school seniors (dental hygiene interest only). This intensive educational experience includes an introduction to college-level biology, chemistry, mathematics, study skills, and English. Workshops on reading, writing, and problem-solving are part of the program of study. A six-week summer residential experience will be held on the campus of West Virginia University for students interested in medicine, pharmacy, or dentistry. By the end of this program, students are more prepared to meet the challenges of college and the health science major they have chosen.

SELECTION:

A student seeking admission to the PE program must be a U.S. citizen and a West Virginia resident. Student selection will be based upon your interest in a health career, school performance, standardized test scores, faculty recommendations and motivation toward improving current educational status. Other eligibility requirements include having a disadvantaged status (economic or educational).

DEFINITIONS:

Educational Disadvantage: an individual that comes from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from a health professions school or allied health program, e.g., a person who is first generation in their family to attend and graduate from a 4 year College/University, or who graduated from a high school that had limited upper level courses.

Economic Disadvantage: an individual that comes from a family with an annual income at or below low-income thresholds according to family size.

STIPEND & HOUSING:

Students enrolled in the Preliminary Education program will receive a stipend to cover all expected costs of participating in the summer enrichment program such as housing, supplies and food. All PE students are required to live on the campus of WVU in assigned housing throughout the entire program.

IF YOU DECIDE TO APPLY TO HCOP, please follow all application directions closely and get an early start on collecting your supporting documents.

A complete HCOP packet contains:

- Application
- Transcripts
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Essay
- Wallet-sized photo

It is your responsibility to ensure the timely receipt of all your documents. Failure to meet the April 17, 2010 deadline could result in your application not being reviewed.

Thank you for your interest! If you have any other questions please contact us at 1-800-345-4267 ext. 1.

We look forward to receiving your application!

EDUCATION INFORMATION

High school attended:			
H.S. grade point average:		H.S. class standing (e.g. 6/120)	
H.S. class size:		Year of graduation:	

In what extracurricular, community and vocational activities have you participated?

What academic honors, awards, or scholarships have you received in high school and college?

Were you ever required to leave school for disciplinary or academic reasons?

Yes No *If yes, please explain:* _____

If you have taken the ACT or SAT, list scores:

SAT		SCORES		ACT		SCORES	
Critical Reading				English			
Math				Mathematics			
Writing				Reading			
Essay				Science Reasoning			
Composite				Composite			

To which colleges or universities have you applied for next fall?

<input type="checkbox"/> 1=West Virginia University	<input type="checkbox"/> 2= Marshall University	<input type="checkbox"/> 3=Frostburg State University
<input type="checkbox"/> 4=University of Maryland		
<input type="checkbox"/> 5=Other Institutions (Please Specify)		

To which colleges or universities have you been accepted for next fall?

<input type="checkbox"/> 1=West Virginia University	<input type="checkbox"/> 2= Marshall University	<input type="checkbox"/> 3=Frostburg State University
<input type="checkbox"/> 4=University of Maryland		
<input type="checkbox"/> 5=Other Institutions (Please Specify)		

Which college or university do you plan to attend next fall?

<input type="checkbox"/> 1=West Virginia University	<input type="checkbox"/> 2= Marshall University	<input type="checkbox"/> 3=Frostburg State University
<input type="checkbox"/> 4=University of Maryland		
<input type="checkbox"/> 5=Other Institutions (Please Specify)		

Have you already taken courses for college credit? Yes No

If yes, list courses and grades:

COLLEGE	COURSES	FINAL GRADE

Have you taken any AP courses? Yes No *If yes, list courses and grades:*

COURSES	GRADES

ESSAY:

Please choose two out of the four topics and write one essay in which each one is addressed (incorporate both topics into one essay).

1. Describe a circumstance or obstacle that has had an impact on your life and how this circumstance or obstacle influenced your interest in a career in medicine.
2. Describe why you believe you can succeed in a Health Career.
3. Describe your personal strengths and commitments that have helped you attain your current level of education.
4. Describe how learning about Health Careers will be of benefit to you in planning for your future.

Guidelines

Essay should be no more than 350 words/ 1500 characters / 1 page long , double spaced, 12 point font, Times New Roman. Essay is to be submitted with your application

Helpful Hints:

Write from your heart. Let the reader know who you are and NOT who you want them to think you are. The essay in which you are honest about your feelings and experiences is most powerful.

There is no “perfect essay” formula. As long as what you are writing addresses the topics you choose clearly, thoughtfully, and with attention to grammar, you will increase your potential for the “perfect essay.”

Practice makes perfect. It takes several drafts to create a well-written essay. Developing an outline of what you are going to write about will help you better organize your thoughts.

Don't stress. You are writing on a subject you know well. Yourself!

Recommendations:

List names, positions, and subjects taught by Professors/Teachers that you have asked to write letters of recommendation. Note that it's important to get someone that you have had for class and knows you well.

Name: _____
Position: _____ Subject taught: _____

Name: _____
Position: _____ Subject taught: _____

COMMITMENT:

By my signature below, I hereby certify that the information on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. In addition, I understand that if I am selected for this program, I am required to attend all scheduled program functions, including weekend and evening activities.

(Signature)

(Date)

DEADLINE:

Your total application must be received by **April 17** and must include:

1. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM (omitting any answers will invalidate your application);
2. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT can be sent directly to us by all high schools or colleges you have attended;
3. TYPED ONE PAGE ESSAY; and
4. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION/Evaluation

For further information or if you have questions, please call the numbers or write to the addresses below.

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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
ROBERT C. BYRD HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
PO BOX 9027
MORGANTOWN WV 26506-9027
(304) 293-2420 or 1-800-345-4267 ext. 1 (WV only)

Application may be photocopied.

You may also obtain more information from our website at
www.wvhcop.org.

Completed Application Checklist (For your reference)

- 1. Personal Information
- 2. Wallet-size photo
(Photo will not be returned)
- 3. Program Information
- 4. Family Background
- 5. Financial Information (Don't forget to include a copy of your parents latest tax form)
- 6. Educational Information
- 7. High School Transcripts
- 8. Essay
- 9. Recommendations (2)
(Don't forget to print these off of the website)

Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Accepted.