Rural Medical Programs

The Rural Health Leaders Pipeline at the College of Community Health Sciences was created to address the shortage of primary care physicians in Alabama’s rural communities. The pipeline is a sequence of programs from high school through medical school that recruit students from rural Alabama who are interested in health care careers and working as health care professionals in rural communities.

The Rural Medical Scholars Program (RMSP) is based in Tuscaloosa and conducted by College of Community Health Science, a branch of the University of Alabama School of Medicine. The Rural Medicine Program (RMP) is a jointly sponsored program between the University of Alabama School of Medicine & the College of Sciences & Mathematics at Auburn University. Click here for information about the Rural Community Health minor.

The 2021 Rural Medical Program Application will open around November 1st. Visit https://cchs.ua.edu/rural-programs/medical-scholars/ for more information.

Seeking Rural Pre-Health Students! If you are from a rural area in Alabama and pursuing a pre-health track, please complete the following quick survey: https://universityofalabama.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1M0g8h0QPFdC2Q1
Fall Admissions Workshops & Mock Interviews

For Pre-Medical Students

Mrs. D’Anne Watson, Admissions Coordinator, from the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn Campus, will host a virtual presentation for UA students on Thursday, October 1st at 6:00 p.m. Pre-medical students are invited to learn about VCOM Auburn and ask questions. This talk will be co-hosted by a current medical student. Zoom link: https://vcom-edu.zoom.us/j/95993360379

Mrs. Watson will also conduct mock interviews on October 12th and October 21st. These interviews are open for pre-medical sophomores and juniors. Interviews are 30-minute 1:1 interview appointments designed to emulate what you will experience during an actual medical school admissions interview. You will be provided with valuable individualized feedback. To inquire how to register for October 21st (October 12th is full) please contact Mrs. Watson at dwatson@auburn.vcom.edu. Dress is interview attire.

The University of Mississippi School of Medicine will host a virtual information session for pre-medical students who are interested in learning more about UMMC and mock interviews on October 21st. Details on how to R.S.V.P will be announced via the pre-health listserv soon. Stay tuned to your inbox!

For Pre-Pharmacy Students

Mr. Aaron Hux from McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford University will conduct virtual mock interviews on October 5th. Interviews are virtual 30-minute 1:1 zoom appointments designed to closely emulate what you would experience during a typical pharmacy admissions interview. You will be provided with valuable individualized feedback. To register complete the following survey- https://universityofalabama.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7OFyo2rVzWkdHjT. Dress is interview attire.

On October 27th, from 1:00—3:00 p.m. Ms. Meredith Pyle, Admissions Counselor for the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy will host virtual 1:1 meetings with pre-pharmacy students as well as present at the Pre-Pharmacy Society’s meeting. Please visit the link below to sign-up for a time! Please be sure to complete all of the information requested. Ms. Pyle will send each registrant a zoom link on the morning of their meeting. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rlbgXe_daifA6qFEoDNgSPyvlVhmxXymlLIEN_zKQQ/edit?usp=sharing
Announcements & Important Dates

- **It’s peak advising season**! All sophomores through seniors should receive an email from their major departments about how registration will happen this fall. The schedule for the spring term should post in MyBama on October 8th. Checking in with a prehealth advisor should happen AFTER you meet with your major department for advising. Be sure to check your prehealth guide on our website to see what you still have left to complete.

- Save the Date! The **Virtual Majors Fair** will be held on October 14th from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Check your crimson e-mail for an invitation or to request an invitation, e-mail success@ua.edu.

- **Project Horseshoe Farm** is a unique paid gap year fellowship for recent graduates interested in community health. Fall deadline to apply is November 15th. See attached flyer for more information.

- Attention pre-medical sophomores and juniors! A new workshop series hosted by Mappd will cover 6 of the AAMC’s 15 Core Competencies for Medical School and how you can demonstrate them on your application. For more information, please visit https://witty-teacher-5968.ck.page/6b2d9cb3ef.

- If you’ve been struggling (like most students) getting shadowing hours during this pandemic, eShadowing may be a good alternative. They will be hosting weekly sessions with attending physicians on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. ET. Mark your calendar and sign up at eShadowing.com.

**October 1st**: VCOM Fall Admissions Workshop (see page 2 for details)

October 2nd: Degree application deadline

October 5th: Landing Internships for A&S Majors https://experientiallearning.as.ua.edu/

October 12th: Virtual Mock Interviews with VCOM Auburn (see page 2 for details)

October 13th: Dr. Woosley from Auburn Pharmacy will speak at the Pre-Pharmacy Society Meeting

October 14th: Majors Fair, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

October 26th: Spring course registration begins

October 27th: Ms. Pyle from Ole Miss Pharmacy will speak at the Pre-Pharmacy Society Meeting

October 28th: Last day to drop a course with a grade of “W” for the fall term

October 30th: VCOM Open House for pre-medical students. See attached flyer for details.

*Items in RED are UA OHPA Events.*
FOR STUDENTS PLANNING TO APPLY TO MEDICAL, DENTAL OR OPTOMETRY SCHOOL IN SUMMER 2021

Applicants who do not attend this virtual meeting WILL NOT be eligible for a Committee Interview and Composite Letter. Attendance will be taken.

R.S.V.P. AT HTTPS://UNIVERSITYOFALABAMA.AZ1.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FORMS?SV_0P32YYLYYORFQEC9
If you are thinking about medical school, then you owe it to yourself to attend the **VCOM–Auburn Virtual Open House**

**Friday, October 30, 2020**

Take a virtual tour anytime between 1 - 5 p.m. CDT

Take virtual tour, watch live demonstrations and interact with faculty, staff and current students via Zoom to learn about:

- The differences between a DO and MD
- Student Organizations
- Financial Aid Options
- Research Opportunities
- Global Health and International Missions
- The VCOM Curriculum
- OMM and Sports Medicine
- Academic and Personal Counseling

Find out how we are inspired to make a difference in our communities and beyond.

Register Online at:

www.vcom.edu/admissions/visit-us/register-open-house
Project Horseshoe Farm is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with sites in Greensboro and Marion, Alabama and Pomona, California. HSF offers service and support programs to improve the health and quality of life of adults and children in our partner communities.

Community Health Fellowship

Horseshoe Farm offers an intensive gap year (13 month) Community Health Leaders Fellowship, which includes housing and an educational stipend. It is geared toward top recent college graduates from around the nation interested in community health and education, non-profit and organizational management, and community service leadership. The competitive Fellowship is a unique opportunity for high levels of responsibility and to help shape community health locally. Its ultimate aim is to prepare citizen service leaders needed for tomorrow’s communities.

In addition to our gap year fellowship, Horseshoe Farm offers internships to undergraduate students (Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer) and elective rotations for medical students, medical residents, health professions students, and other graduate students.

Fellowship Application Deadlines

Fall Deadline: Sunday, November 15th, 2020 @ 11:59pm (CDT)
Winter Deadline: Sunday, February 21st, 2021 @ 11:59pm (CDT)

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