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Health Science Scholars Program



Objective

To identify academically promising students interested in health science careers that statistically have low college-going rates and offer them support and encouragement through a one year Health Science Scholars program. Health Science Scholars selected to attend the University of Nebraska Kearney will be granted tuition support for their freshman year. Decisions concerning the level of support for each selected Health Science Scholar will be made based on the number of applicants, the quality of the scholars selected, and other scholarship support available for the recipients. Scholars (students) who successfully complete the Health Sciences Scholars Program at UNK will have the opportunity at the end of their freshman year to submit a formal application to the NU PATHS Program, a cooperative program with the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident status
- Admitted to the University of Nebraska at Kearney by February 1 based on UNK Admission Policies.
- Completed Health Science Scholars application by February 1.
- Composite ACT must meet at least 22 OR composite SAT score of at least 1050 and rank in the upper one half of their high school graduating class.
- Must have at least a 3.0 Cumulative GPA from high school.

Additional Qualifications To Be Considered

The following, while not requirements, are factors that may be considered:

- Member of group(s) underrepresented in health care/research professions. "Underrepresented" means those racial and ethnic populations whose numbers are disproportionately smaller in the health care professions relative to their numbers in the general population.
- Person who shows a demonstrated or sustained commitment to providing service as a health care/research professional to communities and neighborhoods in need of health care services.
- Individual from an environment of educational disadvantage, including being first from family to attend college, or from an environment of economic hardship.

- Individual who demonstrates an active involvement in communities and neighborhoods where opportunities are diminished, especially those opportunities to receive the benefits of health care and health care research.
- Demonstrated academic promise and the ability and motivation to achieve success in higher education and a health sciences career.
- Proficiency in languages spoken in communities with health care needs.
- Nebraska resident.

Application Process

Applications will be due to the office of Health Science Programs by February 1 and scholar selection will be completed by March 1.

Candidates may apply by accessing the application on the UNK Health Science Programs Web site or by requesting a paper application.

A complete application will consist of the following:

- The Health Science Scholars Application and the Financial Information Form.
- A resume including experiences and activities.
- A high school transcript showing academic course work, class rank, GPA, ACT/SAT scores.
- Personal Essay addressing any of the additional qualifications that may be considered, as instructed in the application.

Health Sciences Scholar Requirements Academic Requirements

- During the fall semester, Health Science Scholars will be required to enroll in HSCI 130, Opportunities in Health Science. In this course students will learn about career opportunities in the health care professions and complete shadowing experiences. They will also receive information about qualifications for applying to the NU PATHS program.
- Health Science Scholars must complete two of the following three classes their fall semester: chemistry, biology, math (minimum Math 101).
- Students are expected to maintain at least a cumulative GPA of 3.25 in all math and science courses and a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.25.
- Students must complete a minimum of 12 graded credit hours each semester.
- No Science or Math courses may be taken Credit/No Credit.



Programmatic Requirements

- Health Science Scholars will be expected to join the UNK Health Science Club and become actively involved.
- UNK Health Science Scholars will be required to attend at least one UNMC recruitment event in late fall or early spring.
- Health Science Scholars will meet at least once each semester with their health science advisor from the office of Health Science Programs. Scholars can not enroll for spring semester courses until meeting with their Health Science advisor. The Health Science advisor will review the academic progress of each scholar and will ensure that scholars meet both the Academic and Programmatic requirements.

