Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP)
University of Washington Health Sciences Center
University of Washington Schools of Medicine, Dentistry & Public Health
Program Dates: June 18 – July 29, 2017

SHPEP, formerly known as the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP), expanded in 2016 to include a broader array of health professions. SHPEP is a free 6 week residential summer enrichment program focused on improving access to information and resources for college students interested in the health professions. SHPEP’s goal is to strengthen the academic proficiency and career development of students underrepresented in the health professions and prepare them for a successful application and matriculation to health professions schools.

**SHPEP Highlights at the University of Washington:**
- **Travel costs, room and board and a small stipend are provided for all UW SHPEP participants**
- Career development sessions directed towards exploration of the health professions, the admissions process, and the development of an individualized education plan
- Exposure to careers in pharmacy, social work, physician assistants and other health professions
- A curriculum designed to increase knowledge of the social determinants of health and healthcare disparities
- Academic enrichment courses in biology, chemistry, organic chemistry, biostatistics, physics, and public health
- Individualized clinical shadowing experiences with healthcare providers and public health researchers
- Emergency department shadowing opportunities
- Medical and dental clinical simulation experiences
- Planned weekend excursions (Mt. Rainier, PRIDE, PowWow, SeaFair)

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