Enrichment Programs - Summer Programs, Study Abroad, etc.

The Dallas area offers rich opportunities to learn about healthcare hands on: 13 major hospitals, hundreds of smaller practices, dozens of research venues, and a vibrant community of public health and community outreach programs.

Professional Experience

Working and observing in health settings is a critical aspect of pre-health education.

- [UT Dallas Service Learning](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//prehealth/enrichment-programs/makepdf) can help you to find volunteer opportunities.
- The [UT Dallas Career Center](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//prehealth/enrichment-programs/makepdf) can help you identify your strengths and interests, explore career options, and develop your resume and interview skills.
- [Student Organizations](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//prehealth/enrichment-programs/makepdf) are great places to meet other students who've found healthcare experiences in the Dallas area.

Academic Enrichment

Find a summer program or internship:

- [AAMC Database](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//prehealth/enrichment-programs/makepdf)
- [ExploreHealthCareers Database](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//prehealth/enrichment-programs/makepdf)
- [RIT List](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//prehealth/enrichment-programs/makepdf)

Of special note to UT Dallas students:

- Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP)
  - [Six-week Summer Academic Program](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//prehealth/enrichment-programs/makepdf) Free program for talented pre-med and pre-dent students completing their freshman or sophomore years of college. Offered at 12 sites around the nation. **Apply ASAP!**
- Retina Foundation of the Southwest
  - [Undergraduate and Post-Graduate research opportunities in ophthalmology](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//prehealth/enrichment-programs/makepdf)
- Texas A&M College of Dentistry
  - [Summer Pre-Dental Enrichment Program (SPEP)](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//prehealth/enrichment-programs/makepdf) - SPEP Collegiate II is a six-week summer program which provides college and post-college students an opportunity to:
    - prepare for and successfully take the DAT,
    - strengthen their academic science background,
    - learn more about the field of dental medicine,
    - broaden their interest in biomedical and clinical sciences,
    - learn useful study patterns for professional study,
    - increase their competitiveness for admission to dental school, and
    - enhance their success once admitted to dental school.
  - **Deadline: January 31**
- UT Southwestern Medical Center
  - [Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program (SURF)](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//prehealth/enrichment-programs/makepdf) - Enhanced research training of natural science undergraduates who are interested in obtaining the PhD or MD/
PhD degrees. 10-week program, $4000 stipend. Feb 8

- **The University Of Texas Southwestern**
  - **Quantitative and Physical Sciences - Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (QP-SUR F)** - Enhanced research training of physics, mathematics, chemistry, and computer science undergraduates who have completed the sophomore year. 10-week program, $4750 stipend. Feb 8
  - **Green Fellowships** - This program offers biochemistry majors from UT Dallas an intensive research training experience at the prestigious UT Southwestern Medical Center. The program replaces a spring semester at UT Dallas. Oct 15

- **Parkland Hospital**
  - **Clinical Experience at Parkland Hospital** - Apply to gain clinical experience at Dallas's public hospital, Parkland.

**Travel and Service**

Health related community service initiatives, church missions, and foreign service ventures fall into this category.

- **UT Dallas Service Learning**
- **UT Dallas Education Abroad** - Study Abroad
- **Remote Area Medical**
- **International Service Learning**
- **Atlantis Project**
- Dozens of Dallas-area churches that support **medical missions**