What is the Health Careers Opportunity Program?

The Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) strives to provide a variety of activities that foster the integration of academics and interpersonal experiences to develop the total person. Students are encouraged to successfully pursue a health professions degree.
What is the GUIDE Program?

The GUIDE program is designed to enhance the competitiveness of students as they prepare to apply for health professional schools. This program includes a review course for the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), the Dental Admissions Test (DAT), the Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) for allied health. Additionally, preparation for the application and interviewing process includes mock interviews, personal statement development, shadowing health care professionals, simulation labs, and much more!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 6

The dates of the program are: May 18 – July 3, 2020.

Interested students must complete an online program application here: https://scholar.wvhcop.org/

Other required materials such as a copy of your 2019 Income Tax Return and all college transcripts must be mailed to our office at the address listed on this brochure.

When can I apply for GUIDE?

Applications are being accepted beginning January 2020

Interested students should have taken the appropriate pre requisite course work for admission into their chosen school.

To ensure you have the course work needed, please check the course catalog of your preferred professional school.

GUIDE SCHEDULE

The 8 week program has two phases – a one-week, on campus based, hands-on experience portion with a one-week at home shadowing portion, followed by a six-week home based admissions test preparation portion.

GUIDE Eligibility

All applicants must:

- be a U.S. Citizen
- be a resident of West Virginia
- have a disadvantaged status (underrepresented minority, financial and/or first generation college bound)
- be an undergraduate sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student seeking admission into the school/program of dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy or occupational therapy.

Students enrolled in the GUIDE Program will receive a stipend to cover expected costs such as housing, supplies and food while participating in the one-week on-campus portion of the program.

Upon completion, students should be better prepared to meet the challenges of college and will have a greater knowledge and appreciation of the chosen health profession.