

Who Qualifies?

Senior minority high school students

(African American, Latino, Native American, Pacific Islander, or Asian)

Eligibility Requirements

- Desire to pursue a career as a physician, dentist or pharmacist
- Minority high school seniors
- Minimum weighted grade point average of 3.0
- Resident of Buncombe County
- Have own transportation
- Good moral character, *as demonstrated and based on teacher recommendation*
- Community involvement, *as demonstrated through active involvement in community service and organizational membership*

Students interested in applying for the Minority Medical Mentoring Program are encouraged to pick up an application from their school's guidance counselor or Health Occupations Student Organization Teacher/Internship Coordinator.

Applications are available on the web:

www.abipa.org

and at the ABIPA office:

70 South Market Street-Suite A
Asheville, NC 28801

For an application or questions related to the MMMP program please call the program assistant at 251-8364.

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Program Overview

The Minority Medical Mentoring Program (MMMP) is an internship experience that pairs minority high school seniors with physicians, dentists, and pharmacists practicing in Buncombe County.

Students who meet criteria are able to participate in the school-sanctioned internship for course credit. Students will experience rotations in private physician and dentist offices, clinic settings, pharmacies, hospital rounds and other forums that provide a quality learning experience.

Student Orientation includes HIPAA, OSHA, and professional ethics. To complete the program students are required to complete a total of 135 hours during the semester internship.

We are pleased this program allows high school students to see through the lens of our medical providers. Out of 600 physicians actively practicing medicine in Buncombe County less than one percent is African American and less than one percent is Latino. As discussed in the Sullivan Report - "Missing Persons" there is a need to increase minority health care professional representation to promote culturally congruent care. (www.abipa.org)

Less than two percent of practicing physicians in Buncombe County are African American or Hispanic/Latino.

Medical School Graduates in 2004 (www.aamc.org):

Native American - less than 1%
Hispanic/Latino—6%
African American—7%
Asian—21%
White—66%

Student Rotations

Students spend one week with each participating Physician Mentor in their practice, hospital or nursing home rounds, observing procedures as well as the inner workings of the medical community in hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, and private offices. In addition to time spent with these health professionals, students will participate in MAHEC's Family Medicine Resident didactics & with ABIPA Parity Action Teams.



Student Experience

MMMP students gain exposure to various medical specialties as well as guidance from mentors. Support from our MMMP physician mentors is influential as students start the planning for their collegiate careers.

"I didn't even consider applying for schools outside of North Carolina."

Derrick Beasley
Attending Johns Hopkins University

"My experience as a student intern in MMMP has been an eye-opener and has allowed me to make the transition from being a student to being an adult."

Stephen Frempong

Physicians & Providers

Jennifer Abbott, MD
Albert Anderson, MD
Charles Blair, MD
Ellen Boyd, MD
Robert Busey, DDS
Ronald Caldwell, MD
Dan Cannon, MD
David Clements, MD
Edgardo Diez, MD
Robert Fields, MD
Mark Fox, MD
Tim Gallagher, MD
William Hathaway, MD
John Holt, MD
Jose Gonzalez, MD
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Physicians and staff of:

Buncombe County Health Center
MAHEC Family Health Center



Edgardo Diez, MD Physician Mentor