

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Health Sciences Community



DIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

With seven health sciences colleges and an academic medical center on one campus, Ohio State leads in health innovation. We provide direct patient care to more than 1 million people and 30,000 animals every year. Our academic programs are known for their rigor and excellence. A health sciences education at Ohio State will help you transform yourself and your world.

“We believe strongly in the power of a diverse practitioner community to drive high-quality patient outcomes.”

Michael V. Drake, MD
*President,
The Ohio State University*



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

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- The College of Dentistry received a grant through the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) to establish a program to recruit and serve a diverse student population.
- The College of Dentistry is one of the few dental schools in the U.S. that offers a post-baccalaureate program geared toward underrepresented minorities and those from economically challenged backgrounds.
- Students are recruited from colleges and universities that primarily serve underrepresented student populations.

How to prepare:

Observe your family dentist, perform well in your science courses, and work on your hand skills through taking classes like ceramics, art, and piano or guitar.

“The faculty at Ohio State made me feel wanted. They were excited about their work and their students, and I wanted to be a part of that.”

Victoria Pennington
College of Dentistry Class of 2017

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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- The College of Veterinary Medicine Student Ambassadors and VOICE (Veterinary Students One in Culture and Ethnicity) host a variety of events that introduce middle and high school students to veterinary medicine.
- Buckeye Vet Prep Academy provides a summer camp for high school students that explore the diverse career options in veterinary medicine.
- The college addresses the low number of diverse veterinarians by aggressively recruiting talented students from underrepresented groups.

How to prepare:

Students interested in pursuing a career in veterinary medicine should challenge themselves academically by taking advanced science and math courses; exploring the profession; and getting involved in a variety of clubs and organizations that help develop leadership, communication and service skills and offer exposure to multiple species of animals.



“Early on, I realized that I wanted to have a career with animals. By middle school, I knew I wanted to become a veterinarian. OSU offered a welcoming and challenging atmosphere where I knew I could grow. After my interview, I knew OSU was the right fit for me.”

Ghanasyam D. Bey
College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2007

COLLEGE OF NURSING

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- Our Office of Diversity and Inclusion hosts interactive career exploration events with high school and college-aged students that aim to increase the diversity of our student body to better serve the nursing profession and the nation's health.
- The College of Nursing Diversity Committee hosts TedTalks, panel discussions, theater performances, anti-bias trainings, and climate assessments to foster a welcoming, safe, and affirming environment for all students, faculty and staff.
- The College of Nursing supports four diversity-related student groups, which encourage students to engage in social networking and professional development events, share their passion for diversity in nursing with middle and high school students and provide culturally sensitive outreach locally and globally.

How to prepare:

Students can enroll in advanced science and math courses, volunteer in hospitals or nursing homes, shadow nurses, and contact our college to participate in diversity recruitment programs.

“I was first introduced to the College of Nursing as a high school student in the Summer Institute for Diversity in Nursing. I was amazed by the life-like computerized mannequins, the diversity on campus, and the world-renowned medical center. As a Buckeye student nurse, I have applied evidence-based practice, and obtained jobs as a diversity student advocate in our college and as a patient care assistant in the hospital.”

Sydney Alexander
College of Nursing Class of 2015

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

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- The College's Committee on Inclusion and Diversity, the 2014 recipient of the Ohio State Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award, develops and hosts many events for students. Our career pathway events occur in many Central Ohio schools, helping students to learn more about the profession.
- The Improving Diversity in Optometric Careers program (IDOC) is an intensive three-day program for students from an underrepresented ethnicity interested in finding out more about an optometric career.
- Retention activities for underrepresented minority optometry students include our annual welcome event, career conversations with practicing optometrists, focus group discussions, and many social gatherings.

How to prepare:

Students interested in the profession should have a passion for coursework in the sciences and a drive to learn about the career through shadowing experiences with an optometrist.



“I chose to study the health sciences at OSU based on my research of the optometry program, the business management courses that are thoroughly integrated in my discipline's coursework, and the warm atmosphere I felt when I visited the campus.”

Kimona Lawrence
College of Optometry Class of 2015



COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

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- The Darlington Program strives to support diverse students in graduate-research or professional programs and to facilitate scholarship and cultural exchanges.
- The Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNA-PhA) and other initiatives within the College offer students the opportunity to promote healthcare within underserved populations and to educate students and the community on minority community health issues.
- Within the College of Pharmacy, the Dean's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion works to recruit and retain a diverse student, faculty and staff community while also developing initiatives to promote a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment.

How to prepare:

A student interested in becoming a pharmacist should first pursue undergraduate education with a focus on completing basic and advanced science prerequisite courses. Then, they should apply to a four-year Doctor of Pharmacy program that will prepare them to be licensed as a pharmacist.

“My professional goals are to help as many people as possible through Managed Care Pharmacy. I hope to positively impact large groups within my community by working to improve available health plan options, insurance benefits and coverage, and general pharmacy benefit awareness. Having my Doctor of Pharmacy degree will allow me to keep patient care at the forefront of decision making even when I may not directly work with an individual or patient population.”

Kristy Jackson
PharmD Candidate 2016

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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- The Multicultural Public Health Student Association (MPHSA) assists public health students to become culturally competent through a multitude of educational and empowering activities that lead to the overall enhancement of each student's public health knowledge and practice.
- Our Diversity Enhancement Committee enhances awareness of all forms of diversity within and around the college. Diversity Enhancement Committee members include College of Public Health faculty, staff and students.
- The student-created Centering Community Health Council focuses on community service and chronic disease prevention by helping underserved families balance health through education and support.

How to prepare:

Students interested in pursuing a career in public health should have a desire to promote and improve health for populations and communities; they should be active in community groups, events, volunteering and outreach as well as student organizations that focus on leadership and service.



“I chose the College of Public Health at Ohio State because I wanted to contribute meaningfully to an institution where global health was an integral part of the passion and mission. I knew the college would give me the most diverse education and introduce me to an array of public health topics, and develop a skill set that would ensure a successful career in public health.”

(Nana) Efua Wilmot
College of Public Health Class of 2014

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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- Ohio State's College of Medicine addresses the shortage of physicians from underrepresented minorities by aggressively recruiting and training talented students from diverse groups.
- The college's Admissions Committee admits students who display diversity in background and thought, a strong intellect and the potential to improve people's lives through innovation in research, education and service to our patients and community.
- The Student National Medical Association (SNMA) at The Ohio State University, established in 1964 to support underrepresented minority medical students, addresses the needs of underserved communities, and strives to increase the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians.

How to prepare:

Learn about the field of medicine and health care by shadowing a physician or other health care professional, or volunteer to serve in a community health care facility; prepare early for a career in medicine by taking courses in the sciences, such as biology or biomedical science.



“Having the chance to conduct cancer immunology research at Ohio State, one of the nation's leading research institutions with an NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, will allow me to translate my basic science research discoveries and bridge the gap between the bench and the clinic during the onset of my career.”

Amanda Harper
OSU Medical Scientist Training Program Class of 2014

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES

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The School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, together with the College of Medicine and the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center, is a diverse community of students, staff, faculty, researchers, and clinicians who teach and learn from each other. All members of our community are responsible for preserving and promoting diversity and inclusiveness.

Undergraduate programs within the school include Athletic Training, Health Information Management and Systems, Health Sciences, Medical Dietetics, Medical Laboratory Science, Radiologic Science and Therapy, and Respiratory Therapy. We also offer Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy, Allied Health, Anatomy, and Health and Rehabilitation Sciences programs at the graduate level. Successful completion of one of our nationally recognized programs starts your career in today's exciting and diverse health care world.

DIVERSITY AT OHIO STATE

The leadership of The Ohio State University has consistently and strongly supported and defended the value of diversity in promoting excellence in education, from the adoption of the Diversity Action Plan in 2001 through today. Academic departments and colleges, as well as non-academic units, have advocated for diversity and sought to implement it thoughtfully in their programs.

(Diversity Action Plan: www.osu.edu/diversityplan/index.php)

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Ohio State's health sciences family includes 65,000 alumni, half of whom live in Ohio. This robust and engaged alumni network helps students find internships, field placements, and employment.

“It's important for students to become culturally competent in order to provide better care for their varied populations and to help eliminate health disparities.”



Leon McDougle, MD, MPH
Chief Diversity Officer, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Opportunities to get involved right now!

MEDICINE

MD Camp

Three week program

ELIGIBILITY: high school students and recent high school graduates

MD Camp encourages high school students or recent high school graduates to pursue a career in medicine by giving them a sample of medical school life: Challenging them intellectually, facilitating their academic and social development, and increasing their awareness of the special needs of underserved populations.

Contact:

Valerie Blackwell-Truitt

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NURSING

Summer Institute for Diversity in Nursing

Four day program

ELIGIBILITY: high school juniors, seniors, and incoming Ohio State freshmen

The Summer Institute for Diversity in Nursing is a four-day interactive program that includes participation in skills labs, wellness activities, roundtable discussions with faculty and students, ACT preparation, an overview of financial aid and admission to Ohio State, and tours of The Ohio State University campus, the James Cancer Hospital, the anatomy and body donation program, and the College of Nursing.

Contact:

Jen Robb

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Future Nurse

One day program

ELIGIBILITY: high school juniors, seniors, and incoming Ohio State freshmen

Future Nurse is a daylong free event to explore nursing as a career, engage in hands-on nursing activities, and learn about Ohio State's bachelor of science degree in nursing program.

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OPTOMETRY

IDOC

(Improving Diversity in Optometric Careers)

Three day program

ELIGIBILITY: college students

IDOC participants will learn basic components of an eye examination, participate in hands-on learning experiences, find out about career options within optometry, understand the need for minority optometrists, realize the income-earning potential and satisfaction associated with a career in optometry and determine requirements for becoming an optometrist.

Contact:

Dr. Barbara Fink

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PHARMACY

Pills, Potions, and Poisons

Five day program

ELIGIBILITY: high school students

Pills, Potions and Poisons is a summer day camp allowing high school students to discover the science behind drugs and learn about careers in the biomedical sciences.

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Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships in the Pharmaceutical Sciences

Eight week program

ELIGIBILITY: college students

This fellowship is for those students who would like to know more about the discovery, use, or mechanisms of drugs, who like working in a lab, or who would just like to find out if they like working in the lab.

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VETERINARY MEDICINE

Buckeye Vet Prep Academy

Five day program

ELIGIBILITY: high school students

Buckeye Vet Prep Academy is a five day camp that gives participants an opportunity to learn about veterinary medicine through seminars, hands-on labs, field trips, demonstrations and workshops at one of the premier veterinary schools in the country.

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HELPFUL RESOURCES

Undergraduate Admissions
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The Ohio State University Multicultural Center
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Office of Diversity and Inclusion
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