

**The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center  
College of Medicine  
&  
The Coastal Bend Health Education Center's**

**PARTNERSHIP FOR PRIMARY CARE**

Are you considering a career in medicine?

**You can help bring quality health care home to your fellow Texans ... through The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine Partnership for Primary Care Program!**

Everyone knows that Texas is big – but the size of our great state is not always an advantage. Many rural communities across Texas, and some other parts of the state as well, are lacking in some of the most important services that professionals can provide – health services.

If you come from a part of the state that lacks an adequate number of doctors, and you've been considering becoming a doctor, the Partnership for Primary Care Program may be for you. This exciting, innovative program can give you the opportunity to pursue a career in medicine without having to overcome what is often a discouraging hurdle, the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT). While there are no short cuts to a quality medical education, there is now an alternative path to obtaining one. The Partnership for Primary Care Program is an opportunity for qualified, dedicated young people to enter the field of medicine, and eventually contribute to improving health care in the parts of Texas that need it most.

This program can help you bring quality health care to your neighbors, your community, your own back yard! We hope to talk to YOU soon about this chance to embark on an exciting and meaningful career in medicine which will benefit you, your neighbors, your community and your state.

**Partnership Universities**

The Partnership for Primary Care Program is a cooperative program between The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine and seven member institutions of the Texas A&M University System:

Prairie View A&M University, (936) 857-3911  
Tarelton State University, (254) 968-9161  
Texas A&M International Univ. – Laredo, (956) 326-2440  
Texas A&M University – College Station, (979) 847-8938  
Texas A&M University – Commerce, (903) 886-5378  
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, (361) 825-6022  
Texas A&M University – Kingsville, (361) 593-3797  
West Texas A&M University – Canyon, (806) 651-2569

**Do I Qualify?**

To be eligible for consideration as a high school student, you must:

- have the equivalent of a GPA of 3.5 on a 4.00 scale,
- be predicted to graduate in the top 10% of your class,
- achieve a minimum 1200 SAT or 26 ACT,
- have a legal residence in a rural or under served area, or health professions shortage area as defined by the Health Professions Resource Center, Texas Department of Health,
- be a US citizen or permanent resident,
- be a resident of the state of Texas, and
- commit to attend one of the seven partner universities of the Texas A&M University System.

**How The Program Works**

Once accepted to the program, you will take the required college course work at one of the partner universities of your choice in the Texas A&M University System. While in college, you will need to maintain annually a 3.50 GPA on a 4.0 scale and complete the required medical school prerequisite courses with no grade below a "C".

College of Medicine Prerequisite Courses that must be taken while pursuing your undergraduate degree:

General Biology (with lab)	8 hrs or 1 year
Additional Biological Science	6 hrs or 1 year
General Chemistry (w/lab)	8 hrs or 1 year
Organic Chemistry (w/lab)	8 hrs or 1 year
General Physics (w/lab)	8 hrs or 1 year
English	6 hrs or 1 year
Calculus or Statistics (math based)	3 hrs or ½ years

You must also remain in good standing at all time at your college, participate in community service and medically-related activities, demonstrate leadership, and complete a baccalaureate degree within a standard acceptable time frame; for most students, this will be four years. If you can do this, your position in medical school is guaranteed. You will be given the opportunity to participate in several medical enrichment activities during your college years. Some of the activities include workshops on success in medical school, medical seminars ranging from ethics to research, and dialogue with other students in the program to share experiences and discuss current medical issues. You will also participate in summer enrichment programs, visit the College of Medicine campus, and participate in clinical observation experiences.

### Admissions Time Line

#### Filing of Application:

- Earliest Date – December 1  
(year preceding expected college enrollment)
  - Deadline Date – February 4  
(year expected college enrollment)
- Applications must be postmarked February 4, and received by February 13

#### Letters of Recommendation:

- Earliest Date – December 1  
(year preceding expected college enrollment)
  - Deadline Date – February 4  
(year expected college enrollment)
- Letters of recommendation must be postmarked February 4, and received by February 13

#### Personal Interviews:

- Late March (year of expected college enrollment)
- Applicants are invited for personal interview based upon their competitiveness in the screening process. Interview sessions are conducted on a Thursday in late March, beginning in College Station, Texas, and concluding in Temple, Texas.

An interview by the College of Medicine's Admissions Committee is required for selection, and the process of admitting applicants to the program is selective.

#### Tender of Acceptance:

- April 15 (high school students - year of expected college enrollment)
- June (Notification of acceptance will be made to college students in June after completion of the spring term of the freshman year.)

Enrollment is limited to a total of 15 students.

So, if you are up for the challenge and would like to receive an application, check with your counselor at your High School. If they are unaware of this program, more information on the Partnership for Primary Care Program is available from:

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