

Undergraduate Health Sciences Academy at Morehouse School of Medicine



Learning Today for Leadership Tomorrow

The Undergraduate Health Sciences Academy (UHSA) at Morehouse School of Medicine was created in response to the growing need for health care professionals in Georgia's underserved urban and rural communities.

The program recruits current undergraduate students matriculating in the Atlanta University Center Consortium (AUCC). Through STEM courses and other interventions, the academy's goal is to add to Georgia's healthcare workforce while also diversifying that workforce in the state and nation.

Objectives are to improve students' critical thinking and problem solving skills, enhance standardized test preparation, and provide science-enriched coursework to foster new interest in medicine and health professions.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria by the application deadline:

- Current enrollment at one of the AUCC institutions: Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College or Spelman College.
- Completion of 12-24 credit hours of post-secondary education at time of application submission.
- Declared a major in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Mathematics with an expressed interest in health care or biomedical sciences.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).
- Be nominated by a current faculty member.



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Educational Guidance and Benefits

Students selected to the Academy receive the following:

- Tuition scholarship
- Graduate and professional test preparation
- Summer externship/shadowing opportunities
- Mentorship
- Laptop loan program
- Access to tutoring

Program Requirements

To maintain eligibility in the program, Academy students **must**:

- Attend all required UHSA meetings
- Consent to tracking, (e.g., transcripts and test scores)
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA

Applications will be available on October 17, 2016. Please direct all inquiries to UHSA.MSM@gmail.com or call (404) 756-5728.

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Tia Villeral is executive director of the Undergraduate Health Sciences Academy at Morehouse School of Medicine. She believes priming the health education pipeline with underrepresented students means shepherding future health leaders via advising, mentoring and guidance so they become self-regulated learners—and “so they’re sure to get where they’re going” career-wise. Villeral, who took a self-described circuitous route in her own profession, holds a doctor of optometry and a bachelor’s of science in ocular science, both from Salus University in Pennsylvania; and a bachelor’s of science in biology from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta.