

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

An application is complete and ready for review when all of the following materials have been received:

- 1 Completed application form.  
It is available on our website:  
[www.medstudent.ucla.edu/prospective](http://www.medstudent.ucla.edu/prospective) –  
click on premedical programs, click on PREP
- 2 Two letters of recommendation, one from a science professor and one from a premedical advisor or employer
- 3 Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- 4 Copy of your financial aid award letter from your undergraduate institution for the current year
- 5 Personal essay of 2-3 pages describing your personal, family and community background; your motivation for a medical career; what you have done to develop your interest and knowledge of modern medicine; and what you envision yourself contributing through your career
- 6 An index card that includes a wallet-size photo (attached), with your name, local and permanent address, and phone number.

Finalists will be granted an interview. A telephone interview will be arranged for applicants who are *not* within a radius of 50 miles.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ **March 1<sup>st</sup>** Deadline for application form, essay, transcripts, letters, financial aid award letter, 2 x 2 photo on an index card. Application materials *not* postmarked by this date will not be considered.
- ✓ **May 1<sup>st</sup>** - Participants are notified of acceptance
- ✓ **May 15<sup>th</sup>** - Students' confirmation of acceptance and completed paperwork for volunteer services
- ✓ **May 30<sup>th</sup>** - Registration and information packet sent
- ✓ **June** - Program begins during the third week in June
- ✓ **August** - Program ends the first week in August



*"Great exposure during clinics and informative motivational guest speakers."*

*"I especially liked the Problem Based Learning sessions and presentations. Both were informative and involved active participation. I felt that I was able to retain more information when working on patient-case studies because we were expected to explain our hypothesis."*

*"I've learned that I am an "A" student."*

*"I learned everything that happens in life is an opportunity – it is my job to see why this opportunity is given to me."*

*"People in this program (staff & students) helped me mentally believe I can accomplish anything I want. I have learned so much from the PREP Program. I know I am a Winner. I am a work in progress. I believe that I will be a doctor!"*

## UCLA PREP

### PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

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# UCLA PREP

PREMEDICAL/PREDENTAL  
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

David Geffen  
School of Medicine  
at UCLA

Office of Academic  
Enrichment & Outreach

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

**UCLA PREP** aims to provide premedical and pre dental students from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a means of strengthening their ability and readiness to study medicine and dentistry. **UCLA PREP** is an intensive, seven-week summer program where students are exposed to the rigors of academic medicine, with hands-on clinical preceptorships in clinical and research settings. The program is enhanced by students being mentored in intimate structured cluster groups by trained teaching assistants, themselves accomplished medical students. As a result of full participation in **UCLA PREP**, participants will have enhanced their chances of being accepted to medical or dental school and succeeding once there.

- Since the charter class of 1982, UCLA PREP has had 820 student participants
- 88% of those who have applied to a health professional schools have been accepted
- Over 350 PREP alumni are practicing clinical, research or academic medicine throughout California and the nation
- 41% of PREP participants have identified themselves as Mexican/American, 30% have identified themselves as African American
- 65% of PREP participants are the first in their family to receive a college education
- Mean grade point averages increased significantly after participation in UCLA PREP

## ACADEMIC COMPONENTS

**UCLA PREP** is a seven week non-residential program. Students will work at a rigorous pace with a highly focused scope to prepare for the MCAT and DAT. Participants will engage in an extensive and lively classroom review of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Verbal Reasoning. Beyond learning and reinforcing scientific facts, participants learn to manipulate and integrate the information through analytical thinking. To further enhance the classroom experience, participants are assigned to small study groups led by medial and dental students. In addition, students are introduced to problem based learning through the investigation of patient case histories. Students' success is enhanced by intensive workshops covering reading, writing and critical thinking. These skills, which are improved during the summer, have considerable value throughout the student's academic and professional life.

## ALUMNI

During the years since the charter class of 1982, **UCLA PREP** has become a nationally respected program with outstanding success. **UCLA PREP** alumni are attending medical and other health professions schools throughout the nation.

The top medical schools PREP alumni attend are:

**David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA**  
(over 100 students)

**Charles R. Drew University/UCLA**

**Harvard Medical School**

**Howard College of Medicine**

**Keck School of Medicine at USC**

**UC Davis School of Medicine**

**UC Irvine School of Medicine**

**UC San Diego School of Medicine**

**UC San Francisco School of Medicine**

**University of Illinois College of Medicine**

**University of Iowa College of Medicine**

**University of Michigan Medical School**

**Western University of Health Sciences**

The top dental schools PREP alumni attend are:

**Harvard School of Dental Medicine**

**Loma Linda School of Dentistry**

**UCLA School of Dentistry**

**UC San Francisco School of Dentistry**

**USC School of Dentistry**

*Note: PREP is not a test preparation program and applicants are advised that independent study time is limited.*



## CAREER GUIDANCE AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



Through individual counseling, guest lectures and personal development workshops, including topics such as: Study Skills and Time Management, Financial Planning, Application Procedures and Strategies, Interviewing Skills, Networking, Integrative Medicine, and Issues of Modern Medicine; participants are able to more realistically prepare themselves to successfully reach their goals. The most critical of these are the "Life Management" series and the ongoing values clarification sessions called "A Winner...You." Both create a safe venue for participants to explore their inner calling or motivation, and to eliminate barriers to actualizing their goals.

## CLINICAL PRECEPTORSHIPS

Participants are assigned to observe practicing physicians, dentists and medical researchers performing the typical functions of their profession. The clinical settings range from any of the UCLA affiliated hospitals and clinics to private practice settings, community clinics and health maintenance organizations. This invaluable experience allows PREP students to interact with established practitioners who are addressing the constantly changing challenges of modern medicine. Students can project themselves into a variety of roles and can make more realistic self-evaluations of their own motivation and intentions surrounding their career choice. In addition, many mentorship relationships grow from these experiences.

## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for UCLA PREP, candidates must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1 Be from a disadvantaged background or medically underserved community
- 2 Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- 3 Have one year of biology and or chemistry completed by the time the program begins with a grade of C or better
- 4 Minimum 2.5 science GPA for freshmen and sophomores
- 5 Minimum 2.8 science GPA for juniors and above

*(Priority will be given to CA residents)*

*Note: If you have previously applied to medical school or dental school, you are not eligible for PREP, please explore post baccalaureate and re-applicant programs.*

## FEES

There is no tuition for participation. Participants will be awarded a stipend determined by the availability of funds.

*Note: PREP does not offer credit and students are responsible for their own accommodations and transportation. Participants in PREP are not allowed to work outside of the program.*