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# Minority Rural Health Pipeline Program

The College of Community Health Sciences of The University of Alabama is pleased to announce the Minority Rural Health Pipeline Program for rural students who plan to apply to medical school.

## What is MRHPP?

The **Minority Rural Health Pipeline Program** was established in 2000 to increase the number of rural minority students who qualify for admission to medical school through the UA Rural Medical Scholars Program of The University of Alabama and the University of Alabama School of Medicine.

## When and Where is the Program?

For the 2002 session, students will live on campus in Tuscaloosa at **The University of Alabama, June 2 - July 19**, and participate in classes, tutorials, and field trips.

**Who is eligible?** Students from rural areas of Alabama who will have graduated from high school and plan to enter college in the following academic year are eligible to apply. Ten students will be accepted in the program each year. Participants will be enrolled at The University of Alabama in the summer of 2002 but do not have to attend The University of Alabama in the academic year.

## What Will Students Do in MRHPP?

Students will participate in classes, tutorials, seminars and other activities designed to enhance their knowledge and test taking skills in areas for which proficiency is required to achieve competitive scores on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). you will also have the opportunity to make some close friendships with other students who have similar goals to yours, and the peer support that will develop from these friendships will help sustain your motivation and determination in whatever challenges you may face. Participants may earn up to 6 hours of college credit during the seven weeks of the program.

## What Support Do Students Receive?

Tuition, room and board will be provided for all MRHPP participants. Participants also receive a \$1400 stipend for the seven-week program.



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Students in the 2001 Minority Rural Health Pipeline Program gather on the quad during an English class discussion. They are in front of the Chemistry Building where they take a UA chemistry class for college credit. They also discuss current events, take field trips, and shadow practicing physicians.

**For information or applications, contact:**

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