

Service Learning Opportunities at The University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

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Medical schools should make available sufficient opportunities for medical students to participate in service-learning activities and should encourage and support student participation. Liaison Committee on Medical Education Standard IS-14-A (Effective 7/1/08).

The Urban Health Project

The UHP is a student-run non-profit organization offering up to 20 paid eight-week summer internships to medical students who have finished the first year of medical school. Various experiences are available in clinics, shelters, and social services agencies in the Greater Cincinnati area. Two student directors for UHP learn administration and leadership skills while running a non-profit organization. All students gain an understanding of cultural, socioeconomic and environmental health factors. Begun in 1986 by medical students, the UHP has run continuously for 22 years. It received the University of Cincinnati Just Community Award and Spirit of Service Award and was nominated for the Health Care Heroes Award by the Business Courier.



Medical Volunteers of University of Cincinnati

MEDVOUC is a student organization that provides basic health care to the underserved community in Greater Cincinnati while also increasing medical student exposure to clinical skills. First and second year students volunteer at the Drop-Inn Center, a shelter for the homeless in an urban neighborhood, the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter and a Runaway Shelter to provide basic health care and engender social responsibility to future physicians through service opportunity and education. In 2006, MEDVOUC initiated a major TB testing and surveillance program in collaboration with Hamilton County TB Control, Job & Family Services.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association
- Bone Marrow Drive
- Community Health Education & Outreach Association
- Drop-Inn Center Mural Project
- Spanish/Latino Health Issues Club
- Community Health Fairs in Latino communities
- Student National Medical Association (SNMA)
- Study Skills Tutorial
- Women's Shelter Toiletory Drive

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Amazonus Project, Brazil
- Shoulder-to-Shoulder, Honduras
- Tanzania Outreach Brigade, Tanzania



DOC (Doctors Ought To Care) TALKS

DOC Talks provides medical students a chance to interact with children in neighborhoods surrounding the Greater Cincinnati area. Volunteers go into public school classrooms to educate elementary, middle and high school students about such topics as gun violence prevention, sexual responsibility, nutrition, alcohol and tobacco awareness and bike and car safety. DOC Talks is committed to influencing children in a positive manner in order to help them make intelligent decisions about their health and well-being. Students learn various pedagogical approaches, to promote health education.



UC Med Mentors

UC Med Mentors provides medical students with a chance to reach out to the youth of Cincinnati through the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative. Students are matched with a same-sex mentee from grades K-12 in the Cincinnati Public School System. A portion of each meeting between mentor and mentee is dedicated to working on academics (i.e., homework, reading together, computer literacy). Grant monies are available for cultural and social events and purchasing books. Approximately 25% of the student body participates in UC Med Mentors. A Medical Student Scholars Program in Poverty, Justice and Health is in the planning phase with faculty from Cincinnati Children's Medical Center to provide participating students with academic credit.



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