

# MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY - HEALTH CAREERS PROGRAM (HCP)

## General Description

The Health Careers Program (HCP) prepares highly motivated and academically capable students from financially and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity for admission to health professions schools (medical, dental, optometry, podiatry, osteopathic and veterinary) and other careers in the sciences.

## Program Activities

Six-Week Summer Program	Tutoring Services
Collaborative Learning	Recitation Sessions
Academic Advisement	Individual and Group Counseling
Lecture Series	Field Experiences
Research Experiences	Peer Mentoring
Financial Assistance	Summer Externships

## Health Careers Program Requirements

- High School seniors who are highly motivated and academically capable from financially and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Demonstrated potential, competence and interest in science and mathematics.
- Must have taken laboratory science, biology and chemistry (minimum) and Algebra I & II and Geometry (minimum).
- Must have earned a “B” average (3.0) GPA or above.
- A minimum “B” average in science and mathematics.
- Median class rank or higher.
- SAT score - Evidence Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics reviewed in conjunction with science and mathematics courses taken, GPA and class rank.
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade reading level or above.
- Command of the English language.
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident with New Jersey residency.
- Satisfactory performance on diagnostic/placement tests.
- Personal interview with applicant and parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Submit three letters of recommendation, including letters from teachers of mathematics, science and English (unless otherwise specified).

## Eight-Year Combined BS/MD Program

Select students in the Health Careers Program are eligible for the Eight-Year Combined BS/MD Program. Students in the program will have four years of full-time study majoring in biology, chemistry, biochemistry or molecular biology. After successful completion of **all** program requirements at MSU, the student automatically advances Rutgers - New Jersey Medical School (R-NJMS).

## Eligibility

- High School seniors who are highly motivated and academically capable from financially and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident with New Jersey residency.
- Must have earned a “B” average (3.0) GPA or above.
- A minimum “B” average in science and mathematics.
- Class rank in the top 10 percent.

- SAT score – Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics composite of 1100 or above, with at least 550 on both Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Mathematics Sections in a single test administration.
- A maximum of five letters of recommendation, with at least one each from teachers of mathematics, science and English.
- Demonstrate motivation, maturity and understanding of the demands of a health professions career during the in-person interview accompanied by parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Must interview with HCP and R-NJMS admissions committees.

### **Application Process**

- Submit application for General Admission to Montclair State University.
- Submit official copies of your high school transcript and SAT scores.
- Submit three letters of recommendation, including letters from mathematics, science and English teachers (unless otherwise specified).
- Submit an essay/personal statement that includes career goals.
- Personal interview with applicant and parent(s)/guardian(s) with Health Careers Program Committee at MSU.

### **Application Deadline**

- Health Careers Program: March 1st
- Eight-Year Combined Program: December 15th

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