The High School Careers in Medicine Workshop (HSCMW) provides academic and career counseling, as well as mentoring, to rising high school seniors from underrepresented backgrounds. The program is designed to enhance interest in medicine by exposing participants to a teaching-learning environment and nurturing the skills that will help them pursue careers in the medical field.

HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS IN MEDICINE WORKSHOP

LEARNING BY DOING

This seven-week, nonresidential program on the University of Miami’s Coral Gables campus provides opportunities for hands-on learning, including in-depth laboratory sessions, as well as strong focus on community diversity and cultural issues related to health care. The college-prep curriculum includes selected topics in anatomy, cellular and molecular biology, language arts, sociocultural anthropology, and a course on applying to college—all taught in ways that demonstrate relevance to the study of medicine.
ELIGIBILITY
The program is open to students who have successfully completed their junior year of high school and will be entering the 12th grade in the following academic year. The admissions committee selects the top 25 applicants who demonstrate that they will benefit from participation and are competitive for college admission to pursue the study of medicine or other health fields. Other criteria include:

- Must be one of the following:
  - African American/Black
  - Asian
  - Hispanic/Latino
  - Native American/Alaskan Native
  - Multi-ethnic

- Must also be one of the following:
  - First-generation college student
  - Raised by a single or divorced parent
  - From a low-income family

- Goal of entering medical, dental, osteopathic, chiropractic, pharmacy, podiatry, optometry, or veterinary school

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

- FCAT scores in reading and math of Level 3 or better

- Completion of a high school chemistry and a high school biology course with grades of B or better

APPLICATION PROCESS
The application is available online at www.miami.edu/hsworkshop.

Applications should be submitted with the accompanying documents:

- Complete official academic transcript(s) of all high school studies

- Written essay on educational and professional goals, minimum of 400 words

- A letter of recommendation from one science teacher and your guidance counselor

Completed applications must be received in the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, address below, by Friday, April 18, 2014. The program runs Monday, June 16 through Friday, August 1, 2014. One hundred percent attendance and participation is required. Cost of all books, supplies, and transportation is covered by the program.

2013 High School Careers in Medicine Workshop: A seven-week interactive curriculum gave these high school seniors a firsthand introduction to topics related to the study of medicine and other health fields.

“I felt a sense of unity between us as we all dressed into our scrubs together and walked to the anatomy lab. Our time in the lab was spent not only absorbing hands-on knowledge of the human body but visualizing our plans for college and eventually medical school.”

Franklin Rodriguez, Jr.
2013 High School Careers in Medicine Workshop participant

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