Medical School Preparatory Enhancement Program

The MSPEP is a preparation program sponsored by the UC Davis School of Medicine’s Office of Student and Resident Diversity. This program is designed to assist educationally and/or socio-economically disadvantaged students to prepare both to apply to medical school and to successfully complete the MCAT exam. The MSPEP consists of two parts. Part I will be during winter and spring quarter when a 2 unit course will be offered. The seminar will be a weekly course, Wednesday 3:30-5:00pm. Part II is an intensive MCAT prep through the Davis Kaplan Center in Davis, CA. The MCAT course will be held during June-September 2012. Both Part I and Part II of this program are mandatory. All participants must take the September 2012 exam. Part I will be taught by Dr. Darin Latimore with guest speakers and Part II will be taught by a Kaplan instructor. Part I Seminar classes will be held at the UCD Davis School of Medicine Education Building in Sacramento, CA. Part II will be held in Davis, CA.

Participants must meet the following criteria:

- Currently registered Juniors or Seniors at University of California, Davis or California State University Sacramento during the winter/ spring quarter or spring semester;

- Be in good academic standing;

- Have completed all medical school prerequisites by summer 2012;

- Qualify as an educationally and/or socio-economically disadvantaged student;

- Show evidence of commitment to a medically underserved community;

- Qualify for financial aid. College financial aid award letter will be required to verify, (A printed SIS web document is sufficient and must accompany your application);

- A minimum BCPM GPA 2.75;

- Provide a letter of recommendation; (supervisor, professor or mentor);

- Provide a copy of your most recent transcripts including Fall Quarter/Semester 2011 grades,

- Provide a copy of your current resume;

- Completed application and responses to five short essay questions;

- Be able to attend all MCAT prep classes in the summer and be able to devote an additional 12 hours a week for preparation and study. We discouraged participants from taking summer school classes or working during MCAT prep course.

A stipend will be allocated to students for living expenses.
Student Application Form

DEADLINE: October 31st, 2011

Name: ____________________________________________ (first) (middle init.) (last)

Grade level in Fall 2011 (circle one): Junior Senior Graduated

Home address: ____________________________________________________________

street  city  zip code

Home phone number: ____________________________  Cell phone: ____________________________

Email address: ____________________________________________________________

Current Major: ________________________________  Total Cumulative GPA: _____________

Premedical requirements: (Please fill in with the courses taken, grade, and units per class; quarter students 3 courses, semester students 2 courses):

1 year Biology ____________  ____________  ____________
1 year Chemistry ____________  ____________  ____________
1 year Organic Chemistry ____________  ____________  ____________
1 year of Physics ____________  ____________  ____________
1 year college level Math ____________  ____________  ____________
1 year college level English ____________  ____________  ____________
.5 year Biology with Lab ____________

When do you plan to apply to medical school? ______________________________________

Are you currently employed (paid)? Y or N  How many hours a week ________________

I will be able to attend all class sessions and seminars? ____________________________

(Please Sign)

I am currently receiving financial aid? Y or N ____________________________

(Please Sign)

(Once selected you will need to submit a copy of your financial aid award letter)

Have you ever taken the MCAT?  Yes or No  If so, what were your scores: ______________

What group(s) do you identify with? (Optional Please circle all that apply)

African American  American Indian/ Native American  Asian American  Caucasian  Latino/Latina  LGBTIQ  Other __________________________

In order to assist you in becoming a competitive applicant the Office of Diversity’s staff will review both your Kaplan’s attendance and records weekly. Signing here indicates that I give the Office of Diversity the authority to review all my Kaplan records.

(Please Sign)
Please answer the following five questions: (You may add additional sheets but keep each response to no more than one page and a font size larger than 10.)

1. Why should you be selected to participate in the Medical School Preparatory Enhancement Program?

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2. Describe a difficult situation you have had to overcome in your life or during your college academic experience. How do you feel this has prepared you for a career in medicine?

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3. Please describe activities that you have done that demonstrated your commitment to providing services to individuals from economically and medically disadvantaged communities.

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4. You have identified yourself either as a socio-economically or educational disadvantaged applicant, please provide a brief statement of explanation. Describe the impact being disadvantaged has had on your accomplishments to date and your anticipated future in medicine.

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5. The major medical issue in my community is? The societal determinants that contribute are?

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All materials must arrive in our office October 31st, 2011. Late applications will not be considered. Any questions call (916) 734-1829. Applications should be sent to the following address:

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