**SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

Seminars and demonstrations provide opportunities for UK PEPP Scholars to interact with health professionals and patients. The program also explores ethical issues, encourages introspection, and welcomes spirited discourse. At every opportunity, the importance of compassion towards others, is emphasized.

These include but are not limited to:
- Medical & Dental Admissions Preparation
- Interview, Application, Personal Statement preparation
- Organ transplants
- Genetic defects
- Cancer
- Rural Health Disparities & Practice
- Hypnosis
- Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
- Disabilities
- Medical Missions
- Legal Topics in Medicine
- Medical/Hospital Ethics and Issues
- Therapeutic Massage
- Alzheimer’s Disease & Dementia
- Presentations from Medical & Dental School Faculty

**COST FOR PARTICIPATION**

The cost of UK PEPP II is $750.00, payable upon acceptance to the program.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must be Kentucky residents whose permanent (home) residence is in one of the medical or dental shortage counties listed on our website. These students are given preference, but non-eligible county students are welcomed to apply. If you are from a non-eligible PEPP county your cost is $1500.00. All applicants must have completed at least two years of college. Applicants must have completed two semesters of general chemistry with labs and two semesters of biology with labs. It is preferred (but not required) that applicants will also have completed two semesters of organic chemistry with labs at the time of participation. In certain cases, students who need to take a summer school class may be allowed to do so while attending PEPP II but only if they are online only.

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OVERVIEW

PEPP is a four-week residential summer program administered by the Professional Education Preparation Program at the University of Kentucky. This program is designed to prepare students from medical and dental shortage counties of Kentucky for the admissions process for medical and dental school and to provide clinical experiences in Medicine and Dentistry. PEPP II is funded by the Dean’s Office of the University Of Kentucky College Of Medicine, with supplemental funding provided by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, through the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. Program materials, dormitory housing, and a small stipend to assist with meals are provided.

ACADEMICS

During your time here you will receive many opportunities for enrichment. We offer courses in MCAT / DAT prep, Biochemistry / Organic Chemistry, Sociology, and Psychology.

MCAT / DAT PREP: This a course taught by a past participant that scored in the top 15% of the test. This class hits all the major points to help kick start your studies for the MCAT / DAT. A practice exam is provided.

Biochemistry / Organic Chemistry: Dr. Susan Campbell, a favorite among students, teaches a fun and very beneficial course to help prepare students for the MCAT / DAT and college coursework.

Sociology: Dr. Mairead Moloney, compiles a MCAT specific course that prepares students for the MCAT. Her course is very interactive and is a great addition.

Psychology: Dr. Nathan DeWall, constructed a specific MCAT psychology crash course to better prepare students for the new section of the MCAT.

MEDICAL/DENTAL EXPERIENCE

Hospital and Clinical Rotations at the UK Chandler Medical Center and at the UK Hospital and Clinics are a very important part of the PEPP II experience. Participants will have rotations in:

- Operating Room
- Emergency Department
- Pediatrics
- Labor and Delivery

as well as visits to Cardinal Hill Hospital, Special Needs Camps for Children. Pre-dental students will also observe and shadow faculty, dental students, and patients in the UK Dental Clinics, including Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the Urgent Care Clinic. Participants will also have hands-on experiences in the Minimally Invasive Surgery Lab, where you will get to practice laparoscopic surgery techniques. A suture clinic, provided by Kaplan, teaches you three of the most common sutures and allows you to practice on pigs feet!