NACOE Mission & Goals

The mission of the Native American Center of Excellence (NACOE) at the University of Montana College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences is to facilitate the identification, recruitment, retention, and professional development of American Indian/Alaska Natives students who are interested in pursuing careers in pharmacy and/or health care delivery. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the NACOE offers a wide variety of activities and programs that contribute to the student’s overall academic performance and development. NACOE is also dedicated to increasing the number of American Indian faculty members in schools of pharmacy and the pharmaceutical sciences.

Goals:
- To be a central minority health education resource for students and faculty.
- To facilitate research opportunities for students and faculty on Indian Health Issues.
- To develop a lecture series, providing students, faculty and professionals opportunities to learn about healthcare needs of minority groups.
- To provide cultural competency training for all students, faculty and staff in Skaggs School of Pharmacy.

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PATHWAY TO PHARM.D. (P2PD)

Summer Pre-matriculation Program

An Enrichment Program for Students Transitioning into Pharmacy School

July 6—August 3, 2016
Tuition Cost

There are no tuition costs to participate in P2PD. Native American/Alaska Native students will receive a weekly stipend and travel expenses.

Eligibility

Underrepresented minorities and American Indian/Alaska Native students who have been accepted into a professional pharmacy program for the 2016-2017 academic year are encouraged to apply.

Apply

Complete the online application by May 1, 2016 at:
http://nacoe.health.umt.edu/programs/P2PD/default.php

P2PD Program

In summer 2016, the Native American Center of Excellence will host a four-week pre-matriculation program at the University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy, a program designed specifically for students entering pharmacy school. P2PD is a unique educational opportunity for underrepresented minorities and American Indian/Alaska Native students who have been admitted into a professional pharmacy program for the 2016-2017 academic year. P2PD is designed to academically prepare students for their first year of a professional pharmacy program.

The goal of the program is to facilitate students’ transition into pharmacy school by providing academic and social support. P2PD is especially helpful to students who are not accustomed to an intensive academic program since it provides a preview of the pharmacy school environment and curriculum. Students admitted into the program will enter their first year of pharmacy school with not only improved self-confidence but also knowledge, which is essential to be a scholar and leader in pharmacy school and beyond.