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**UAMS Northwest Regional Campus Accepting Applications  
for Free Summer Health Careers Program**

FAYETTEVILLE — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Northwest Regional Campus is now accepting applications from junior high and high school students who are interested in exploring careers in health care

Students who will be entering eighth, ninth or 10<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible for a one-week intensive Community Health Applied in Medical Public Service (CHAMPS) program. Students who will be entering the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible for a two-week, intensive Medical Applications of Science for Health (MASH) program. There is no cost for students accepted to the programs.

The CHAMPS program is June 8-12 on the UAMS Fayetteville campus. The deadline to apply is May 15. Applications for the CHAMPS program may be picked up in a junior or senior high school counselor's office or online at <https://regionalprograms.uams.edu/regional-campuses/uams-northwest/recruitment/c-h-a-m-p-s/>

The MASH program is June 15-26 on the UAMS Fayetteville campus and June 8-19 at Mercy Medical Center in Rogers. The deadline to apply is March 13. Applications for the MASH program may be picked up in a senior high school counselor's office or online at <https://regionalprograms.uams.edu/regional-campuses/uams-northwest/recruitment/mash/>.

During the programs, students will participate in hands-on activities, including dissection, casting/suturing, CPR training and much more. MASH participants can also earn CPR certification. All students will visit with health professionals in family and internal medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, pediatrics, physical/occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, radiology, radiation therapy, and ophthalmology to learn more about these professions.

Additionally, students will visit Northwest Arkansas Community College, the University of Arkansas, and John Brown University to learn about college entrance requirements,

support programs and the various pathways to a medical education and a health care career. All MASH participants are encouraged to participate in a graduation ceremony.

The CHAMPS and MASH programs have been made possible thanks to support from a partnership that includes UAMS Regional Campuses, Arkansas Farm Bureau and the UAMS Northwest Regional Campus.

“One of the missions of UAMS is to educate and train the next generation of health care providers,” said Pearl McElfish, Ph.D., vice chancellor for the UAMS Northwest Regional Campus. “Obviously that includes all of the health sciences colleges that we have on our Fayetteville campus. And by exposing junior high and high school students to the many health care profession options that are available to them, we hope to inspire these young, bright minds to pursue a career in health care.”

For questions about the program, contact Ana Sanchez, UAMS Northwest Regional Campus pre-health professions recruiter, at (479) 684-5177 or [apsanchez@uams.edu](mailto:apsanchez@uams.edu).

UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS’ clinical enterprise including its hospital, regional clinics and clinics it operates or staffs in cooperation with other providers. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. *U.S. News & World Report* named UAMS Medical Center the state’s Best Hospital; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide; and named six areas as high performing — cancer, colon cancer surgery, heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and lung cancer surgery. UAMS has 2,727 students, 870 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state’s largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health.

The UAMS Northwest Regional Campus includes 250 medical, pharmacy, nursing and health professions students, 50 medical and pharmacy residents, and 1,000 community-based faculty. The campus has nine clinics including a student-led clinic and physical, occupational and speech therapy. Faculty conduct research to reduce health disparities. Visit [www.uams.edu](http://www.uams.edu) or [www.uamshealth.com](http://www.uamshealth.com). Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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