Selection and Acceptance Procedures:
Eligible students will receive a personal invitation and application packet. The first 24 students to complete and return the following materials will reserve their place in the Pre-matriculation program.

~ Signed Intent to Participate Form
~ Participation Information Form
~ W-9 form (for stipend purposes only)
~ Administrative Processing Fee of $75

Participants receive a stipend to help defray costs.

Mandatory Fees:
Administrative Processing Fee $75

Optional Fees:
On-Campus Parking (estimated) $40
Books (estimated) $200

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The 6 week summer program is designed to facilitate the academic, social, and environmental adjustment of incoming Augusta University Medical and Dental students. Pre-matriculation students participate in introductory classes on first-year curriculum, seminars on strategies for academic success, and modules on clinical skill development. Eligible students will receive a personal invitation to the program after being accepted to the Medical College of Georgia or Dental College of Georgia. Participants receive a stipend to cover living expenses and books. Tuition, optional on-campus housing as well as the health, technology, and wellness center fees are covered by the AU Medical College of Georgia. Participation in the program is a great way to adjust to the rigors of medical or dental school before the semester officially begins.

Pre-matriculation spaces are limited!
Introduction

**Mission and Vision:**

The Office of Student & Multicultural Affairs (OSMA) is dedicated to supporting all students achieve their full potential, diversifying the physician workforce, and providing leadership in diversity and cultural competence to the MCG faculty, staff, students, residents, and community.

**Goals of the OSMA Pipeline Programs:**

The goals that encompass all of the Office of Student & Multicultural Affairs Pipeline Programs are to: 1.) Increase the number of students from underrepresented, non-traditional, and/or economically disadvantaged backgrounds choosing and entering careers in the health care professions; 2.) Identify, educationally prepare, and facilitate the entry, enrollment, and graduation of diverse students who aspire to enter the health professions at Augusta University.

**Objectives of the Pre-matriculation Program:**

Begun in 1980, the main objectives of the Pre-matriculation Program are to: 1.) Facilitate the academic, social, and environmental adjustment of incoming Augusta University students 2.) Familiarize students with educational opportunities and curriculum at Augusta University 3.) Assist with the transition of program participants into their respective health professional schools, resulting in retention and graduation from the Medical College of Georgia and Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University.

The Program

**Benefits of Participating:**

As a Pre-matriculation Program participant, you will gain important knowledge and skills to help you be successful in your respective health profession. You will receive:

~ An introduction to important aspects of the first-year curriculum through intensive classes
~ Specialized seminars from Augusta University leadership & faculty focused on strategies that facilitate success in, and graduation from, a health professions program
~ Exposure to standardized patients
~ Interaction and networking opportunities with administrators, faculty, enrolled students, and peers
~ Familiarization with the campus and Augusta
~ Variety of social events and activities

**Housing:**

Students may choose to live on campus in a shared residence hall room or off campus at a residence of their choosing. Shared on-campus housing is provided by the program. Past participants have stated that being moved into Augusta early helped reduce stress and familiarized them with the area. The Pre-matriculation Program and on-campus housing end July 21st, and first-year medical school orientation begins July 30th.

**Financial Support and Program Fees:**

Program participants receive stipends that help defray the cost of books, fees, living expenses, etc. Receipt of the final portion of the stipend is contingent upon participants earning an overall average of “C” or above for the final course grades.

Curriculum

**General Curriculum and Offerings:**

The Pre-matriculation curriculum is designed to provide intense academic enrichment experiences that will challenge and prepare students. All program participants take intensive academic courses in: Neuroanatomy, Histology, and Biochemistry. Students will also get to work with standardized patients in the Physical Diagnosis course.

Additionally, all students will learn new skills and develop increased awareness of their strengths through the Educating the Whole Provider course. Participants will gain insight and network with leadership through the Faculty Grand Rounds series. A variety of teaching and learning styles are employed, including hands-on training, lecture, experiential exercises, group work, exams, etc.

**Medical Curriculum:**

Medical students also take Physiology as an additional academic course in preparation for the 1st year.

**Dental Curriculum:**

Dental students receive clinical exposure on topics such as Dental Anatomy, Chair-side Assisting, Prosthodontics, Occlusion, Operative, as well as other topics.

**Assessment:**

Participants are required to attend all classes and take all quizzes and/or exams so that progress can be thoroughly evaluated. Pre- and post-tests in each of the main academic areas are given at the beginning and the end of the program, in order to measure knowledge gain. Participants are required to pass courses with a “C” or above and complete program evaluations.