

Health Professional Mentoring (HPM) Program

FAQs

1. What are the criteria for admission into the program?

The University employs a holistic review process to assess applicants' readiness for the HPM Program. Factors influencing admission to the HPM program include the applicant's personal/life experience within diverse socioeconomic backgrounds and neighborhoods; time and service to disadvantaged populations; excellence in community service and leadership ability; and specific interest in health disparities. Achievements in science and math courses, strong letters of recommendation, a compelling essay, extracurricular activities, and awards/achievements will be considered. The program is currently limited to U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents.

2. What is the difference between the traditional pre-med track at UM and the HPM program?

The HPM program enriches the traditional pre-med track with its focus on intense mentoring and unique courses, which will be made available to students in the program.

3. What is the enriched curriculum planned for HPM?

Multigenerational mentoring by faculty, medical school students, and advanced undergraduates

Professional development activities

Monthly meetings with special guest speakers in the medical profession

Innovative curricula

- HHMI Integrative Biology/Chemistry Research Lab Course- HPM students in the 1st year will be enrolled in these labs and will do authentic research.
- Clinical Medicine Course- HPM students will be introduced to the art of diagnosis, appropriate treatment, and understanding of disease etiology. It will be taught by medical school faculty.
- MCAT course-This course will be part of the curriculum at no additional cost to HPM students

4. What are the requirements to stay in the HPM program?

Students must maintain a 3.5 GPA and participate in all program co-curricular activities.

5. Can a student choose a non-science major?

Yes. Students may choose any major as long as they complete the prerequisites for medical school admissions. The Medical School Admissions Requirements (MSAR) should be used as a guide for all medical school prerequisites and application process.

6. Can a HPM student be in more than one program (PRISM, Ronald A. Hammond Scholar, Foote Fellows)?

Yes

7. Is admission to Miller School of Medicine guaranteed?

No. However, HPM students in the general application pool should be very competitive for admission. The Miller School of Medicine will select a subgroup of HPM students in their junior year of undergraduate studies at the University of Miami for early acceptance based on their overall undergraduate cumulative GPA, cumulative GPA in science courses, extracurricular activities, clinical experience, recommendations from HPM program staff, and an interview with the Miller School of Medicine by invitation.

8. If you are in HPM do you have to attend Miller School of Medicine

No. Students may apply to any medical school of their choice. However, those students who are accepted for early admission in their junior year to Miller School of Medicine and agree to attend cannot apply to other medical schools.

9. What are the benefits of being in the HPM program?

The HPM program enriches students' preparation for careers in health care and will prepare students to be competitive applicants to any medical school of their choice upon completion of their bachelor's degree.