

health science academy

The Health Science Academy is a three-year after-school program, Sophomore through Senior year, designed to prepare historically disadvantaged and ethnically diverse high school students for college majors in science, pre-medicine, nursing, allied and public health fields and research. In partnership between the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, and local Brooklyn high schools, the Academy is training the next generation of health care providers and responding to the nation's chronic need for culturally competent health care workers. Since 1994, more than 800 young people have attended the Academy.

Program:

- 3-year commitment Sophomore through Senior year
- 2 hours a week for 13 weeks Fall and Spring semesters
- Designed for academically talented Students interested in pursuing careers in the Health Sciences (e.g. Medicine, Public Health, Nursing)
- Serves Students from racially/ethnically diverse groups, historically under-served and under-represented
- Is located in the only medical center and teaching hospital in Brooklyn, New York: SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

Participants will:

- Attend college-level courses in Anatomy and Health Disparities as well as Study and Research Skills
- Participate in dissections and other hands-on lab activities
- Have opportunities to attend local and out-of-town trips to health and science related exhibits and student-led conferences and presentations
- Have opportunities to participate in college preparatory activities including test preparation, college admissions, and financial aid workshops.

Benefits:

- Develop a foundation of basic knowledge and skills that supports successful pursuit of advanced education, including research and study skills
- Make health career decisions suited to your individual needs, aptitudes, abilities and career objectives
- Enhance your self-awareness
- Make new friendships with students from different high schools in Brooklyn
- Discover new ideas and interests that can make a difference in your community.

Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health - On December 3, 1992, two months before his death, Arthur Ashe announced the creation of the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health (AAIUH) in response to concerns about health care delivery in urban America. He knew that the disproportionate amount of illness and death from preventable diseases in our nation's multi-ethnic communities was not only caused by inadequate health care delivery, but also by late detection - the result of limited and, too often, culturally inappropriate health education information.

The Institute remains true to Arthur's vision by developing and implementing effective programs that encourage people to take a proactive approach to their health.

For more information please contact: 718.270.3101

"I could never forgive myself if I elected to live without humane purpose, without trying to help the poor and unfortunate, without recognizing that perhaps the purest joy in life, comes in trying to help others."

Arthur Ashe
July 10, 1943 - February 6, 1993



"Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can."