



Connecticut Area Health Education Centers
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Commonly Asked Questions

If I am selected for the Urban Service Track (UST), am I committed to a career in primary care?

There is no firm commitment to primary care. That having been said we do want to attract students having an interest in primary care but recognize that it is not feasible to commit students early in their careers to one particular area. We hope through exposure to providers and agencies providing such care, Urban Health Scholars will gain a healthy appreciation for the possibilities and rewards for a career in primary care.

How will enrichment activities provided to Urban Health Scholars impact my dental, medical, nursing and pharmacy curriculum?

The UST provides students with additional enrichment opportunities to strengthen their knowledge of issues and vulnerable populations in our urban communities. We have scheduled delivery of these activities with exam schedules in mind, as well as with the goal to not overwhelm student participants. Whenever possible, enrichment activities have been substituted for other curricular requirements, with permission of faculty from the respective schools so students can achieve such balance. For example, in the School of Medicine, whenever possible, Urban Health Scholars are placed at community health centers for their Student Continuity Practice.

What is my time commitment to the UST?

For the 2007-2008 academic year, we have a total of 4 learning retreats planned for Urban Health Scholars that are 3 hours in length (9/21/07, 11/9/07, 2/1/08 and 4/4/08), participation in the 2007 National Primary Care Week banquet (10/29) and community service activity (10/31, 1-5 p.m.), and 2 evening lectures (1 in the fall and 1 in the spring).

At each of the UST Learning Retreats students will learn about volunteer opportunities where they can develop their clinical skills while caring for underserved patient populations.

A group of Urban Health Scholars will also be selected to attend the annual Health Policy Forum for the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) which is traditionally held in March. Students and faculty members will fly to Washington, DC for 3 days.

What types of financial resources are available to students through UST?

Urban Health Scholars who elect to participate in a summer community research opportunity and/or public health course can make such arrangements through the UST Director. Typically students are awarded \$2,000 for a 6-week research experience and \$1,600 toward the cost of a 3 credit summer course. Student travel to the Health Policy Forum for the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) is also subsidized in part by the UST.



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