Post Baccalaureate Program
This graduate certificate program provides academic assistance, learning style assessment, and a practical working knowledge of the process of applying to and being accepted at a U.S. medical school. The goal of the program is to help participants increase their GPA and MCAT scores, improve their written medical school applications and interviewing skills, and provide baseline knowledge of general health care issues to improve participants’ chances of gaining admission to medical school. A rigorous multi-level MCAT preparation course is offered in the summer, which includes basic science review, test-taking strategies, practice and diagnostic tests, and group study sessions with UCSF medical students. In the fall and spring semesters, participants are required to take science courses at UC Berkeley Extension, and to maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA.

The program offers workshops on demystifying the application process, preparing a personal statement, asking for letters of recommendation, and interviewing techniques including video-taped practice interviews. This curriculum is enhanced by workshops in study skills, time management, and emotional well being. Participants are matched with a faculty mentor to help guide them through the application and academic processes.

Renowned members of the UCSF faculty give weekly seminars on various topics including careers in medicine, medical school curriculum, maldistribution of physicians in California, research in underserved communities, rural medicine, and medical ethics.

Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, underserved communities, or those with demonstrated interest in practicing medicine in underserved communities, are strongly encouraged to apply. An undergraduate degree from a U.S. college and California residency are required.

Admissions Workshop
March 21, 2015
This half-day workshop is open to all interested parties. It features presentations on the process of applying to medical school and developing a competitive application, and the School of Medicine Post Baccalaureate Program. The cost is $20 per person for early registration; $25 for late registration and walk-ins. To register, please complete the online registration as early as November: http://meded.ucsf.edu/outreach/medical-school-admissions-workshop.

For more information about these programs, please visit our website at http://meded.ucsf.edu/outreach

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