



GOALS & OBJECTIVES

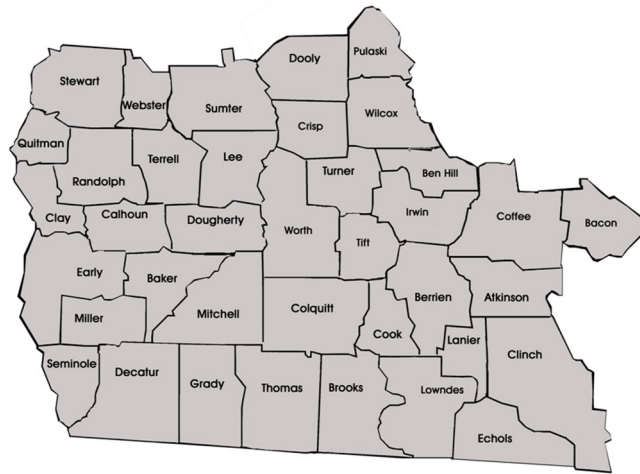
- Increase likelihood of being accepted into medical school
- Provide early exposure to primary care
- Encourage students to return to practice in southwest Georgia upon completion of medical education
- Provide exposure to community medicine
- Establish meaningful role models through mentor-student relationships
- Provide community and patient-centered primary care research experience

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

2008 National AHEC Organization Award for Excellence in Health Careers for the Pathway to Med School Program

2006 Outstanding Programming Award from the AAFP Foundation awarded to the GAFFP Foundation for its support of the Pathway to Med School Program

SOWEGA-AHEC'S 38 - COUNTY SERVICE AREA

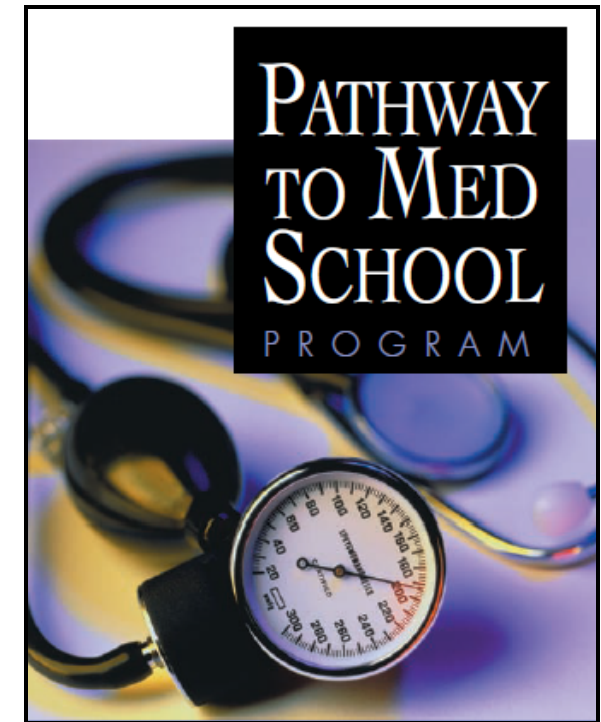


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Ben Hill	Decatur	Miller	Tift
Berrien	Dooly	Mitchell	Turner
Brooks	Dougherty	Pulaski	Webster
Calhoun	Early	Quitman	Wilcox
Clay	Echols	Randolph	Worth
Clinch	Grady	Seminole	
Coffee	Irwin	Stewart	



PATHWAY CLASS OF 2018

PATHWAY TO MED SCHOOL
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FAMILY MEDICINE
INTERNAL MEDICINE
OB-GYN
PEDIATRICS
GENERAL SURGERY

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Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Foundation (GAFFP)

Interested in becoming a primary care physician in Georgia?

The Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center (SOWEGA-AHEC), with support from Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc., and Phoebe Family Medicine Residency have developed the Pathway to Med School Program specifically for college students enrolled in a pre-med curriculum who plan to attend medical school and pursue the primary care specialties of:

- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- OB-GYN
- Pediatrics
- General Surgery

The program accepts only a limited number of students. It consists of shadowing primary care physicians and working on practice-based community research projects. Participation in the program enhances the student's ability to gain successful admission into medical school.

Opportunity to attend the Pathway to Med School Program exists at the SOWEGA-AHEC (Albany) and the Foothills AHEC (Gainesville).*

"I am so glad I took the time to apply to the Pathway program. It has changed my life!"
~Pathway Student 2017

The Pathway Program

The SOWEGA-AHEC Pathway to Med School Program is a 160-hour structured residential experience featuring 50% clinical shadowing and 40% community research. The remaining 10% of the program includes mock interviews, seminars and round-table discussions from a variety of healthcare professionals, and a medical school campus tour. This four-week summer program, including housing, is free. All experiences will take place in the SOWEGA-AHEC 38-county service area.

2004-2018 Historical Facts

- Number of Pathway Applicants: **610**
- Number of students who have completed the Pathway program: **127**
- Number of participants who have completed the med school application process: **98**
- Number of Pathway graduates who have been accepted to med school: **82**

Of the past 15 classes of Pathway graduates, **90%** who have applied to and received a reply from their applications have gained admittance into medical school.

This four-week summer program begins June 23 and ends July 26. Preference will be given to students from SOWEGA-AHEC's 38 counties.

"The Mock Interview practice gave me the confidence and preparation I needed to do well in my actual medical school interviews."

~Pathway Student 2015

Eligibility

Applicants to the SOWEGA-AHEC Pathway to Med School Program must:

- Be at least a rising college sophomore working on a pre-med curriculum
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA in science courses and an overall 3.0 GPA
- Be a legal Georgia resident and U.S. citizen enrolled in a Georgia college or university
- Write a 500-word essay entitled, "Why I am Interested in Serving Rural Populations as a Primary Care Physician"
- Have reliable transportation during the four-week program

How to Apply

Complete the online application at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTMS2019App>

The online application, essay, and all official transcripts must be received **no later than**

March 4, 2019.

Students will be notified of acceptance by the first week of April.

*Applicants can apply to only one of the two Georgia Pathway to Med School programs (SOWEGA-AHEC or Foothills AHEC). Applicants who apply to both will be disqualified and no longer considered for either program.

For More Information

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