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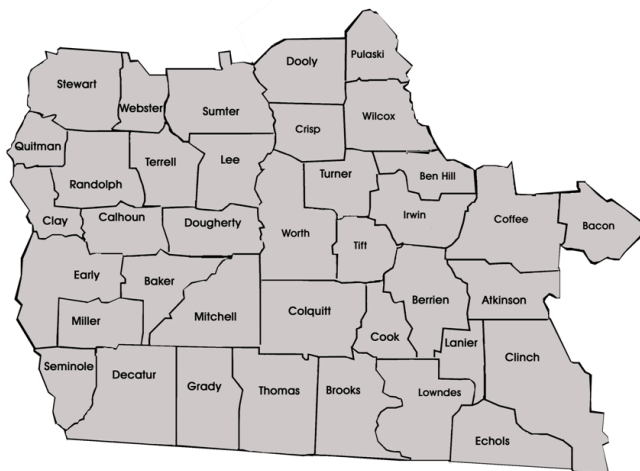
- Increase likelihood of being accepted into medical school
- Provide early exposure to primary care
- Encourage students to return to practice in southwest Georgia upon completion of medical education
- Provide exposure to community medicine
- Establish meaningful role models through mentor-student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

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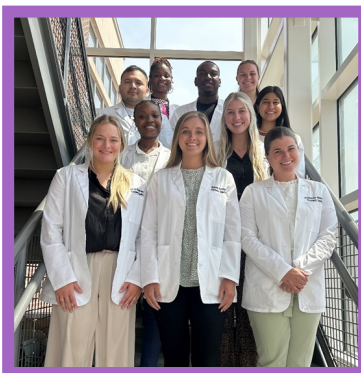
National AHEC Organization
Award for Excellence in Health Careers for the
Pathway to Med School Program

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

SOWEGA-AHEC'S 38 - COUNTY SERVICE AREA

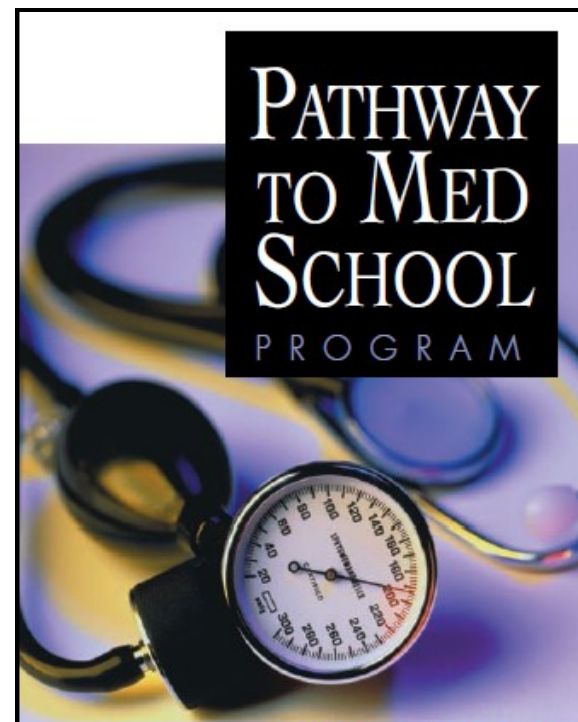


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| Clay | Grady | Stewart | |
| Clinch | Irwin | Sumter | |
| Coffee | Lanier | Terrell | |
| Colquitt | Lee | Thomas | |



PATHWAY CLASS OF 2023

PATHWAY TO MED SCHOOL
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PATHWAY TO MED SCHOOL PROGRAM

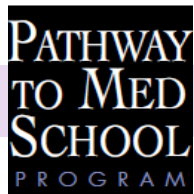
FAMILY MEDICINE
INTERNAL MEDICINE
OB-GYN
PEDIATRICS
GENERAL SURGERY

A COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE COORDINATED BY



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Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Foundation (GAFF)



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, 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 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

The Pathway Program

The SOWEGA-AHEC Pathway to Med School Program is a 180-hour structured residential experience featuring 50% clinical shadowing and experimental learning, along with 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 five-week summer program, including housing, is free. All experiences will take place in the SOWEGA-AHEC 38-county service area.

2004-2023 Historical Facts

(The 2020 PTMS Program was suspended due to COVID.)

- **168** Students accepted and completed the Pathway program
- **124** Participants completed the medical school application process
- **113** Pathway graduates accepted to medical school
- **90%** Acceptance rate of those who applied and received a response
- **12** Participants completed medical school and have returned to Southwest Georgia to practice

This five-week summer program begins May 20 and ends June 20. 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

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/math courses and an overall 3.0 GPA
- Be a legal Georgia resident and U.S. citizen enrolled in a 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 five-week program

How to Apply

Complete the online application at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTMS2024App>

NOTE: Application open from November 20, 2023 - February 9, 2024

The online application, essay, and all official transcripts must be received **no later than February 9, 2024.**

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

*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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