



## GOALS & OBJECTIVES

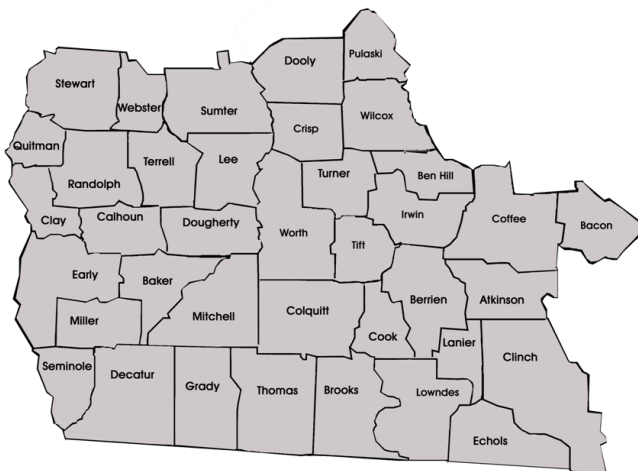
- Increase likelihood of being accepted into medical school
- Provide early exposure to primary care
- Encourage students to return to practice in southwest Georgia upon completion of medical education
- Provide exposure to community medicine
- Establish meaningful role models through mentor-student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

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

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 GAFFP Foundation  
for its support of the Pathway to Med School Program

## SOWEGA-AHEC'S 38 - COUNTY SERVICE AREA

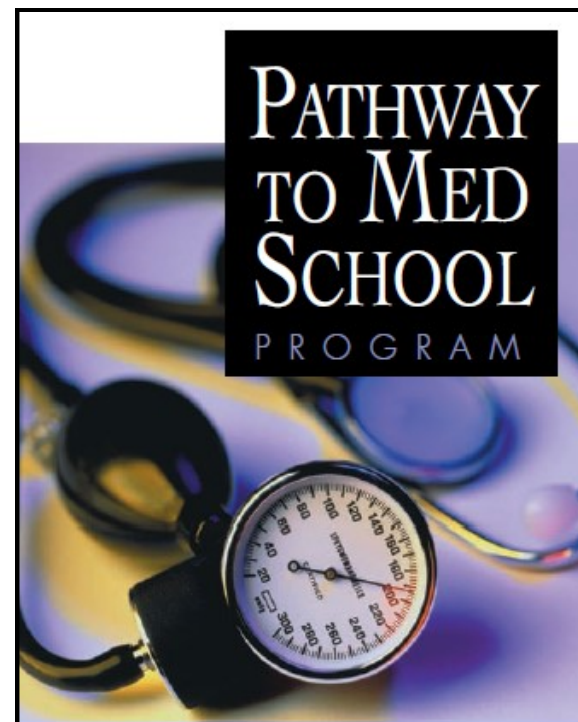


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Brooks	Early	Randolph	
Calhoun	Echols	Seminole	
Clay	Grady	Stewart	
Clinch	Irwin	Sumter	
Coffee	Lanier	Terrell	
Colquitt	Lee	Thomas	



**PATHWAY CLASS OF 2025**

**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



**Phoebe**  
Family Medicine  
Residency

FUNDED IN PART BY

Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Foundation (GAFFP)

Georgia Community Foundation

### 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.

### 2004-2025 Historical Facts

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

- **188** Students accepted and completed the Pathway program
- **138** Participants completed the medical school application process
- **126** Pathway graduates accepted to medical school
- **92%** Acceptance rate of those who applied and received a response
- **13** Participants completed medical school and have returned to Southwest Georgia to practice

**This five-week summer program begins May 18 and ends June 18. 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 250-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/PTMS2026App>

*NOTE: Application open from November 18, 2024 - February 2, 2025*

The online application, essay, and all official transcripts must be received **no later than February 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM.**

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.



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