

SELECTION PROCESS

Students submit application materials to the School of Medicine. Suitable candidates are invited for interviews, and accepted students begin the two-year program in August.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Once accepted into the program, students must meet the following requirements for assured admission:

- Degree from an accredited college or university
- Fulfillment of KU School of Medicine prerequisites
- College GPA greater than or equal to 3.50
- GPA in a premedical science curriculum greater than or equal to 3.50
- A satisfactory score on the MCAT examination
- Satisfactory completion of shadowing hours and written assignments and participation in the orientation and annual meetings
- Uphold the high ethical and behavioral standards required of medical students and physicians

ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES

Participants in the Scholars in Rural Health program are strong candidates for the Kansas Medical Student Loan program, which provides tuition and living expenses. Loan recipients agree to enter an approved primary care residency and work in a medically underserved area of Kansas.

Additional scholarship funding is available for Scholars who attend the Salina campus

IMPORTANT DATES

April 1

Applications available online

June 10

Completed applications are due

August 1

Acceptance notification

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The University of Kansas

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SCHOLARS IN RURAL HEALTH PROGRAM



*An assured admission program to the
University of Kansas School of Medicine
for students from rural Kansas*



PREPARING TOMORROW'S DOCTORS FOR SUCCESS

The Scholars in Rural Health program is designed to identify and encourage undergraduate students from rural Kansas who are interested in building successful careers as physicians in rural areas.



Students apply for the program in the second semester of their sophomore year in college.

The program provides assured admission to the University of Kansas School of Medicine for

selected students upon successful completion of program requirements and graduation from their undergraduate institution.

The KU School of Medicine is recognized nationally as a leader in the training of rural physicians. In an effort to provide more doctors for rural Kansas, the School of Medicine opened a new campus in Salina and expanded its medical education program in Wichita to a full four years.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Students in the Scholars in Rural Health program discover the rewards and challenges of rural practice as they prepare for entry into medical school.

The program exposes students to the variety of health care services in rural areas, including hospital and office practice. During the junior and senior undergraduate years, scholars learn

"The Scholars in Rural Health program was an invaluable opportunity for me as a premedical student to cement my future plans to become a primary care physician for rural Kansas."

*Kysha Nichols-Totten, M.D.
Class of 2013*

at the side of an assigned mentor in the region of his or her home community. A total of 200 hours will be accumulated during the four semesters and one summer. Scholars also complete three patient care reports across the two years.

A program orientation is held in Salina for incoming scholars, and all scholars participate in an annual meeting held in Wichita each May. Prior to the May meeting, each scholar submits a short reflection paper.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Kansas resident
- Significant experience living in a rural community
- ACT/SAT score at or above the 75th percentile
- Attained a minimum of sophomore standing and have two years of undergraduate education remaining
- Completed one academic year of undergraduate instruction in both biology and inorganic chemistry, including lectures and associated laboratories
- Intention to practice medicine in rural Kansas
- Demonstrated evidence of the dedication and compassion necessary to be a competent and caring physician