As students prepare for the next chapters of their lives, they are faced with the daunting question: What am I going to do with my future? This program exposes students to possible healthcare professions that may not require extensive training. For students interested in professions with short-term training, opportunities for scholarships may be available after completing the internship.

Turner-UCLA Allied Health Internship Program Goal
To support and empower students by increasing knowledge of and interest in careers in allied health.

Program Objectives
1. Exposure to various career pathways in healthcare
2. Develop leadership and work readiness skills through a supportive learning environment
3. Encourage students to consider careers in the allied health professions

What is an Allied Health Professional?
Allied health professionals work in the medical field in various jobs that might not necessarily require extensive training or medical school. These professionals work in clinical, ambulatory, administrative, and support positions in the hospital and comprise 60 percent of the healthcare workforce.

Participating Allied Health Departments
- Anatomic Pathology
- Child Life
- Clinical Lab
- Emergency Medical Services
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Interventional Radiology
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Patient Transport
- Phlebotomy
- Public Health Research
- Rehabilitative Services
- Respiratory Therapy

About the Program
The Turner-UCLA Allied Health Internship Program is a weeklong summer internship that allows high school students and recent graduates to gain exposure to and build interest around careers in the allied health professions. During the internship, a cohort of 10-12 students stay at UCLA dorms and rotate through 14 different clinics and departments at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, attend guest speaker panels, professional development workshops, and engage in (supervised) student life on the UCLA campus.
Program Structure

Education
Exposure to 14 different allied health careers through rotations, guest speakers, and individual projects

Professional Development
Monthly workshops to sustain retention and offer students career development opportunities

Social Support
Peer support facilitated by project team and through monthly and quarterly engagement activities

Scholarships
Financial assistance for students interested in pursuing short-term allied health professions

Resources
Career development support and assistance with job applications, individualized resources for students interested in pursuing allied health careers

Students spend 40 hours in rotation per internship week, six hours in training (CPR and communications skills), and interact with more than 60 healthcare professionals at UCLA.

Student Highlights
“This internship helped me get into an EMT program and allowed me to focus on going into emergency medicine.”

—Richard Rios, Age 18, Cohort 4, Summer 2018 Scholarship Recipient

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