

Meet Edwina Coleman . . .

There was only one physician in Edwina Coleman's rural hometown of Umatilla, Florida. With over 2200 people under his care, Edwina's physician inspired her to pursue medicine. With a desire to explore the medical field, Edwina began searching for opportunities to volunteer for various hospitals and community organizations while in college. Her experiences helped reinforce her goal, while allowing her to develop skills important to the practice of medicine. To hone her ability to critique the research of others and formulate conclusions on her own, Edwina studied clinical microbiology and immunology, earning her Master's degree in the field. Today, as a graduate of the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP), Edwina is a medical student at the Drexel University College of Medicine. One of two recipients of a four year \$60,000 Woman One scholarship, Edwina is well on her way to fulfilling her dream.



Edwina grew up in a small rural town with only one physician for 2200 people. He inspired her, and medicine became her dream. Today, as an HCOP graduate, Edwina is a medical student fulfilling that dream.

About the Program

- HCOP is authorized under Title VII of the Public Health Service Act. Together with the Centers of Excellence (COE), HCOPs function to increase the representation of minority and disadvantaged students in the health professions.
- The Drexel Pathway to Medical School Program (DPMS) is funded through HCOP.
- The DPMS program includes conditional acceptance to the College of Medicine. Disadvantaged applicants have the unique opportunity to prove their ability to succeed in a medical school program by taking a rigorous program of courses in a medical school environment. After successful completion of the DPMS program, the students will retain their admission into the College of Medicine.
- A maximum of 20 students are accepted into the program each year, allowing for small group instruction during the summer enrichment program and individual counseling with an administrative advocate throughout the program.
- The program begins with a mandatory six-week Academic Assessment and Counseling Enrichment Sessions, and a one-credit "Medical Science Preparation" course exploring biochemistry, pharmacology, and physiology. Upon successful completion of this introduction, DPMS students take one year of medical school courses.
- More information on the HCOP program activities is available on the program website:
<<http://www.drexelmed.edu/PostBaccalaureatePremedPrograms/Programs/DPMSProgram/tabid/671/Default.aspx>>



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