At USC, your professional health career has No Limits!

From job shadowing with a pharmacist to lengthy discussions with your academic advisor, from internships with a commercial research laboratory to volunteering at one of Columbia's many local hospitals, from building a potable water project in South Africa to leading a health-focused student organization, there are no limits to the exceptional experiences you can engage in through the Galen Health Fellows at the University of South Carolina.

How do I take advantage of this new opportunity?

We’re happy you asked! Admission into Galen Health Fellows is selective to ensure the most focused and dedicated students are participating. To be considered, you must complete the Galen Health Fellows Supplemental Application at housing.sc.edu/llc/forms/l_hs.php to be considered. This brief application includes several questions about your interest in the program. All majors are welcome to apply, but applicants must explain their connection to a health-related curriculum in order to be considered. Your Galen Health Fellows application for fall 2017 is due no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on May 1, 2017. Additionally, we encourage students to select this living & learning community preference on the University Housing application.
Galen Health Fellows membership benefits you in countless ways.

LIVING AND LEARNING COMMUNITY

When you become a Galen Health Fellow, you don’t just join a program, you join a community. One of the key benefits of the Fellows program is membership in the Galen Health Fellows Living & Learning Community whose hub is located in Patterson Hall, a well-appointed suite-style residence that is conveniently located in the center of campus. Additional clusters will be located in other residence halls, such as Honors Residence, Capstone, East Quad and Women’s Quad.

The Galen Health Fellows community will reinforce your exploration of the many careers and pathways within the health care and health science field. You’ll live side-by-side with future biologists, public health practitioners, exercise science researchers, hospital managers and more. Plus, you’ll be mentored by upper-class students whose majors are health-related. Additionally, a faculty principal will lead you and your peers in lively discussions, host fascinating guest lectures, connect you with local health-related organizations, such as hospitals, pharmacies and research firms, and offer guidance throughout your undergraduate career. Living and learning with like-minded peers will sharpen your skills and foster your understanding and ability to collaborate across professions – a mindset that today’s health employers value highly.

RICH EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

You’ll foster lifelong bonds with your Galen Health Fellows classmates in specially-designated courses. Fall 2017 offerings include Biology 101: Biological Principles I, Biology 243: Human Anatomy & Physiology I, Chemistry 102: Fundamentals of Chemistry II and Chemistry 111: General Chemistry I. Additionally, if you’re a high-achieving nursing major in the Honors College, you have guaranteed admission into the Upper Division in Nursing, and if you’re a pre-medical major in the Honors College, you may qualify to skip the MCAT and enroll in USC School of Medicine starting your senior year in college.

As a Galen Health Fellow, your experiential learning opportunities extend way beyond the classroom. For starters, you may compete for a variety of research grants as early as your freshman year. You can also participate in study abroad and service learning mission trips with a health professions focus. Staff at the Career Center and the Office of Pre-Professional Advising help you find internships, craft a strong resume and engage in job shadowing and volunteer work. And if you are majoring in nursing, physical therapy, public health or social work, you will be invited to USC’s annual Health Professions Fair to meet potential employers to discuss internships, co-op and full-time positions. Pharmacy majors do the same on Pharmacy Day.

INTERPROFESSIONAL FOCUS

Careers in the health field can take many directions, and it’s likely many desirable choices aren’t even on your radar yet. That’s okay. It’s our job to help you explore them and find the best fit for you. The university offers a comprehensive curriculum that spans health care, allied health, health sciences, pre-professional tracks and more. USC’s Galen Health Fellows program intentionally facilitates your exploration of a wide spectrum of health care careers so that you can be confident that you’ve chosen the right path for yourself when you graduate.

We’ve got you covered.

Health administrator, physician, nurse, biomedical engineer, psychologist, physical therapist, pharmacist, social worker, health IT – you name it – If you’re interested in pursuing a career in health professions, the Galen Health Fellows program at the University of South Carolina offers unique benefits you won’t find at any other institution. With the introduction of Galen Health Fellows, South Carolina is revolutionizing its approach to health sciences education so that its graduates are among the most qualified, highly sought professionals to enter the health workforce, and you could be one of them!

The Galen Health Fellows program comprises a group of passionate educators from across the health disciplines who work closely with equally dedicated students. In today’s changing marketplace, it’s especially important to approach your career with an interprofessional focus. That’s precisely the lens through which we teach and guide you in your Fellows experience as an undergraduate at USC.

At the University of South Carolina, you’ll find one of the most comprehensive and diverse selections of health professions majors in the nation. While many of USC’s majors offer direct pathways to the workforce for a bachelor of science degree, you may wish to opt into a pre-professional track that will prepare you for later pursuit of a master’s or doctorate in such fields as physical therapy, pharmacy or medicine. We offer tracks for all of these, where you may choose from more than 100 undergraduate degrees in preparation for postgraduate study. For instance, a pre-medical track student might major in sociology and take electives in Spanish.

The health professions intersect science, economics, politics, social service, law, business, IT and much more. Students at the University of South Carolina engage in the many dimensions of health professions learning through more than 50 service clubs and societies. There is something for everyone. Here are some examples:

• Active Minds (promotes mental health awareness, education and advocacy)
• Alpha Epsilon Delta (provides pre-health majors with opportunities to gain valuable clinical exposure, network with professionals, be recognized for scholastic achievements and serve the local community.)
• American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
• Colleges Against Cancer
• Cure at South Carolina (local chapter of CURE International that operates hospitals and programs in 27 countries)
• Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children
• GlobeMed at USC (focuses on health equity and social justice around the globe)
• Hands on Prosthetic Engineering (HOPE) (partners with charities to provide 3D-printed prosthetics to children in need)
• Healthcare Executives Student Association (promotes student leadership and networking with health care professionals)
• IMPULSE – International Undergraduate Journal for Neuroscience (reviews neuroscience manuscript submissions from undergraduate students, publishes them online and coordinates campus events for the annual Brain Awareness Week)
• Institute for Healthcare Improvement for the Health Professions
• International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research Student Chapter at USC
• Pre-Dental Club (includes workshops, volunteer opportunities, research and shadowing experiences)
• Psi Chi (international honor society to advance the science of psychology)
• Public Health Society (offers guest speakers and events designed to prepare members for public health careers)
• Society for the Advancement of Chemical Sciences
• Student Nurses Association
• Undergraduate Social Work Student Association

Apply to be a Galen Health Fellow by May 1!