



Health Professions Day 2012 Presentations

As an integral part of Health Professions Day 2012, UTSA's University Health Professions Office and University Career Center are offering various presentations. Topics for this year's presentations can be found below.

10:00 - 10:50am

- **Health Professions 101 for High School Students**

Travis Room (UC 2.202) – South San Antonio HS

Harris Room (UC 2.212) – Brandeis HS

Representatives from the South Central Area Health Education Center share tips and resources for high school students to be aware of regarding their health career aspirations before setting foot on campus as a college freshman.

Speakers: TBD – will be coordinated by the South Center Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

11:00 – 11:50am

- **Exploring Nursing Pathways**

Harris Room (UC 2.212)

Representatives from area nursing programs share information about the various pathways available in nursing and how best to prepare for entry into them.

Speakers:

- *Ms. Julie Nadeau*, BSN Program Faculty, University of the Incarnate Word School of Nursing
- *Theresa Villareal*, Clinical Assistant Professor, Faculty Adviser for Juntos Podemos, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Nursing
- *Mr. Rudy Ortiz*, Graduate Coordinator II, University of Texas at Austin, School of Nursing

- **The Roles of Physical and Occupational Therapists**

Travis Room (UC 2.202)

Representatives from occupational and physical therapy programs will showcase the duties, benefits, and challenges of working in their fields. They may highlight some of the differences and similarities between their respective professions.

Speakers:

- *Mary Elizabeth Parker*, PT, MS, NCS, PCS, Clinical Assistant Professor, Texas State University-San Marcos
- *Dr. Anne Newstead*, Director, Professional Practice Education and Associate Professor, The University of the Incarnate Word School of Physical Therapy
- *Rosemary Lanza*, MSA, OTR, Instructor, Clinical Education Coordinator, Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, St. Phillips College
- *Donna Stetz*, PT, Assistant Professor, Program Coordinator, Physical Therapy Assistant Program, St. Phillips College
- *Karin Barnes PhD*, OTR, Chair, Department of Occupational Therapy, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

12:00 – 12:50pm

• **Becoming a Competitive Medical School Applicant**

Harris Room (UC 2.212)

Representatives from medical schools discuss admissions requirements for their programs and how to prepare to be a compelling applicant.

Speakers:

- *Mr. Joel Daboub*, Assistant Dean of Admissions, University of North Texas Health Science Center Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
- *Dr. Jeffrey Rabek*, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions, University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine
- *Dr. James Wagner*, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas
- *Ms. Wanda J. Watson*, Director of Recruitment, Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine
- *Dr. David Jones*, Senior Associate Dean for Admissions, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Medicine
- *Jill Harman*, Director of Admissions, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
- *Irene Chavez*, Assistant Director of Recruitment and Special Programs, Texas Tech University Health Science Center
- *Carol Sharkey*, Enrollment Counselor, Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine

• **Becoming a Competitive Dental School Applicant**

Travis Room (UC 2.202)

Representatives from dental schools discuss admission requirements for their programs and how to prepare to be a compelling applicant.

Speakers:

- *Dr. Adriana Segura*, Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School
- *Mr. Brian Trecek*, Director of Admissions, Marquette University School of Dentistry
- *Dr. Phil Pierpont*, Associate Dean for Student and Alumni Affairs, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Dental Branch
- *Dr. Barbara Miller*, Executive Director of Recruitment and Admissions, Baylor College of Dentistry – Texas A&M Health Science Center

1:00 – 1:50pm

• **Life as a Healthcare Professional**

Harris Room (UC 2.212)

Current professionals in different areas of healthcare share their experiences and perspectives on preparing for and working in their respective fields.

Speakers:

- *M. Rosina Finley, MD*, Associate Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Department of Family and Community Medicine
- *Les Fletcher*, Director of Student Services, Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine
- *Mary Elizabeth Parker, PT, MS, NCS, PCS*, Clinical Assistant Professor, Texas State University-San Marcos
- *Leo Wittnebel, M.S. RRT*, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Respiratory Care Department