Overview

Student Health is excited about the opportunity to submit this proposal that we believe will strongly support the mission of the University as well as the mission and goals of the Division of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA). Our focus is on providing a unique student learning experience that will provide students interested in pursuing bio-sciences and/or health careers a chance to “test the environment” to support their career path decisions. Providing a lab/clinic experience adds value and helps the student make an informed decision about the career options.

Experiential learning, coupled with the foundation of academic theory and student learning outcomes (SLOs) are at the heart of Institutions of Higher Education (IHE). Metrics to assess SLOs resulting from this program would be established, monitored and reported out after the first year.

Similar programs have proven successful at other IHEs. For example, many schools have Peer Education programs but few have added the clinical component to provide additional learning opportunities. The added value is a result of students receiving a robust “outside the classroom” learning, similar to an internship.

The University of Texas at Austin implemented this kind of program over a decade ago. Starting with six students the program has grown to over 75 students who now receive course credit as well. Leadership skills are built as students’ progress through the program, many staying on for the full four years of their undergraduate work. Graduate students also have an opportunity to serve as Program Assistants and gain additional skill sets. This highly competitive program grew by word of mouth. Over 600 applicants apply each year with space for 20-30 replacing those who have graduated and moved on.

Value Proposition for Students

This initiative will provide direct clinical exposure and experience to students considering a healthcare career. Ideally, after the first year, we would apply for academic credit offering built into the curriculum.

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The program would have a program coordinator and each student would be provided a buddy or mentor to shadow in various departments at the Student Health Center. The clinical portion would be very structured with goal points and stretch goals to be met by both the mentor and student working together. The outreach portion would be an advisor-guided initiative with a great deal of student engagement to craft the themes and direction of outreach.

Students would be screened, interviewed and selected based on alignment of their interests, commitment to complete two full semesters of experiential learning up to 4 hours per week and their professional demeanor. Areas of interest may include health education and outreach, administrative health systems; general medicine, acute care; lab; physical therapy business practices and customer relations in public health. We believe this program would support the efforts of the Career Center and also serve as a training ground (rotation) for the University EMS/Paramedic program. The Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) organization on campus is interested in a program such as this. Wood Wellness students likewise could benefit from this program. All students would be welcomed to the program regardless of career path although we anticipate most participants would be those looking at the healthcare field or public health.

**Funding Needs**

We have been interested in starting this program for two years. The SHS department of Health Promotion was dissolved last year creating a void for outreach and education. Resources were reduced and we have worked hard to create a means to provide an avenue for continued education and outreach to students.

The total request for initiating this program is $4668. This includes purchase of 2 iPads to be used for interactive education at outreach events and for the students to use for tracking their progress, planning projects and creating promotional reports relative to the program. The iPads are intended to be shared and accessible while on site or working events.

A Health Hut, to be staffed by students in the program, would be used for outreach education. It is a circular freestanding hut that is easily set up and provides an attractive,
eye-catching environment for students to interact and learn about a variety of health related issues. The hut is a one-time purchase of $2500.

Training materials and T-Shirts that would be worn by the student while serving in the capacity of a Student Volunteer are estimated at $750.

Our target goal is 50 students; we will begin with 10-15 and ramp up.

**Fund Itemization**

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Student Health appreciates the opportunity to apply for funding a new program and we are very grateful to the University Women’s Club for any consideration given this new initiative. The past program, funded by the organization was the Student Medical Emergency Fund that has afforded students in need to gain access to care desperately needed.

On behalf of all the staff at Student Health, please accept a very big THANK YOU!