

Native American Primary Care Center of Excellence



Pathway into Medical Careers for Native Americans

Southwest Oklahoma Tribal Health Internship (SWOKTHI): The Indian Health Service clinics and hospital located on the tribal reservation of the Apache, Kiowa, Comanche, and Wichita and Affiliated Tribes will provide undergraduate students who are interested in health care careers opportunities to participate in shadowing and career development opportunities offered by IHS clinicians (PA, nursing, physicians) during a **three-week** summer enrichment program. In addition, the program aims to increase career awareness and training opportunities within the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (see <https://www.usphs.gov/professions/health-services/>). The Tribes listed above will provide cultural support for their respective citizens. The NA students will be selected through a competitive application process established by a selections committee consisting the COE Program leadership. **Program activities will occur during the month of June at the Lawton Indian Hospital Service Unit (includes Anadarko and Carnegie).**

Program Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old and be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe with preference given to members of the Apache, Kiowa, Comanche, or Wichita and Affiliated Tribe, and enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program.
- Interested in tribal health
- Interested in traditional ways and culture

APPLICATONS DUE February 1 BY 5:00 PM

Program Offers:

- Stipends available
- Gain shadowing experiences with various clinicians
- Gain cultural competencies through seminars and hands-on activities
- Free to all participants



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