



# 2026 Psychiatry Careers Pathway Program (PCPP)



## Program Dates: June 15-19, 2026

The Psychiatry Careers Pathway Program (PCPP) is a five-day on-campus summer experience for undergraduate students considering **psychiatry** as a potential career path.

## Program Benefits

### Get exposure to:

- Psychiatry career options
- Medical school application process
- UNC School of Medicine Psychiatry faculty and residents
- Academic skills development

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Application Deadline  
March 1, 2026

More information:  
[www.bit.ly/PCPP2026](http://www.bit.ly/PCPP2026)



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Psychiatry



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# Program Description

The 2026 Psychiatry Careers Pathway Program (PCPP) is a five-day on-campus summer experience for undergraduate students considering psychiatry as a potential career path. Student participants will hear directly from UNC Psychiatry faculty and resident physicians about the professional opportunities and paths that modern psychiatric medicine provides, observe mock patient interviews and treatment planning, as well as engage in discussions with medical students and educators about the medical school admission process. The program will be held in-person on UNC Chapel Hill's medical school campus, and complimentary lodging, parking, breakfast, and lunch will be provided. This program is a collaboration between the UNC Department of Psychiatry's ACCESS Mental Health, UNC Health's Community Health & Engagement Department, and the UNC Medical Education Development (MED) Program.

## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Have an interest in attending medical school and open to considering psychiatry as a medical specialty
- Be a student enrolled at one of the following universities: Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, NC A&T State University, NC Central University, NC State University, UNC Greensboro, UNC Pembroke, Western Carolina University, and Winston-Salem State University
- Be a current first-year or second-year student at the time of application with a cumulative academic GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Be able to attend the entirety of the 5-day program and provide your own transportation to UNC's campus.
- Be a US citizen or Permanent US Resident. Any visa type that is NOT a permanent resident alien is ineligible.

## Other Factors for Consideration

- Lives in (or has lived in) a medically underserved community
- Comes from an economically or educationally underserved background
- First-generation college student or future first-generation medical school student
- Has demonstrated an interest in issues affecting underserved populations
- North Carolina permanent residents receive preference

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is committed to equality of educational opportunity and does not discriminate against applicants, students, or employees based on color, national origin, religion, sex, or handicap.

## Application Requirements

- The PCPP application can be completed online at [bit.ly/PCPPApp](https://bit.ly/PCPPApp) or you can scan the QR code below. We are accepting applications between Dec 1, 2025 - March 1, 2026.
- Applicants are required to complete demographic information, 3 essay questions, upload an updated resume/CV, and upload 1 letter of recommendation from a university faculty member, mentor, or career advisor.
- There is no application fee.

**Contact:** ACCESSMH@unc.edu



**Application Opens**

**December 1, 2025**

**Application Deadline**

**March 1, 2026**

**Decisions Emailed**

**March 20, 2026**

**Application**

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