FAQs

Q: When does the HDSIP Start?
A: The program starts the first week of July and continues to the end of July.

Q: Are there any fees that I need to pay?
A: The program is free to all participants.

Q: Where will the program take place?
A: There are two parts to the HDSIP program. The class portions will be conducted on mornings at SUNY Downstate. The afternoons will be spent at designated community organizations.

Q: Is there a stipend for the internship?
A: Yes. Interns are paid $250 at the end of the program and the AAIUH will provide a monthly Metro Card to all student-interns.

Q: Will my child be required to attend every day?
A: Attendance is mandatory on the days that the student is scheduled to attend. The program operates three days a week.

Q: Are all job sites located in Brooklyn?
A: Most job sites are located in Brooklyn. In the event that a student is placed at an organization in another borough, (1) you will be notified in advance, (2) they will travel to and from the internship with another student and an AAIUH staff member will confirm their arrival and departure times.

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STUDENT TODAY,
HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
TOMORROW
The Health Disparities Summer Internship Program (HDSIP), is a paid four (4) week internship organized by the Brooklyn Health Disparities Center (BHDC) for high school students interested in pursuing careers in the health sector.

The program recruits students already enrolled in the Health Science Academy of the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health (AAIUH). While all students from the Academy are encouraged to apply, only fifty (50) students will be accepted to participate in the program.

The HDSIP is a dual component program; students participate in a lecture component in the morning, as well as a formal internship during the afternoon at select community organizations across Brooklyn.

The morning classroom sessions covers topics such as: Immigration & Health, Health Disparities in Brooklyn and Policy & Advocacy. Students engage in debates on critical issues of health policy, attend workshops to develop their writing and research skills and enjoy field trips to research centers such as the sleep clinic.

The formal internship provides students with an opportunity to gain valuable work experience at organizations who share a passion for improving community health. Students participating in the HDSIP will have an opportunity to:

- Conduct research projects that can further develop policy suggestions for implementation.
- Present their research projects along with their policy recommendations at a closing ceremony at the office of Brooklyn’s Borough President.
- Share their research and internship experience with fellow students, researchers and other community advocates.

Who is Eligibility to participate in the program?

The program is only open to students attending the 10th, 11th and 12th grades of the AAIUH Health Science Academy (HSA).

Students must have an average of 75% or above at their respective schools and an average of 75% or higher in Math and Science.

Students must be in good academic standing at HSA. To be considered in ‘good academic standing’ the student must:

- Have a strong attendance record at HSA
- Not be on academic probation at either their high school or at HSA
- Not have had any formal disciplinary cautions

Application process

- Obtain a copy of the application form from the HSA or the HDSIP Education Coordinator, at the offices of the AAIUH.
- Complete and return the application with all required documentation by the application deadline.
- Once applications are reviewed, students and their parents will be contacted to schedule to attend an interview.
- Successfully applicants will be notified by May 31, 2011.