Graduation Is

A celebration...
A time for looking back on lessons learned, adventures shared, bright moments filled with special meaning.

A farewell...
A time to say goodbye to old friends, to good times you've known... a time for packing away memories, treasures for tomorrow.

A beginning...
A time for looking forward, a time to set new goals, to dream new dreams, to try your wings and see what lies beyond.

The Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP) is focused on improving access to information and resources for college students interested in the health professions. SHPEP’s goal is to strengthen the academic proficiency and career development of students underrepresented in the health professions and prepare them for a successful application and matriculation to health professions schools.
One of my first exposures to medicine was through the SMDEP program the summer after my freshman year of college. This program not only confirmed my desire to pursue a career in medicine but introduced me to the great group of people working in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, like Mrs. Joshua. She was such a great support throughout the rest of my time as an undergrad and gave critical advice for applying to medical school and taking the MCAT. I am so fortunate to have met her and made connections with people and students at ULSOM. I loved SMDEP so much that I came back to be an SDA the summer before starting medical school! I hope to continue to be a part of programs like this throughout my medical career because I know how important they were to me.

Courtney Lattimore, M.D.
SMDEP/SHPEP 2011
Specialty: General Surgery
Program: University of Virginia

With confidence and absolution, I know that I would not have had the opportunity to accomplish exactly what I had envisioned for myself if it were not for Mrs. Mary Joshua and the SMDEP program. My initial exposure to the University of Louisville School of Medicine occurred when I was a participant in the 2010 SMDEP program. The exposure to a group of mentors, who would ultimately be instrumental in helping me get accepted to Louisville, have always been who I credit with being the onset of me achieving my dreams. In my time here at Louisville, I was able to apply for and be accepted into the Global Health Distinction Track where I was able to write and implement my own research protocol and am now at the point of publishing my manuscript. Through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion I have been given multiple opportunities to volunteer and advise students, similar to myself, who have a dream to become a doctor. These are the memories that I reflect on fondly.

Elena Brown, M.D.
SMDEP/SHPEP 2010
Specialty: Pediatrics
Program: University of Minnesota

It cannot be overstated how important SMDEP (now known as SHPEP) was to my journey. As a college sophomore ending a semester with many personal and academic struggles, I made the trip to Louisville for the first time not expecting to continue the path to medicine. For the first time in my life, confidence in my abilities was shaken. Throughout the course of the six week program, that confidence was rebuilt slowly by exceptional instructors, medical students, and peers. After the program ended, I returned to my home institution with renewed focus and ready to pursue the dream relentlessly. I’ll be forever grateful to SMDEP for the lifelong friends I made and the lessons learned.

Korey Johnson, M.D.
SMDEP/SHPEP 2011
Specialty: Transitional Anesthesia
Program: Scripps Mercy Hospital
San Diego, CA
Career Spotlight: Nursing

Overview:

Nurses today are highly respected and valued members of the health care team who bring their own body of knowledge to the process of health care. They have a unique scope of practice and can practice independently, although they also collaborate with all members of the health care team to provide the care needed by each patient as an individual. Registered nurses (RNs) work in collaboration with physicians and members of other health care disciplines. Nursing is also a job that is in demand. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, registered nursing is among the top 10 occupations for job growth between 2014 and 2024, expected to grow at 16%. You can decide on a nursing career based on the types of patients you want, the environments you want to work in, the degree you hold, or how much you want to make. You have a wide range of options, so don’t be limited by what people have told you about nursing careers.

Working Conditions:

RN roles range from direct patient care and case management to establishing nursing practice standards, developing quality assurance procedures, directing complex nursing care systems, conducting clinical research and teaching in nursing programs, as well as practicing in many other invigorating settings. In general, nursing is a demanding job, both physically and emotionally. Hazards that every nurse must deal with include the risk of contracting infectious diseases (including HIV, tuberculosis, hepatitis B and influenza) or being exposed to radiation, chemicals and injuries, mostly caused by physical strain or from being in contact with needles or electrical equipment.

Academic Requirements:

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<th>Career</th>
<th>Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)</th>
<th>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)</th>
<th>Registered Nurse (RN)</th>
<th>Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)</th>
<th>Doctor of Practical Nursing (DNP)</th>
<th>Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD)</th>
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<td>Required Education</td>
<td>High School Diploma</td>
<td>State Approved Education Program</td>
<td>Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)</td>
<td>BS N + Master of Science in Nursing</td>
<td>BSN + MS + 1,000 hours of clinical work</td>
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<td>Other Requirements</td>
<td>CNA certificate program</td>
<td>NCLEX-PN</td>
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<td>Salary Range</td>
<td>$26,584—$33,000</td>
<td>$31,760—$47,830</td>
<td>$60,000—$67,248</td>
<td>$95,768—$123,270</td>
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[http://louisville.edu/nursing](http://louisville.edu/nursing)
Congratulations

To our SMDEP/SHPEP Alumni who are among the
2018 Graduates of the U of L Schools of Medicine and Dentistry

Elena Brown, M.D.
University of Minnesota
Pediatrics
Minneapolis, MN

Aldo del Sol Martinez, D.M.D.
Pediatric Residency
Tampa, Florida

Addie Dodson, M.D.
University of Louisville
Pediatrics
Louisville, KY

Courtney Fletcher Greenwood, D.M.D.
Group Practice
Louisville, KY

Korey Johnson, M.D.
Scripps Mercy Hospital
Anesthesia
San Diego, CA

Megan Keynton, D.M.D.
Advanced Education in General Dentistry
East Carolina University

Courtney Lattimore, M.D.
University of Virginia
General Surgery
Charlottesville, VA

Landon Momberg, D.M.D.
Undecided

Kimberly Okafor, M.D.
University of South Carolina
Medicine-Pediatrics
Greenville, SC

"Teamwork makes the dream work"