

# Native American Primary Care Center of Excellence



## American Indian Educational Pathway Programs Funded by NAPC COE and Tribal Partners

### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

**Native Explorers:** An innovative educational program recruiting and training Native Americans in western science and culture while camping in remote areas and working side-by-side with Native American researchers, culturalists and students. **Students may earn three college credit hours; no costs associated with program.**

**Native Explorers STEM Summer Internship:** Participants work with Native American faculty and medical/graduate students at OSU Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa and OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tahlequah to gain hands-on experiences in research (bench or clinical trials) and learn about clinical anatomy using cadaveric specimens. **Paid internship.**

**Southwest Oklahoma Tribal Health Internship:** Tribal members of the Apache, Kiowa, Comanche, and Wichita and Affiliated Tribes interested in tribal health care will participate in shadowing and career development opportunities working with a variety of Indian Health Service employees at Anadarko, Carnegie or Lawton IHS facilities during a two week summer program. Participants will work with their respective tribe to gain cultural aspects as well. **Students may earn stipend and one hour of college credit from OSU; no costs associated with program.**

**Native American Pre-Admissions Workshop:** The Native American Students of Osteopathic Medicine club created this workshop to improve NA applicants' competitiveness by discussing best practices for the MCAT, writing personal statements, preparing application materials, mock interviews with faculty and networking with admissions staff. **Free.**

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