



# project**health** Baltimore

## *UMBC*

helping empower, advocate, and lead through health

“The world is calling; heal the world and in the process heal yourself, find the human in yourself by finding the citizen, the activist, the hero.”

– Tony Kushner

**[volunteer application]**

Fall 2009

# What you should know before you get started

Thank you for your interest in the Project HEALTH Baltimore!

This packet is the application information ONLY. The application itself is available online. To request a link to the online application system, email Brian Spendley at [Spendley@projecthealth.org](mailto:Spendley@projecthealth.org), with **"Fall Application - UMBC"** in the subject line and your first and last name in the email body. We will send you a link to the system. Note that this link will be unique to your email address – do NOT forward it to anyone else, or their answers could overwrite yours!

**The application is due by Friday, September 11th 2009 by 5pm.** In order to receive your link to the application in a timely manner, please email us no later than Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## i. about project health

Project HEALTH is a non-profit that mobilizes the nation's undergraduates to provide high-impact services to low-income families and, in the process, to transform our healthcare system into one that is more effective and more just. To learn more about our work, our vision, and more, visit [www.projecthealth.org](http://www.projecthealth.org).

Project HEALTH believes that undergraduates have what it takes to make real change – for individual families and for our country's healthcare system. We are always seeking passionate, committed, social justice-minded students to join our movement.

## ii. ph in baltimore

PH opened its first Baltimore site in 2006. We now have 4 sites in Baltimore and work with over 130 undergraduates at 3 universities.

### Family Help Desk

The Family Help Desk (FHD) is a resource and advocacy program that helps families' access community resources critical to their health, safety, and economic survival. Volunteers talk with families at the desk about their resource needs and connect them with appropriate local services and benefits related to food, housing, health insurance, immigration, childcare, adult education, and job training. Volunteers then follow-up with clients and service providers to ensure that families receive the necessary resources and to troubleshoot or provide additional services as necessary.

Locations:

#### **Baltimore Medical Systems at St. Agnes Hospital**

*900 Caton Ave. Baltimore, MD 21229*

This ambulatory community clinic provides a wide range of services on a sliding-scale fee system to nearly 25,000 diverse patients annually. Physicians, medical residents, nurses and other clinic staff provide care in adult medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, and many sub-specialty services.

Each volunteer attends:

- Training (multiple locations): 10 – 15 hours during first 2 weeks after acceptance.
- One shift (at the clinic): 2 hours/week with a shift partner - shift consistent every week determined by volunteer and program at beginning of each semester.
- Follow-up shifts (on campus): 2 hours/week, regular times determined by volunteers
- Reflection session (on campus): 1 hour/week, regular time determined by program.
- Project HEALTH events (multiple locations): throughout the year – includes social, advocacy, fundraising, and other events on campus and in the community.

### iii. the application process

#### Important dates for applicants:

- **Application Deadline: Friday, September 11th by 5 pm:** Applications must be submitted via our online applications system. To request a link to the online application system, email Brian Spendley at [spendley@projecthealth.org](mailto:spendley@projecthealth.org).

Applicants who are selected to advance will be contacted to schedule an interview.

- **Interview: Week of September 14th (Sept 14-17):** Interviews conducted by student leaders during the week of September 14th. Our programs are lead by students who serve as Program Coordinators and Campus Coordinators.
- **Trainings: Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>:** Program trainings and clinic orientation. Exact dates and times for the trainings during the remainder of the week will be given prior to interviews.

If you have any questions about Project HEALTH or the application process, contact Kezia Alexander or Mohsan Chaudhry at [umbc.projecthealth@gmail.com](mailto:umbc.projecthealth@gmail.com). Please include "application question" in the subject line to insure prompt response prior to application review.

**Thanks for your application. We look forward to working with you!**

