Health Career Collaborative (HCC)

Health Career Collaborative (HCC) is a national program that equips medical students to help teach a semester of a health sciences curriculum at a local high school. The Mission of HCC is to provide mentorship, engaging health curricula, and exposure to health careers to high school students from low-income, underrepresented minority communities.

HCC at Dell Med is currently working with William B. Travis High School just 10 minutes south of HLB. Each week during the spring, groups of medical students will go to Travis to work with 3 different cohorts of the school's Health Sciences track. The first-year curriculum is lead by MS1s and focuses on what healthcare professionals might see in the Emergency Room; the second-year curriculum is lead by MS2s and/or MS4s and introduces the Travis students to the concept of Public Health; and the third-year curriculum is lead by MS3s and involves guiding the students to organizing a Health Fair for their school and local community.

A lot of Dell Med students have a background in teaching and mentorship, and HCC allows us to continue to apply those skills while giving back to the Austin community, but teaching experience is not at all required! Many of our student leaders are teaching for the first time, so all volunteers are welcome!

To get involved with HCC, please join the #hcc-general Slack channel and feel free to email or directly message any of our student leaders on Slack.

Goals
Excite students from traditionally underrepresented populations to strive towards careers in health/science.
Engage with the community through a secondary educational setting.

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