



FACTS & QUESTIONS

More questions about applying for a TAP HEALTH rotation program (TAP MD or TAP HC)? Check out this form to see if we cover what you need to know! And for more info, please e-mail Heleena McKinney: hmckinney@healthcollab.org.

What are the major differences between TAP MD and TAP HC?

TAP MD typically has more events, which are tailored for students possibly interested in being a physician. Occasionally the events are longer in time as they have been established over the course of the program for the last 8 years.

In terms of the application, we do request students provide standardized test scores to apply for TAP MD. We know test scores aren't everything, but they are one of the best indicators of future medical student success. As such, if you have higher standardized scores – and you're pretty sure whatever you do, you want to include a degree higher than a bachelor's – then TAP MD may be the program for you.

If and once you are accepted, TAP MD students and HC students will all get personalized lab coats and jackets. The MD students' jackets are "white coats" and look more like those a physician would wear. The HC student's jackets are also clinical jackets, but shorter.

Can I apply for both? Can I be accepted to both?

We encourage students to apply to the program they feel fits their interests best, but you can apply for both TAP HC and MD! Though it may increase your odds into getting into one of the programs, you don't get any additional points for applying to both and you can only be in one. We have had students get into neither, so please don't consider it a guarantee. If it turns out you get into both, the Selection Committee will then make the determination as to which program makes the most sense.

What are the events like?

The events are usually held during the school week (Monday-Friday). They can be as short as 90-minute events, but they average around 3 hours. Some are as long as 5 or 6 hours! We try to be as flexible as possible if you need to leave or can't make it to every event – but please know the events are unique, and the ideal applicant will apply knowing that they will do everything possible to make it to all. The experiences are with actual clinicians at the health systems who have taken time away from patients, billable hours, paperwork and their free time to give you these experiences. We need students to be in the program who value that - not students who hope to get in for other reasons. If you are uncomfortable with missing school at times, this may not be a program that's the right fit for you.

What is the waiver?

If you are applying to the program and feel you/your family would not be able to pay the one-time Participatory Fee of \$150, you can fill out the section on the application requesting a waiver. This in no way helps or hinders your process – the Selection Committee isn't made aware of which students have requested waivers.

Can the Educator from my school and the person who writes me a letter of recommendation be the same person?

Absolutely. That choice is up to you.

Does my application have to be fully complete for me to submit it?

Your entire application must be received by 11:59PM on (Sunday) December 15, 2019. The applications do come in time-stamped. We prefer that you upload everything at once and have made the form easily workable so that you can. However, if you need your letter of recommendation or essay or anything else to come in separately – please make sure those items are sent to Heleena McKinney at hmckinney@healthcollab.org before the deadline. And when you go to submit your applications, you can submit documents that let us know the rest is coming separately. You will not be penalized for doing it this way.

What if my letter of recommendation comes from someone who doesn't want me to see their letter?

This sometimes happens! As stated above, upload a document that says your letter will be coming separately and have them send it directly to Heleena McKinney.

Will any of the information I send in be verified?

It can be! In the past we've verified standardized testing scores, school and activities, letters of recommendation or more. As such, please only send in accurate and up to date information.

When will I know if I got in?

We will let TAP MD students know of their acceptance no later than Thursday, January 15 at 3pm. TAP HC students will know of their acceptance no later than Friday, January 16 at 3pm. All applicants and their schools will be notified by e-mail whether you were accepted or not. In the past, we've been able to let students and schools know a few days earlier than our deadline so you should be prepared to hear from us anytime in January.

If I get into one of the programs, do I have to accept?

Actually, you don't! If you are accepted and something changes after you applied but before the program starts, just let us know and we will remove you from the program. Please keep in mind, that we are not able as of now to provide transportation to and from any events – and our events are all over the Tri-State area.

If accepted, what will be the next step?

There will be several next steps – but the first of which is to attend your Kick-Off & Orientation event. You are encouraged to bring one parent or legal guardian with you. We highly encourage attendance at this event - we go over the guidelines for the program, the list of dates we have for the year, requirements for attendance, how to register for events and so on. We also get sized for your lab coats and take a class photo. It's a pretty important introductory event! So, you may want to save-the-dates on your calendar now:

- TAP MD Kick-Off & Orientation: Monday, January 27
- TAP HC Kick-Off & Orientation: Wednesday, January 29
- First Event Date (for both TAP MD & TAP HC): Monday, February 17; 7AM-12NOON (Further details will come at Kick-Off events.)

I submitted my application and then saw this.

We're sure your application is great!! But if for any reason you want to re-submit, please know we take the most recent timestamp of your application as the one that counts. And educators, if you previously advised a student in a different direction than something in this document, please reach out and let us know.