



SCHOOL OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONS

OUR MISSION: Expose students to medical fields through curricular enhancement, mentoring relationships, and educational experiences - providing insight to God's calling on their lives

THE PROGRAM

The School of Medical Professions (SOMP) at CVCA is a two-year curriculum designed to groom high school students to be successful, impactful Christians in an introduction to medical studies. The curriculum touches on the major medical disciplines and allows students to dive deeper into areas of interest through individualized projects, guest lectures, mentoring relationships, and Jterms or Mterms.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must apply for acceptance into the SOMP during the first semester of their sophomore year.

1. Submit a SOMP application with teacher references.
2. Interview with the advisors of SOMP.
3. Once accepted into SOMP, schedule classes with the Guidance Office.

REQUIREMENTS

Students must pass each class to continue in the program. Students need to complete exams.

Anatomy and Physiology (SOMP) - Fall and Spring Junior Year (1 credit)

Biology and Chemistry* are prerequisites. Approval is required from the SOMP Chair. *College-level course.*

SOMP Senior Seminar - Fall Senior Year (0.5 credit)

Anatomy & Physiology is a prerequisite. Approval is required from the SOMP Chair.

Medical Modules - Spring Senior Year (0.5 credit)

Senior Seminar is a prerequisite. Approval is required from the SOMP Chair.

Mentoring - Junior and Senior Year (1 hour per month)

Students will participate in a mentorship program with medical professionals from the area to build relationships and prepare students for the medical world.

SOMP Jterm/Mterm Rotation (35 hours)

Students will complete a 35-hour SOMP Jterm or Mterm rotation. This rotation is to be completed during the junior year, if at all possible. (Some students may have commitments to sports teams – other exceptions, please see the SOMP Chair).

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Schools of Distinction provide an innovative opportunity for CVCA students. **Designed for juniors and seniors**, the two-year curriculum exposes students to professional fields and potential majors. This program is in addition to CVCA's already rigorous college prep curriculum.

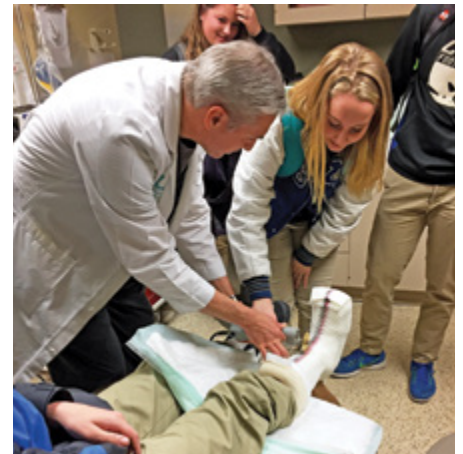
The Mission of all Schools of Distinction: "To expose our students to professional fields through..."

- Curricular enhancements (extra classes in a specific field)
- Mentoring relationships (monthly meetings with a Christian in a specific field)
- Experiential learning (internships, shadowing, competitions, guest lecturers, projects, etc.)

...providing insight into His calling in their lives."

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FEES

The cost for the SOMP is \$300 per year. Once accepted into the program, a student's position in the program is only confirmed with complete payment within three weeks. Unconfirmed positions may be offered to other candidates on the list.

DISTINCTIONS

Students who complete all SOMP requirements receive the following distinctions:

Medical Cord at Graduation: Students receive a kelly green cord for graduation.

Transcript Designation: Students receive a special distinction on their transcript and diploma.

JTERM/MTERM

Students have the opportunity to participate in various medically related options for Jterm and Mterm, but are required to take the SOMP Jterm or Mterm Rotation during their junior year unless other commitments will not allow (see "Requirements"). There are also opportunities to shadow a medical professional in our Career Experience Opportunity (CEO) during Jterm and Mterm.

MENTORSHIPS

SOMP mentorships have the following criteria:

- The mentorship will begin during a student's junior year and continue through graduation from the SOMP.
 - Once a month, students will spend an hour with the mentor discussing the mentor's work (with a biblical worldview).
 - Mentors will be sent an email of the topic and questions that the student will be asking.
 - It is desirable that the mentorship time lead to a more meaningful internship.
 - The primary desire is that conversations be in person, but could be on the phone.
 - The student will keep a SOMP Notebook of his/her time with the mentor.
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ROTATION, RESEARCH, and OPPORTUNITIES

Every SOMP student will participate in an approximate 35-hour Jterm or Mterm rotation prior to graduation. This will, by preference, occur during the student's junior year and include the following:

- The student will have a daily log and reflection page to complete at the end of the Jterm/Mterm rotation that will be included in their "SOMP Notebooks."
- SOMP advisors will accompany them on the rotation.
- Students will observe hospitals and other medically related clinics/professions in the greater Akron area (e.g., Akron General, Summa, Children's Hospitals, etc.).
- Students will be exposed to university opportunities after graduation from CVCA.

Students will research a medically related problem, write a paper, and present their work during Senior Seminar.

Students in the SOMP will have the opportunity to participate in additional educational experiences including case studies and field trips.

