

CPASS FOUNDATION

Bridging Gaps. Building Pathways.

Programs & Opportunities Overview

From 4th grade through medical school — a lifetime of support for scholars from historically underrepresented and under-resourced communities across Illinois.

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MINI MEDICAL

Grades 4–8 | Free| Multiple Locations
Hands-on program introducing 4th–8th graders to health sciences and medical careers. Free, at no cost to families.

Current Locations:

- Carle Illinois College of Medicine
- Palmdale Regional Medical Center
- Ponce Health Sciences University – St. Louis
- Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science
- Rush University Medical Center
- University of Illinois Chicago – Mini Health Professions Program (MHPP)
- University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria

STEMM-3D Scholars Academy

Grades 8–9 | Free| Pilot Program
STEMM-3D puts a virtual reality headset directly in the hands of scholars — no cost, no transportation barrier. Scholars complete 3–5 hours per week of immersive, curriculum-aligned VR lessons in math, science, and more. Strong participants are prioritized for entry into the full CPASS STEMM Scholar Academy. This program is in its pilot stages; please email info@cpassfoundation.org for the most up-to-date info.

STEMM Scholars Academy

Grades 9–12 | Free| Year round programming
A free, three-year intensive program built around residential college campus summers, STEMM curriculum, and year-round academic support. Monthly Saturday sessions deepen mastery in Chemistry, Physics, General Organic & Biochemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, and more. Opportunities to earn college credit are included.

STEMM Parent Academy

Parents & Guardians| Free
Sessions equip parents and guardians with the tools and strategies to raise a STEMM-Ready scholar — from kindergarten through college. Families join the sessions most relevant to them, and every session is recorded and shared exclusively with CPASS program families.

Chicago Area Health and Medical Careers Program™(CAHMCP) — Post-Secondary & Medical Pathway

Built for underrepresented students - Chicago Area Health and Medical Careers Program™(CAHMCP) removes the financial and academic barriers that stand between talented scholars and health professions— from standardized test prep to residency interview support. Every program requires demonstrated volunteer service in STEMM or health organizations, keeping the spirit of giving back woven into the journey forward.

Available Support Programs

- MCAT Resource Access — Free Kaplan® 7-book test prep for eligible undergrads
- Test Prep Access — Free Kaplan® online prep for MCAT, GRE, DAT, PANCE, NCLEX & more
- STEP Access — Free USMLE Kaplan® Step prep
- STEP Pathway — USMLE® Step test registration fee reimbursement
- Residency Interviewing Resources (RIR) — ERAS fee & travel reimbursement for medical students

** See program applications for full eligibility and requirements