**The Program**
The Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) is a cooperative program between Chadron State College (CSC) and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). The purpose of the program is to recruit and educate traditional students from rural Nebraska who will return to practice in rural areas of the state. This program represents a commitment and dedication to the education of Nebraskans and quality health care for citizens of the state.

**Benefits of the program**
Each participant will:
- All RHOP Participants receive a RHOP Tuition Waiver for a maximum of 16 hours of credit per semester for the years they attend Chadron State College.
- Receive early acceptance to UNMC as they begin the pre-professional curriculum at CSC.
- Follow a special curriculum at CSC which will prepare them for professional school at UNMC.
- Have recognition of their desire to become a health care provider.

**Options**
Current CSC Options are:
- Dental Hygiene
- Dentistry
- Nursing
- Medicine
- Physical Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Radiography
- Physician Assistant
- Clinical Laboratory Science

**Who Can Apply**
Nebraska students who have a high school diploma or equivalent, a sincere interest in becoming a health care provider and a willingness to practice in rural Nebraska are encouraged to apply.

**Deadlines**
The deadline for application is December 1. Applications must be completed on-line, printed & together with the signature page, three letters of recommendation, ACT scores, and transcripts submitted via mail to the Chadron State College Health Professions Office.

Please see back panel for address and phone number.

**Selection Guidelines**
Numerous factors are always a part of the selection process. Special consideration will be given to applicants who:
- Have a true understanding of the discipline of choice
- Want to become a health care provider
- Demonstrate strong academic potential
- Have an understanding of the RHOP program
- Are committed to returning to rural areas of Nebraska to practice
- Are from rural Nebraska

**Interviews**
Interviews will take place after the initial review of applications. The interviews will be approximately 20-30 minutes in length and will be conducted by faculty from UNMC and CSC. The interviews will be held on the CSC campus in January.

**Final Selections**
**Participant positions:** Three to five applicants will be selected to fill the participant positions.

**Alternate positions:** Three to five applicants will be selected to fill the alternate positions. Only alternates will be allowed to fill any vacancies that develop in the respective class. All applicants will be notified of their status as soon as possible after the interview process is complete.

**Program Standards***
1. Earn a “C” or better in each course and maintain a certain GPA.
2. File a mid-term grade report.
3. Consult with academic advisor on a regular basis.
4. Keep a journal of his/her professional activities and experiences at CSC.
5. Shadow physicians, physician assistants, and/or other health care providers in your chosen area of study.
6. Enroll or attend credit and non-credit classes, workshops, and videoconferences.
7. Visit UNMC on the regularly scheduled RHOP trips.

*Please contact the Health Professions Office for detailed program standards.*
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