Who We Are & What We Do

The Center of American Indian and Minority Health (CAIMH) is part of the University of Minnesota Medical School, located on the Duluth campus. Our school’s mission is to increase the number of Native American and rural physicians. CAIMH furthers that mission by recruiting and supporting Native American medical students.

The Center also hosts seminars and helps develop medical school curriculum to prepare all our students to provide better care for their Native patients.

The University of Minnesota Medical School is second in the nation for graduating the most American Indian physicians, and we have our eye on being number one.

In addition to our work within the medical school, CAIMH offers educational enrichment programs for kindergarten through pre-medical students. We primarily serve American Indian communities in Minnesota, Wisconsin and northern Michigan.

The Center’s Mission

The Center of American Indian and Minority Health strives to raise the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives by recruiting and educating Native American medical students, increasing awareness of American Indian health care issues and conducting research that serves the health interests of Native American communities.

Activities like this brain dissection helped bolster our anatomy knowledge.

Working in small groups allowed us to problem-solve and share ideas.

We gained lab skills that we’ll put to good use in the future.

Like all that we’ve learned, these friendships will stick with us for the long haul.

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the NAM program? Native Americans into Medicine is a six-week program running from June 8 to July 17, 2015. Sessions meet Monday through Friday, with evenings and weekends free.

Where is NAM? This program takes place at the University of Minnesota Medical School Duluth. Housing is available in campus apartments. The city of Duluth, on the shore of Lake Superior, offers plenty of outdoor recreation and a thriving arts community.

Who can come? NAM is for college students and graduates working toward careers in medicine, research or allied health professions. For specific eligibility questions, talk with a CAIMH staff person.

How do I apply? Request an application packet from your academic advisor, directly from CAIMH (see contact information on back of this brochure) - or apply online!

When do I apply? We begin accepting applications in January. You must submit a completed application packet before the May 8 deadline in order to attend. Applications received by April 8 will be given priority.

What if this isn’t the right program for me? CAIMH offers programs for students from kindergarten through medical school - visit www.caimh.umn.edu or contact our office to learn more!

I have more questions. We would love to talk with you - see the back of this brochure for our contact information.
Spend six weeks immersed in a medical school setting, working through Indian health case studies and applying science and health concepts to real-life scenarios. You’ll also:

- Learn from Native American medical students and doctors
- Explore careers and specialties in medicine, research and allied health professions
- Receive academic guidance toward your individual goals
- Learn traditional Anishinaabe and Dakota teachings on wellness
- Prepare to apply to medical school or other graduate studies
- Build friendships with other future health professionals like you
- Earn a stipend and have the opportunity to live in campus housing at a subsidized rate

Contact us to find out more:
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