



Health Corps at UCSD is a student-run organization that focuses on bridging the gap between healthcare and underrepresented areas. Thus, our mission is to provide students hands-on or leadership volunteer opportunities that specifically service underrepresented areas such as East County, South County, etc. For example, we would like to provide healthcare service to needy families, homeless patients, etc. The possibilities are endless, but we will keep our services targeted at helping communities that fit that criterion. Our goal is to make Health Corps an all "hands on" organization rather than just affiliated members. To better focus our efforts, we have divided these volunteer sites into five programs: health screenings, community college, high school mentorship, medical translation, and patient assistance. Each program will have specific volunteer opportunities that hone in specifically at each site. However, keep in mind that these programs are all interwoven and we will be working with each other. Because we are a brand new organization, we are asking students to please focus on one program so we can first fully establish each program site. From there, all members will somehow be able to be involved in multiple programs. To give you an idea, we have five coordinators that are each responsible for one of the five programs. We are a one-member team right now and are recruiting students who would like to lead each project in Health Corps; thus, we are offering principal member positions. We are looking for students who are going to fully commit for the rest of this school year to each project and fulfill the responsibilities that each program needs in order to be firmly planted. Our success will determine how long Health Corps will exist because this is a student-run organization. In summary, Health Corps is looking for students who want to make a difference out in these communities.

Here is a quick summary of the five programs:

- 1) **Community College Program:** To branch out new Health Corps chapters and create relationships with local community colleges in San Diego.
- 2) **Health Screenings Program:** To meet the needs of underserved communities by providing direct healthcare service through volunteer

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opportunities alongside medical professionals.

3) **Medical Translation Program:** To provide language translation for medical professionals including patients whose primary language is not English at various clinic sites.

4) **Patient Assistance Program:** To provide administrative support to the St. Vincent de Paul Village located downtown, as well as support patients with pharmacy reimbursements, insurance claims, etc.

5) **High School Mentorship:** Mentor high school students who are interested in entering the health field.

I want to stress that the program site descriptions are very broad because we just started off this year. These are the main goals for each program that we are starting with. I also want to emphasize that Health Corps is a growing organization, and each program will change and adapt to much bigger and exciting projects with the help of students who want to lead and participate in each program.

I believe most of the programs have selected their principal members, but I want to let you know that I am currently recruiting for both Principal and board members for the Community College Program. Keep in mind that I am expecting each applicant to be committed to my program specifically because I am building a leadership team who will go out to local community colleges and help start new chapters there. The ultimate goal is to interconnect all chapters and eventually have all members be involved in every aspect of Health Corps. If you are interested in applying for this leadership role, please open the attachment and submit your application to me by **Wednesday, Nov. 24** via email with the subject line saying **subject: Community College Principal Member Application**. I will be making my decision on Friday, November 26. I hope this information gives you a better understanding of what Health Corps is all about. Regarding the Principal Member position for the Community College Program, expected duties include creating, leading, and implementing projects on how to establish a Health Corps chapter at a local community college in order to get students there involved as

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well. Grossmont College is the determined site that we will be working with for this first year. As a Principal Member, it will be expected of you to be able to visit this campus and recruit members there. That is the definite goal as of now. Once the Principal Members have been chosen, it will be the team's responsibility to create projects on how to accomplish this goal. What I've been telling students is that, because we are at the beginning phase of this organization, each program site leaders have the ability to design the program according to how we think Health Corps should be. This is specifically true about the Community College Program because we get to decide how we would like community college chapters to run. This also offers you a leadership role in this program and gives you an opportunity to network with other campus faculty members, clinics, physicians, etc. If you have any further questions regarding the other programs, please email us at sdhealthcorps@gmail.com where any of the program coordinators will promptly respond to any inquiries. You are more than welcome to attend any of the meetings to find out more details. I would like to also encourage you to join us on Facebook. This allows you to be updated with any new events that will be taking place with Health Corps. <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Health-Corps-at-UCSD/163289813695208>. Also, the **Patient Assistance Program will be holding their first GBM on Wednesday, December 1, from 6:00-7:00pm at the Old Student B Center Conference Room.** The coordinator conducting this GBM is Jennifer Avalos, and I will also be in attendance there as well. We hope to see you there and become a member!

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