North Carolina Health Careers Access Program’s (NC-HCAP) mission is to increase the number of individuals from educationally or economically disadvantaged backgrounds, who are trained, educated and employed in the health professions.

NC-HCAP achieves this mission by:

- Increasing awareness of career opportunities in health professions
- Cultivating interests in the pursuit of health professions
- Enhancing opportunities to gain access to formal training and the education programs in health professions
- Increasing the probability of success in completing formal training and education programs in the health professions

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### What is the Early Assurance Program?

The Early Assurance Program is a partnership between ECU Brody School of Medicine (BSOM) and UNC Pembroke. Two of the 80 seats in the entering BSOM class are reserved four years in advance for outstanding students interested in attending UNCP for their undergraduate work.

In recognition of the honor of being selected as an Early Assurance student at BSOM, UNCP will provide a four-year merit scholarship for the students selected. This scholarship will assist the student in covering expenses to include books, room and board.

**Note:** Room and board consists of on-campus double-occupancy housing ONLY.

### How to Apply/Eligibility

Eligible applicants must:

- Apply by **February 25, 2022**
- Demonstrate residency in one of the six counties listed above
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.7 and a combined reading and math SAT score of 1100/24 ACT
- Submit an application with essay
- List your experiences related to the medical field and provide documentation from practitioners with whom you have worked, shadowed, etc.

Please note: Qualified students will be invited for an interview by UNC Pembroke to the ECU Brody School of Medicine.

A student who is competing for the Early Assurance Award at one school cannot be nominated for the Early Assurance Award at another school.

### Expectations

The UNCP/BSOM Early Assurance Students are required to fulfill the requirements below in order to maintain their admission to BSOM.

- Maintain a minimum **3.5 GPA** (both overall and in science courses)
- Score at least a **125 in each** of the numerically graded sections of the MCAT (this requirement is waived for students who enter the UNCP/ECU Early Assurance Program with combined Reading/Math scores of $\geq 1200$, and/or ACT scores of $\geq 27$)
- **Complete** all pre-med requirements by the end of the junior year of undergraduate work
- **Participate** in required group and enrichment activities during **all four years** (medical exposure, service-learning, leadership roles, periodic advising at BSOM, etc.)
- **Maintain** an acceptable level of personal deportment

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2021 EA Scholars

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