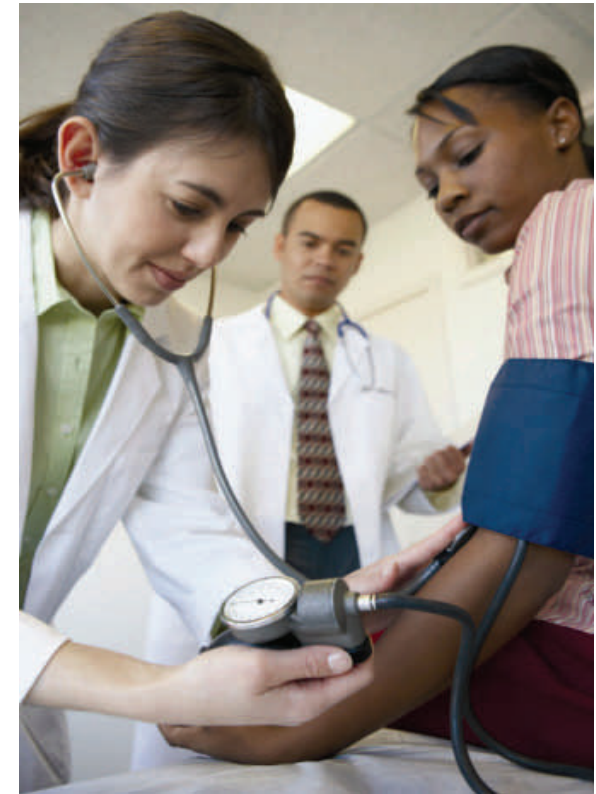


Program Partners

Our National Success

The Youth Health Service Corps has had great success since its introduction in 2004. Over 1600 high school students in 19 states have performed 34,000 hours of service to their communities.

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Students helping to create healthier communities through service learning...



The Youth Health Service Corps mission is to increase the number of diverse high school students who matriculate into post secondary health care education programs.

The Youth Health Service Corps is a recruitment program that engages diverse high school students as leaders in service learning projects that address important community health issues. Students meet for 8-12 weeks to design and implement service days addressing health issues such as Childhood Obesity, Oral Hygiene, & Health and Social Issues of the Aging. Student leaders then recruit peers to help serve in student led projects and who will also join YHSC and become the next semesters' student leaders.

YHSC Program goals:

- Increase awareness of health careers
- Increase involvement in service learning
- Increase academic & civic engagement
- Strengthen partnerships between secondary, post secondary education & community based organizations

Service Learning is a method of working with students that integrates genuine community need with learning objectives that positively impact the development of both. Students engage in Service Learning projects that raise awareness of community health needs and have a direct link to medically underserved populations.

YHSC Curriculum

The Youth Health Service Corps curriculum is based on Academic Frameworks and the National Health Care Skill Standards. Students learn about the range of health and medical careers from community health care professionals. YHSC coordinators help facilitate maximum learning experiences for students.

Volunteer Training-In preparation for service projects students are trained in:

- Module 1: Introduction to YHSC
- Module 2: Leadership & Service Learning
- Module 3: YHSC Website Training
- Module 4: Vulnerable Populations
 - Cultural Competency
- Module 5: Ethical & Legal Issues
 - Confidentiality
- Module 6: Health Care Skills
 - Health Career Exploration
 - CPR certification

Service Learning Projects are intentionally designed to introduce students to service & health careers through seven phases of Service Learning. Students learn to:

- Investigate** a community health issue
- Plan** the service to address the issues
- Act** to provide the service
- Reflect** on the process and outcomes
- Demonstrate** the successes to partners
- Celebrate** the successes of the project
- Sustain** the project by recruiting peers to serve & join YHSC

Student Recognition

Students receive the YHSC National Community Service Recognition Award for 50 hours of service given annually. Students who continue in YHSC are eligible for the Presidential Service Award given for a minimum of 100 hours of service within a 12 month period.

Students benefit from joining YHSC by:

- Becoming civically engaged in the community
- Experiencing meaningful service to others
- Learning about health career professions
- Fulfilling a need for volunteer service
- Building resumes for college or work
- Participating in YHSC online social network of students with similar interests
- Meeting school requirements for volunteer service



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