

DePaul University

The College of Science and Health

Pathways Honors Learning Community - Academic Year 2014-2015

The College of Science and Health (CSH) is developing a learning community for Pathways Honors students. A learning community is a cohort of up to 24 students who participate in a set of common courses together during their first year at DePaul. Through the Pathways Honors Learning Community, you will encounter students with widely different backgrounds who all share a common thread: a desire to participate in one of the many facets of the healthcare industry. Getting through the first year of college can be difficult at times and having a small, tight-knit group to lean on and learn from each other can be quite beneficial.

As a Pathways Honors Learning Community member, you and your cohort will register for a common set of courses in the autumn quarter. In particular, you will be enrolled in a special section of Explore Chicago (LSP111) called *Healthcare in Chicago*. This course is designed to begin a conversation about health and healthcare in the city. Through readings, discussions and field trips, you will begin to explore the concept of health and the various ways it can be considered. Along the way you will address several important questions: What does it mean to be healthy? What does it mean to be ill? What resources are available to keep us healthy or return us to health? *Healthcare in Chicago* will provide you with an opportunity to explore healthcare careers and their impact on individuals and communities. *Healthcare in Chicago* will be taught by Dr. Phillip Funk, a faculty member in the Department of Biological Sciences and an associate dean in the college. Dr. Funk is involved in the Pathways Honors program at DePaul and serves as the university's principal academic contact with Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, DePaul's healthcare alliance partner. Ms. Lindsey Burdick, DePaul's pre-health advisor, will also participate in the course as its staff professional.

In addition to *Healthcare in Chicago* you will register for special sections of general biology (BIO191) and general chemistry (CHE140/141), both of which are part of year-long sequences. Unlike other learning communities, the one for Pathways Honors students has the potential to extend over your entire first year. Please note that registration for BIO191 and CHE140/141 is dependent on math placement and chemistry assessment examinations. These examinations are available online – the math placement one in particular will need to be completed prior to scheduling your Premiere DePaul orientation session this summer.

If you have been accepted into the Pathways Honors program for the 2014-2015 academic year and you are interested in participating in this unique opportunity, please contact the CSH Office of Advising and Student Services at CSHAdvising@depaul.edu or call (773) 325-8490. Keep in mind that enrollment in this learning community requires successful placement results in math and chemistry.