

2020 Wisconsin Express Application



Spring Break Session

March 15-20, 2020

Application deadline: January 19, 2020

Summer Session

May 17-22, 2020

Application deadline: March 15, 2020

Please note: this application does not have a "save as you go" function; it must be completed in one sitting. There are three short essay questions, you may find it helpful to prepare your essays in word processing software, then cut-and-paste it into this application.

Questions?

Please contact the WI Express Coordinator at ahec@ahec.wisc.edu

Applicant Contact Information

The information collected in this section is used for outreach purposes so we can follow up with you after you submit your application. Please be sure to check your entries for accuracy.

First Name

Last Name

Preferred Name (if different from your first name)

Preferred email address

Preferred phone

Current mailing address

Current City/Town

Current State

Current ZIP/Postal Code

Permanent mailing address

Permanent City/Town

Permanent State

Permanent ZIP/Postal Code

Demographic data

The information collected in this section is used for annual reporting to the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. HRSA is the primary federal agency for improving health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable. WI AHEC receives funding from HRSA to support our WI Express program.

Please note that the following data fields and their choices are provided to us from HRSA. Our reporting to HRSA does not include any personal identifying information so your name, addresses, contact information will remain confidential.

Additionally, while we request this information as part of your application to our WI Express program your responses to Part 2 are not considered in our selection process and we do not discriminate on the basis of age, gender identity or expression, race, or ethnic identity.

Birthdate (example: December 15, 2012)

Current Age

Gender: Feel free to use the "Other" field to self-describe.

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary/third gender
- ☐ Other (please specify)

What pronouns do you use?

Race (check all that apply)

- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
 - ☐ African American or Black
 - ☐ Asian
 - ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 - ☐ White
 - ☐ Prefer not to report
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Ethnicity (check all that apply)

- ☐ Hispanic/Latino
- ☐ Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
- ☐ Prefer not to report

Rural Area The following questions will help us determine whether you currently live OR have ever lived in a rural area. HRSA defines a rural area as a geographical area located in a non-metropolitan county or an area located in a metropolitan county designated by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy as being considered rural.

We'll use your responses below to verify whether or not you've ever lived in a rural area.

Do you currently live or have you ever lived in a rural area?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe

Please list the city, state, and zip code where you currently live or lived previously (no matter how long ago) that you believe meets the definition of rural.

Disadvantaged Background The following questions will help us determine whether you come from a disadvantaged background based on the HRSA definition below:

Disadvantaged Background – refers to a citizen, national, or a lawful permanent resident of the United States, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico or the Marianas Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Federated State of Micronesia who is:

Environmentally Disadvantaged – an individual’s environment inhibited him/her from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from a health professions school.

AND/OR

Economically Disadvantaged – an individual from a family with an annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds (see chart here: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>)

AND/OR

Educationally Disadvantaged – an individual who comes from a social, cultural, or educational environment that has demonstrably and directly inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to develop and participate in a health professions education or training program.

Based on the definition provided above, do you identify as coming from a disadvantaged background?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Academic Information

Are you currently (during WI Express 2020) enrolled in a college, university, or professional training program?

☐ Yes, in an associate degree program (AA, ADN)

☐ Yes, in a bachelor's degree program (BA, BS)

☐ Yes, in a graduate degree program

☐ Yes, in a residency / internship / clinical rotation

☐ No

When do you expect to complete this program?

- ☐ Spring 2020
 - ☐ Summer 2020
 - ☐ Fall 2020
 - ☐ Spring 2021
 - ☐ Summer 2021
 - ☐ Fall 2021
 - ☐ Other
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If you are currently enrolled in a college / university / professional program, please provide:

- ☐ Name of college / university / or educational institution

 - ☐ City _____
 - ☐ State _____
 - ☐ Zip code _____
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Please indicate your academic field of study (majors) and your current graduate program, if applicable.

- ☐ Undergraduate major or academic field of study

- ☐ Graduate program I am currently enrolled in

- ☐ Graduate program I plan to apply to

Program specific questions

Are you a current participant of the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Scholars program?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Have you previously applied for Wisconsin Express?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure / do not recall

Have you previously participated in Wisconsin Express?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do you have any dietary restrictions?

☐ Yes (please specify) _____

☐ No

Please describe any accommodations you'll need in order to fully participate:

Please select one of the following:

- ☐ I will pay the \$250 fee for the week (includes activities, curriculum, and most meals).
- ☐ I require financial assistance in order to participate.
- ☐ I am an AHEC Scholar.

Essay questions

SHORT ESSAY #1:

Wisconsin Express is a team-based immersion experience. Tell us why you are interested in participating and how your **career goals** relate to the Wisconsin Express themes:

1. culture and diversity
2. regional healthcare and public health resources
3. interprofessional teamwork

Please note - this essay is weighted heavily in the selection process. Be sure to address all three of the program themes.

(Limit 500 words.)

SHORT ESSAY #2:

Teamwork and community partnerships are essential for a successful Wisconsin Express experience. Please describe your approach to teamwork and making connections with others.

Include one specific example.
(Limit 250 words)

SHORT ESSAY #3:

What do you hope to learn about the intersection of culture and health during this experience?
Please explain what health means to you - include one specific example.

(Limit 250 words)

Site selection

I am applying for:

- ☐ Spring Break, March 15-20, 2020
- ☐ Summer Session, May 17-22, 2020
- ☐ Either session is of interest
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If applying for **Spring Break Sites**:

Please indicate your community site preferences among the **Spring Break** choices listed below.

3 sites are offered for March 15-20, 2020

We encourage you to select multiple sites of interest to increase chances of placement.

	Very most preferred site	Strongly interested in a placement offer for this site	Not Interested in a placement offer for this site
Beloit Underserved, Health Disparities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eau Claire Aging, Veterans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hayward Healthcare Entrepreneurialism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If applying for Summer Session Sites:

Please indicate your community site preferences among the **Summer Session** choices listed

below.

10 sites are offered for May 17-22, 2020

We encourage you to select multiple sites of interest to increase chances of placement.

	Very most preferred site	Strongly interested in a placement offer for this site	Not Interested in a placement offer for this site
Ashland Rural Focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green Bay Native American, Hispanic, Somali	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
La Crosse Underserved Populations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lancaster Incarceration Focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Madison Underserved Women's Health Focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marshfield Amish and Mennonite Focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Milwaukee Urban Focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minocqua Native American Focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shawano Native American Focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheboygan Hmong Focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Why did you select the site(s) that interested you?

Please provide any additional comments below:

Thank you for your application and interest in Wisconsin Express!

Spring Break site notifications will be sent early February.

Summer site notifications will be sent early April.
