





# **Opening Doors for Future Health Care Leaders**

# The UC Davis Health Professions Post-Baccalaureate Program

Victoria had always dreamed of being a nurse. A first-generation college student, she eagerly embraced undergraduate life, pursuing internships and volunteering while supporting herself with two jobs. But, she says, "Coming out of high school, I just wasn't as prepared academically for the rigorous coursework of UC Davis, and I took on way too much." Her grades suffered, and after graduation she received so many rejections from health profession schools that she almost gave up on her dream.

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**Program** gave Victoria a way to raise her GPA—as well as the tools, experience and confidence to succeed. Now, she is on her way to the nurse practitioner program at her top-choice school. And she already looks forward to the day when she can mentor more Black women who want to enter the health care field.

# A Diverse Health Care Workforce for a Healthier California

The post-baccalaureate program offers a pathway for students like Victoria who rise to the challenge of pursuing careers in nursing, medicine, dentistry, veterinary, and related fields—students from communities that are underrepresented in higher education as well as in health



#### An Invitation

Join us in creating more equitable pathways for the health care professionals of the future.

- 58% of the students in our program are underrepresented in higher education and in health care.
- 46% of our program's students are first-generation college students.
- 93% of our inaugural cohort who applied to professional health care programs were accepted.

professions. Together, we can help build a health care workforce that better reflects the diversity of the communities they serve, which in turn improves access to health care, builds stronger physician-patient relationships, and provides culturally relevant care.

By broadening the pathways of opportunity for tomorrow's health professionals, we can ensure better and more equitable health outcomes for communities in California and beyond.

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## The Right Time and the Right Place

The UC Davis Health Professions Post-Baccalaureate Program opened its doors in 2021 with a commitment to student success in its blueprint. Our holistic approach builds on a foundation of rigorous courses—adding critical test preparation, skill-building seminars and networking. Signature Clinical, Research and Health Equity tracks provide a summer of experiential learning, including an EMT option that prepares students to work on the front lines of health care.

Our students' extraordinary acceptance rate into professional programs tells us that our unique, comprehensive approach works.

# Bringing a Brighter Future Within Reach

Many of our applicants faced extraordinary challenges as college students: they may have cared for younger siblings, worked full-time to send money home, commuted on weekends to work in family businesses, or served as their parents' translators in medical or legal settings.

For these students, funding is often a substantial hurdle. Tuition for our one-year program is \$30,000, or \$7,500 per quarter. Because post-baccalaureate programs do not qualify for federal financial aid, our students rely on alternatives such as hard-to-secure, high-interest loans. Each year, we offer admission to highly motivated, well-qualified applicants who are not able to attend due to program costs. Your gift can make all the difference.



### **Giving Opportunities**

#### **Fund Student Scholarships**

Your gift in any amount can open doors.

#### **Support Programming for All Students**

Fund critical networking and milestone ceremonies that benefit all our students.

Your support will open doors to health care careers for students who have met extraordinary challenges with the determination to succeed, while helping to build equitable access to educational opportunities *and* health care outcomes.

