

Huwichurruk

Tribal Health Postbaccalaureate Program



OUR MISSION

In partnership with Cal Poly Humboldt, UC Davis School of Medicine launched Huwichurruk (hee-way-gou-duck), a postbaccalaureate pathway program for learners who are passionate about providing healthcare to American Indian/Alaska Native communities. Huwichurruk is designed to support participants on their journey to medicine.

In the Wiyot language, huwichurruk means plants, grass, leaves, and medicine. Our Huwichurruk scholars will be immersed in a culturally-focused framework intertwined with courses at Cal Poly Humboldt. Our mission is to successfully recruit, retain, and train prospective medical students focused on serving American Indian/Alaska Native tribes and communities in both rural and urban areas.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Application Opens: January 4, 2024
 - Application Closes: May 3, 2024
 - Program Begins at Cal Poly Humboldt: July 2024
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Tuition:** After completion of the FAFSA, educational fees will be covered as listed on Cal Poly Humboldt's Tuition and Cost website: <https://www.humboldt.edu/cost>
- **Stipend:** Students are eligible for a stipend to help offset living and program costs, especially as students focus on MCAT preparation.
- **Housing:** For students utilizing program-provided on-campus residences, the Huwichurruk program will cover housing fees as resources are available. For students utilizing external housing, the program can assist with connections to other supportive resources.
- **Conditional Acceptance into Medical School:** Huwichurruk students are accepted into UC Davis School of Medicine and the Tribal Health PRIME Pathway on the following conditions:
 - Successful completion of the Huwichurruk program with a 3.7 GPA or higher during program period
 - An MCAT score of 499 or higher
 - Completion of UC Davis School of Medicine prerequisite courses
 - A letter of completion and recommendation from the Huwichurruk program director(s) outlining academic readiness for the rigor of medical school

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ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Applicants to the Huwighurruk pathway must identify as:

Category 1: Academic Enhancers, Category 2: Reapplicants, or Category 3: Career Changers.

Category 1: Academic Enhancers and **Category 2: Reapplicants to Medical School** must have completed:

- 1 Year of Biology with lab
- 1 Year of General Chemistry with lab
- 1 Year of Organic Chemistry with lab
- 1 Year of Physics with lab.
- Biochemistry is encouraged, but not required
- Have an undergraduate and science GPA average of at least 2.9 and a Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math (BCPM) GPA average of 2.5

Category 3: Career Changers must have completed:

- 1 Year of General Chemistry with lab
- 1 Year of Biology with lab
- Have an undergraduate cumulative GPA average of at least 3.2

HUWIGHURRUK ELIGIBILITY

- Citizen or descendant of a federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native Tribe
- Have a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) showing tribal affiliation
- Are a descendent from a person with a CDIB
- Are a descendent of a person on the California census rolls of 1928 or 1933, or on the California Judgment Fund Rolls of 1953 or 1972
- Are a resident of California, have significant ties to California or demonstrated significant commitment to American Indian Communities or Tribes
- Have demonstrated a history of commitment to practice in the AI/AN community

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

- Email: tribalhealth@ucdavis.edu
- Application: <https://tinyurl.com/TribalHealthPB>
- Info Sessions: <https://tinyurl.com/CAConsortInfo>



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