

The Medical Library as a Component of a Medical School Pipeline Program

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INTRODUCTION

Underrepresented Minority (URM) students make up a very small percentage of medical school applicants, students, and, subsequently, physicians (Mains, Wilcox, and Wright 2016, 47-50; Nair et al. 2011, 832-838).

Medical schools are creating pipeline programs to develop and maintain the interest of students in pursuing careers in the medical field.

The **Brody RISE** program is the pipeline program at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.

Some of the activities:

- Tour of the health sciences campus
- Tour of the simulation lab
- Tour of the DaVinci lab
- learn about robotic surgery
- use a training robot to manipulate objects.
- Participation in multicultural events
- Informational sessions
- What medical school requires
- Medical school departments
- Financial aid
- Honors College
- Adipose tissue
- BMI
- Mental health/stigma
- Team-building exercises
- Career exploration

PHOTOS FROM THE EVENTS

After a Saturday morning at the library, one student stated she wished school was "more like this"





Scan for a video introduction to the Brody RISE Program





LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Laupus Library joined in on the fun!

Librarians created the following activities:

- Critical thinking about predatory journals
- Anatomical cutouts (cartoon-like) that can be placed on a cutout of a body based on system (digestive, respiratory, neurological, etc.)
- Timeline game Events and medical discoveries in order on a timeline
- Matching game Folk remedies and the illness or ailment they were thought to cure
- Aromatherapy sachet bag craft
- Pictionary using medical terminology

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