

Clovis pathway program helps students get to health care careers

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Clovis Community College is offering six new programs to students interested in health-care careers.

With a \$50,000 grant from the California State University system's Linked Learning to Baccalaureate program, pathway programs are now in effect for pre-medical, pre-dental, pre-optometry, pre-physician assistant, pre-veterinary and pre-pharmacy careers.

Upon enrolling at Clovis Community College, counselors provide health sciences students with a roadmap of courses to take to meet transfer requirements to four-year colleges and post-graduate programs.

Although the pathway programs were developed in partnership with the Clovis Unified School District, any qualifying student can pursue the transfer program.

Pre-pharmacy students have an extra advantage through the college's partnership with the California Health Sciences University College of Pharmacy in Clovis. After completing all necessary requirements and receiving their bachelor's degree, up to 20 students annually will be granted a reserved seat in the doctor of pharmacy program.

Buchanan High School graduate Elijah Xiong is one of the first 20 students to participate in the pathway program.

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