

The NMU Center for Native American Studies is proud to present the

College Prep Medicine Wheel Academy

October 2009 and May 2010

Promoting health sciences professions to
Native American high school students.

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Miigwech/Nia:Wen/Thank you for taking the time to review this application carefully.

WHAT IS IT? The College Prep Medicine Wheel Academy at NMU specifically targets Native American youth in grades 10-12 to showcase opportunities in the health professions, a field in which Native Americans are severely underrepresented. Managed by the Center for Native American Studies in collaboration with Nursing and Clinical Sciences, the College Prep Medicine Wheel Academy is a college preparatory program. Our goal is to host 40 Native American high school students at NMU for two campus experiences (one in October 2009 and one in May 2010) with activities utilizing Nursing, Clinical Sciences and Marquette General Hospital staff and facilities. Over the course of two and half days, faculty and students will provide a range of activities including campus tours, hands-on interactive workshops, shadowing opportunities at the hospital and health professionals, leadership-building exercises, as well as some fun activities at the PIEF or attending an NMU campus-wide event. The first program will take place October 15-17, 2009. The May 2010 dates will be announced at a later date.

WHY? Nationally, out of the 2,694,540 licensed registered nurses in the United States, approximately 13,040 are American Indian/Alaska Native nurses. There is currently a staffing shortage in some of the health professions. The College Prep Medicine Wheel Academy will introduce to students a wide range of health professional programs that NMU has to offer and also what kinds of prerequisites students need to prepare for while completing high school. NMU students will serve as mentors to visiting high school students and also help run interactive learning experiences. In addition, tribal speakers and leaders from the professional world will give presentations during the programs.

WHO IS IT FOR? Native American students from Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota in grades 10-12 are eligible to apply. The program is limited to 40 students. We are seeking students who are interested in working in the health fields or those who are undecided.

WHAT IS INCLUDED? Our program will provide lodging, meals and costs of materials as needed. Transportation for participants within Michigan's Upper Peninsula may be available in certain areas (we will work on details once applications are received). Should parents or school officials wish to join/chaperone a group of students during this weekend, please let us know by October 1 so our team can make the necessary arrangements.

HOW DO STUDENTS BECOME INVOLVED? Students are invited to fill out the application on the adjoining page. Send it in with parent's signature. Applications are due Friday, September 25, 2009. The selected students will be notified on Thursday, October 1 with a phone call and a letter.

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions regarding this program, call the Center for Native American Studies at 906-227-1397 during regular business hours (ET). You can also e-mail us at cnas@nmu.edu or visit our Web site at www.nmu.edu/cnas.

Special thanks to Marquette General Hospital, the NMU Clinical Sciences Department, and the NMU School of Nursing. This program is presented by the NMU Center for Native American Studies.



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Please print or type this application. Thank you.

Full Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

School Name _____

City/State Where School is Located _____

Grade in School _____

Tribal Affiliation _____

Parent or Guardian Name (s) _____

Home Phone # _____

Work Phone # _____

Emergency number to use _____

Relative or Approved Adult _____

Phone # (2nd call in case of emergency) _____

Parent Signature Needed for the following information.

I understand that **Northern Michigan University** (hereby referred to as the university) is not responsible for personal property that is damaged, destroyed or stolen during the duration of the College Prep Medicine Wheel Academy (hereby referred to as the program). I understand and approve that in case of emergency, if I am not available, the person under the "2nd call for emergency purposes" will be contacted. I approve of my child riding as a passenger in a university vehicle during the duration of the program. I understand that my child may be photographed during program activities for promotional purposes. If so, I agree that the image of my child may be used by the university for promotional purposes only. I understand that if my child is chosen further information (such as health insurance information) may be required and I will supply all of the necessary information prior to my child's visit.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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Please let us know a little bit about yourself.

Identify three subjects that you like to study.

Identify three things you like to do in your spare time.

Identify three types of jobs that you would be interested in knowing more about.

Identify three things that you are involved with either in school or your community.

List three people you consider role models (if they are teachers, relatives or community members—let us know)

List three books you've read recently.

List three movies you've seen recently.

Is there anything else you would like us to know about?

By September 25 return this completed application to:

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c/o Center for Native American Studies
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