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ABOUT US

UM Health & Medicine (UMHM) is the connection hub for all health science and healthcare-related activities at the University of Montana and with our community partners across Montana. UMHM represents over 11 different academic units, 8 on-campus clinics, and 22 research labs and centers. The overall goal of UMHM is to be a leader in health professions education and improving health outcomes in Montana.

OVERVIEW

MISSION

UMHM is improving health outcomes in Montana through innovative health science education and strategic partnerships that support the healthcare/public health workforce.

VISION

Establish the University of Montana as the premier health sciences higher education institution in Montana

ROLES

- Serve as the first point of contact for UM/MC health science recruitment and marketing initiatives.
- Foster on-campus collaborations between the various UM/MC health/biomedical science programs, centers, and institutions.
- Facilitate partnerships between external healthcare entities and on-campus entities.
- Act as a neutral advocate for all on-campus health science/biomedical science entities.
- Support UM/MC health/biomedical science programs, centers, institutions, and faculty/students.

UMHM STAFF



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300+

STUDENTS

hosted on-campus in partnership with WMT-AHEC

20+

GRIZ HEALTH STUDENTS

Supporting COVID response activities such as COVID-19 testing facility operations and vaccine clinics

15

COLLABORATIONS

Established both with on-campus and external partners

2

ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS

Developed that are both interdisciplinary and interprofessional to support healthcare workforce development

FOCUS AREA 1

Partner with UM Admissions, Marketing, and Recruitment to promote and recruit students to the health/biomedical sciences professions at the University of Montana & Missoula College.

COMPLETED/ONGOING INITIATIVES

- Serve as a main point of contact between UM Admissions, Recruitment, and Marketing for the health sciences/biomedical sciences on campus.
- Partner with WMT-AHEC, BIG, and SpectrUM Discovery Area to offer health science outreach events and camps.
- Support the development of marketing materials that represent all UM/MC health profession programs.
- Design and implement pre-health professions studies certificate in partnership with Missoula College.
- Offer Intro to Health Professions course in Fall and Spring semesters
- Implemented Health Professions Essentials micro-credential

FUTURE INITIATIVES

- Establish and oversee a campus-wide health science recruitment and marketing committee.
- Have the UMHM website serve as the main portal for prospective students and healthcare partners to learn about health/biomedical science at UM.
- Support the expansion of dual-credit/high school health science course offerings and health science pathways through Missoula College and UM.
- Work with the UM Data Office to design Health Professions Data Dashboard.
- Work with the Pre-Health Professions advisors and Dual-Credit Manager to increase enrollment in the Intro to Health Professions course.

FOCUS AREA 2

Create opportunities for the UM campus to connect with the healthcare/public health community in Montana.



COMPLETED/ONGOING INITIATIVES

- Connect behavioral health external partners with behavioral health profession programs at UM.
- Help identify behavioral health practicum students to work in behavioral healthcare settings to help address the workforce shortage.
- Hosted healthcare hackathon for UM students in partnership with Montana Pediatrics, Blackstone Launchpad, UM Rural Institute, and Take Control.
- Griz Health students worked in the UMGC COVID-19 Testing Facility to support statewide COVID response, volunteered at All Nations Health Center, and supported on-campus vaccine clinics.

FUTURE INITIATIVES

- Partner with UM IPAT faculty to develop a hybrid ECG/Telemetry Technician training program for Montana healthcare facilities.
- Create a collaborative network of on-campus partners, external healthcare facilities, tribal health departments, and public health departments to develop a health extension office model for Montana.
- Coordinate the collaboration of on-campus healthcare clinics with external healthcare partners.
- Partner with the Montana Hospital Association, the Montana Primary Care Association, and the Montana Public Health Training Center to offer a Rural Preceptor Training program.
- Collaborate with WMT-AHEC to produce a healthcare resiliency podcast.

FOCUS AREA 3

Facilitate interdepartmental collaborations, health science curricula development, and health science program expansions

COMPLETED/ONGOING INITIATIVES

- Designed a Pre-Health Professions Post-Bac Leveling program and a Masters in Science in Health Science program.
- Designed and implemented an Introduction to Health Professions course for dual-credit high school students and college students.
- 7 Griz Health students completed vaccine hesitancy training and worked on campus to address vaccine hesitancy in the student population.
- Implemented an online training for science/health science teachers to increase the number of dual-credit anatomy & physiology courses

FUTURE INITIATIVES

- Facilitate the adaptation of the Missoula College Medical Assisting program so it can be offered in Montana High Schools.
- Work with the University of Washington MEDEX program to establish a satellite Physician Assistant program at UM.
- Support the centralization of pre-health profession advising for UM and Missoula College.
- Partner with the College of Business, Public Administration Program, and School of Public and Community Health Sciences to design and implement a Bachelor of Science Completion Degree in Healthcare Management.
- Partner with the College of Education to design and implement a Health Science Educators Certificate.

