

FAQ for ACHE M.A.P.: ARCOM

Frequently Asked Questions

What is ACHE M.A.P.: ARCOM?

ACHE M.A.P.: ARCOM stands for the Arkansas College of Health Education Mentoring and Achievement Preparation (M.A.P.) Program. ACHE M.A.P.: ARCOM is designed to educate, encourage, equip, and engage diverse students from first-generation, underrepresented-in-medicine, or socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds considering careers in osteopathic medicine. The program incorporates a holistic on-campus educational and social immersion with peer and faculty mentorship pairing to support underrepresented and underserved student populations' enrollment in professional medical/healthcare degree programs.

Program dates: August 3-August 7 (participants must commit to participate in the entire experience).

Who can participate in the ACHE M.A.P. ARCOM program?

The program is open to rising undergraduate sophomores and juniors (cumulative 3.2 or higher grade point average) who are underrepresented in medicine, underserved, first-generation, or from low socioeconomic backgrounds.

What are the benefits of participating in ACHE M.A.P. ARCOM?

Participants in the ACHE M.A.P.: ARCOM program will gain access to:

- An on-campus immersive experience with academic enrichment in the sciences, personal statement writing workshops, professionalism training, and many other enlightening activities.
- After completing the on-campus experience, participants will receive ongoing mentorship from an assigned faculty member and current student in the ARCOM program until graduation from their undergraduate institution.
- Regularly invited by the Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine Office of Admissions to attend future admissions-related workshops and events.

How do I enroll in the ACHE M.A.P. ARCOM program?

To enroll in the program, you must complete the preliminary application, submit an electronic copy of my unofficial or official transcripts, two recommenders from the applicant's undergraduate institution, a resume, and a 500-word essay on mentorship and its impact on your journey to medical school, and a professional headshot to admissions.arcom@achehealth.edu.

The application deadline is May 31, 2026 (11:45 PM CST); applicants will be notified by June 10, 2026 (Noon CST).

Is there a cost associated with the ACHE M.A.P. ARCOM program?

ACHE covers housing and meals, but participants are responsible for their travel to and from the program.

Who can I contact for more information about the ACHE M.A.P. ARCOM program?

For more information about the ACHE M.A.P.: ARCOM program, contact ARCOM Admissions at admissions.arcom@achehealth.edu or call 479-308-2220.