What is RUSCH?

RUSCH is a pre-med pipeline program for students interested in eliminating health disparities and practicing medicine in underserved rural and urban communities in Wisconsin.

Goal: Health Equity in Wisconsin

Why was RUSCH created?

There is a statewide and national shortage of physicians who practice medicine in rural and urban underserved areas. RUSCH is designed to address this critical healthcare need in the state of Wisconsin.

Students from diverse and/or disadvantaged backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Campus Partnerships

For more information:

www.med.wisc.edu/rusch

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RUSCH Program Structure
The Rural and Urban Scholars in Community Health program consists of:

- Two years of academic enrichment programming and community engagement
- Eight-week public health and/or clinical internship in the partner campus community, with stipend provided
- MCAT review support and admissions counseling
- Eight-week research and enrichment internship on the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health campus in Madison, with stipend, housing and meals provided
- Health equity seminars and field trips
- Career mentoring

How does RUSCH work?
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www.med.wisc.edu/triumph
Wisconsin Academy of Rural Medicine (WARM)
www.med.wisc.edu/warm
AspiringDocs.org
https://www.facebook.com/AspiringDocs
Wisconsin Office for Rural Health
www.worh.org
Center for Urban Population Health
www.cuph.org

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- Wisconsin Academy of Rural Medicine (WARM)
  [www.med.wisc.edu/warm](http://www.med.wisc.edu/warm)
- AspiringDocs.org
  [https://www.facebook.com/AspiringDocs](https://www.facebook.com/AspiringDocs)
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