URiM Summer Clinical Exploration in: Occupational Therapy

- Philadelphia University + Thomas Jefferson University Jefferson Occupational Therapy Summer Training & Enrichment Program (OT STEP-UP): 3.5 week residential program geared toward rising sophomores – seniors providing introduction to occupational therapy through classroom and clinical observation experiences; study skills training, application prep, including GRE workshops; and mentoring. Housing provided.

- Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond, VA)
  - Allied Health Career Exploration: Two week program for 1st years through juniors with introduction and application prep for careers that are targeted in VCU’s College of Health Professions (including occupational therapy). Housing/transportation not provided

Admission and Networking Resources for Pre-OT students:

- American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. Resources
  - Hear Their Stories: Diverse students talk about “Why OT”
  - Diversity in Occupational Therapy: Read the bios of diverse OT practitioners
  - Multicultural Interests: List of Professional organizations for OTs, including:
    - National Black Occupational Therapy Caucus (NBOTC) Mission: promote success of colleagues within the profession and advocate for equitable services for consumers in our committees of interest
    - Network for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns in Occupational Therapy (The Network): Mission: advance the understanding of sexual orientation and gender identity issues to identify, support and mentor one another and to promote research in occupational therapy
    - Coalition of Occupational Therapy Advocates for Diversity (COTAD): Mission: Meet society’s occupational needs by developing local and national initiatives and aligning with key stakeholders to create a socioculturally diverse workforce that is able to provide culturally sensitive and client-centered services to occupational therapy consumers

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