

Are you interested in **addressing** the childhood obesity epidemic, and **enhance your experiences** and professional/career preparedness?

Are you thinking about going to graduate school?

**Pathways to Early Childhood Obesity Prevention (PECOP) Fellowship**  
12-Week Summer Program (May 30 – August 19, 2022)

Sponsored by:  
Prairie View A&M University



Prairie View A&M University is preparing the next generation of nutrition- and health-related students to gain understanding of the fundamental determinants and consequences of early childhood obesity through basic and applied research, education and hands-on learning.

## PECOP Fellowship

To participate in the program you must:

- Be a junior or non-graduated senior, underrepresented minority enrolled at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), Texas A&M University (TAMU) or sophomore at Houston Community College (HCC)
- Be majoring in Nutrition and Dietetics, Human Sciences, Health & Kinesiology, Early Childhood Education or Agricultural Sciences
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher
- Be U.S. citizen or a permanent resident
- Submit an application including a personal statement/essay using the link at end of the flyer. Personal statement/essays should be one page in length describing student's research interests, educational and career goals, and related experience (e.g., community nutrition programs, childcare education, laboratory, etc.)

Participants will have the opportunity to be mentored and trained by multidisciplinary pool of faculty, practitioners and specialists in Nutrition and Dietetics, Early Childhood Development and Education, Agricultural and Food Sciences, Health Education, and Mathematics. During this period, students will also work with mothers and children in the community, through which they will set up their educational and research goals for the experience.

The PECOP Fellowship program includes:

- A \$1,800 stipend
- On-campus housing
- Paid travel to outreach sites
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities
- Work alongside remarkable researchers, practitioners and specialists
- Build educational goals and professional skills for your career and/or graduate school

All students will by default be registered for HUNF 4413 Special Topics in Nutrition and Dietetics – Early Childhood Obesity Prevention. Students will have an option to earn up to 3 credit hours by paying PVAMU tuition fees. Apply now on the website to be part of this prestigious summer PECOP Fellowship program. Spanish-speaking students are preferred, but not required. **Application deadline is January 21st, 2022.** Visit PECOP Fellowship website for more information and apply:

<https://www.pvam.edu/cahs/pecop-2/>

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