



Inspiring young minds from historically underrepresented groups to explore health professions programs and nurturing them throughout their journey



Diversity Means More Than **HUE** at ATSU

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FIRST IN WHOLE PERSON HEALTHCARE

Dreamline Pathways™

A.T. Still University's (ATSU) Dreamline Pathways™ program was developed from the University's comprehensive, community-based collaborations introducing K-12 students to healthcare career opportunities and graduate health professions programs offered at ATSU.

ATSU and its partners fully understand the need for health professions to reflect the patient population being served. Through unique relationships established with school districts and community-based organizations, K-12 students are offered experiential learning opportunities and nurtured through campus and graduate student engagement activities.

Dreamline Pathways™ school partnerships

ATSU has established numerous partnerships with K-12 schools in Arizona, Missouri, and Santa Maria, California. For a complete list of educational partners, please visit atsu.edu/diversity



Dreamline Pathways™ activities

- In collaboration with Dreamline Pathways™ partners, ATSU has hosted immersion experiences for more than 3,000 students at the Mesa, Arizona, campus and more than 500 students at the Kirksville, Missouri, campus.
- ATSU Dreamline Pathways™ provided internship opportunities for students at Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience. Students spent a semester shadowing various professionals within the St. Louis Dental Center. Following the shadowing experience, students selected a public health topic of interest to research and presented findings to healthcare professionals they shadowed.
- ATSU provided students and resources to present and assist at the Kids Expo of St. Louis and Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis.
- ATSU collaborated with Affinia Healthcare to use a mobile dental bus to provide basic dental screenings at community health fairs and other community events.
- ATSU Diversity & Inclusion compiled and shared virtual resources for community partners during the COVID-19 global pandemic. One such resource was “The Healer Within,” an educational curriculum for K-6 developed by ATSU’s Museum of Osteopathic Medicine Director Jason Haxton, MA.
- ATSU developed classroom kits filled with medical instruments and resources for students to learn and practice with, including a blood pressure cuff, 3D anatomical heart model, large anatomical teeth model designed for students to learn proper brushing techniques, and various other items.
- ATSU students recorded videos of themselves reading books. The videos were uploaded online to allow community partners to use them for students to read along. With videos in English and Spanish, ATSU students also conducted STEM-based activities for people to complete at home or in their classroom.
- ATSU Diversity & Inclusion is a member of the Phoenix Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the St. Louis Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and a regular partner of the St. Louis American newspaper.
- ATSU Dreamline Pathways™ provided shadowing opportunities at the ATSU St. Louis Dental Clinic for pre-dental students from local undergraduate universities.
- ATSU Dreamline Pathways™ established a memorandum of understanding with Marian Middle School in St. Louis to provide ongoing programmatic opportunities that keep scholars engaged with ATSU throughout their academic journeys.





ATSU-Truman Healthcare Academy

An important student-centered learning opportunity within ATSU's Dreamline Pathways™ program is the ATSU-Truman Healthcare Academy. ATSU has partnered with Kirksville's Truman State University, a nationally ranked four-year liberal arts school, to offer a week-long residential learning academy for students interested in expanding their knowledge of the health professions.

The summer academy offers an integrated curriculum exposing students to a variety of health professions, including osteopathic medicine, dentistry, nursing, and health science careers in exercise science, audiology/speech pathology, athletic training, physical and occupational therapy, and more. All students learn about health professions through hands-on activities and group discussions while enjoying the experience of residing within a Truman State University dormitory.

Students interested in health professions careers must be nominated for and apply for admission to the week-long, residential ATSU-Truman Healthcare Academy located in Kirksville.

To learn more about the academy, please visit healthcareacademy.truman.edu or contact ATSU Diversity & Inclusion at diversity@atsu.edu or [623.251.4705](tel:623.251.4705).

About the 2024 ATSU-Truman Healthcare Academy

15 students participated

- 20% high school seniors
- 60% high school juniors
- 20% high school sophomores

High schools represented

- Cardinal Ritter College Prep
- Clayton High School
- Francis Howell High School
- Fort Zumwalt North High School
- Fort Zumwalt West High School
- Incarnate Word Academy
- Nerinx Hall High School
- Ritenour High School
- Villa Duchesne

Highlights

- Dental activities at the ATSU St. Louis Dental Clinic included the 3D dental scanning machines, wet lab with prosthetic teeth impressions, and oral care demonstrations

Testimonials

Dreamline Pathways™ students

"It was awesome! I loved meeting new people from all over Missouri who were similar and different from me!"

"I liked it. It gave me insight that words cannot describe."

"I had a fun time there, and I was exposed to a variety of healthcare options that I'm now interested in pursuing!"

"It was really fun! Unfortunately, since COVID-19 was going on, some activities had to be skipped. I still felt like I had a rewarding, enriching experience."

Dreamline Pathways™ parents

"As a parent, it was a great experience for my child to get an idea of all the different healthcare opportunities."

"I am so grateful that he had the opportunity to experience college life - living on campus, eating cafeteria food, and navigating the campus to get around. Thank you, thank you, thank you! This was an incredible experience that he will never forget."

"The ATSU program was instrumental in helping my daughter decide her college major. We thank ATSU in advance for their exposure and insight on the medical professions that my daughter will consider as she navigates college."

"Thank you for nominating my son to the ATSU-Truman Healthcare Academy. This was his first college prep experience, and he had an amazing time learning during the hands-on demonstrations and from the guest speakers. His favorite session was dentistry, which is something he never considered. He is also excited about being CPR certified. He keeps telling us that we need to purchase an AED machine."





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Since 1892, ATSU has been innovative in its approach to improving access and opportunity for ‘the healing touch,’ as described by its founder, Dr. Andrew Taylor Still. Dreamline Pathways is an extension of this ideology and serves to connect with people very early by encouraging their pursuit of a career in the health professions. We continue to be grateful for Insight Into Diversity acknowledging this effort and highlighting the need for programs like this in our society.

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Clinton Normore, MBA
ATSU Chief Diversity Officer

ATSU receives *INSIGHT Into Diversity* awards

2024 Inspiring Programs STEM Award

ATSU's Dreamline Pathways™ program received the 2024 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education. The Inspiring Programs in STEM Award honors colleges and universities encouraging and assisting students from underrepresented groups to enter the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). This is the fourth consecutive year ATSU's Dreamline Pathways™ program was recognized by *INSIGHT Into Diversity*.

Inspiring Programs in STEM Award winners were selected by *INSIGHT Into Diversity* based on efforts to inspire and encourage a new generation of young people to consider careers in STEM through mentoring, teaching, research, and successful programs and initiatives.

2023 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award

INSIGHT Into Diversity also named ATSU a recipient of the 2023 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award for a seventh consecutive year.



To learn more about ATSU Dreamline Pathways™, becoming a community partner, or making a gift to support Dreamline Pathways™ programming, please contact ATSU Diversity & Inclusion at diversity@atsu.edu or [623.251.4705](tel:623.251.4705).

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