

# Pre-Health Dreamers

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## BIG THINGS HAVE DETERMINED BEGINNINGS...

Learn what milestones Pre-Health Dreamers (PHD) has met in the last few months!

Thanks to the support from funders and the community, PHD:

- Commenced its 2nd 2024 UndocuLaunch Bootcamp Cohort on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, with 27 participants. The boot camp will introduce participants to entrepreneurship as health professionals;
- Provided training to partner institutions regarding undocumented students pursuing health careers;
- Hosted its first San Francisco event for 25 scholars and community members residing in the area; and
- Co-published "Students Want to Feel Safe, Safety Breeds Inclusivity: How Universities Implement Data Collection Methods for Undocumented Students" for the Association for Institutional Research (AIR) journal with Dr. Cynthia N. Carvajal and Dr. Felecia Russell.

## Meet the PHD Team

Rocio, Manager



Flavia, Coordinator



Maria, Coordinator



Yadi, Director



# 2024 UndocuLaunch Pad:

## The 2nd cohort has begun for future entrepreneurs in the healthcare fields.

PHD's 2024 6-week UndocuLaunch program was designed to empower undocumented scholars to start their businesses within the healthcare sector.

The second cohort of UndocuLaunch Pad, which runs from September 24 to October 29, 2024, will guide 27 students from California, New York, Texas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, and other states.

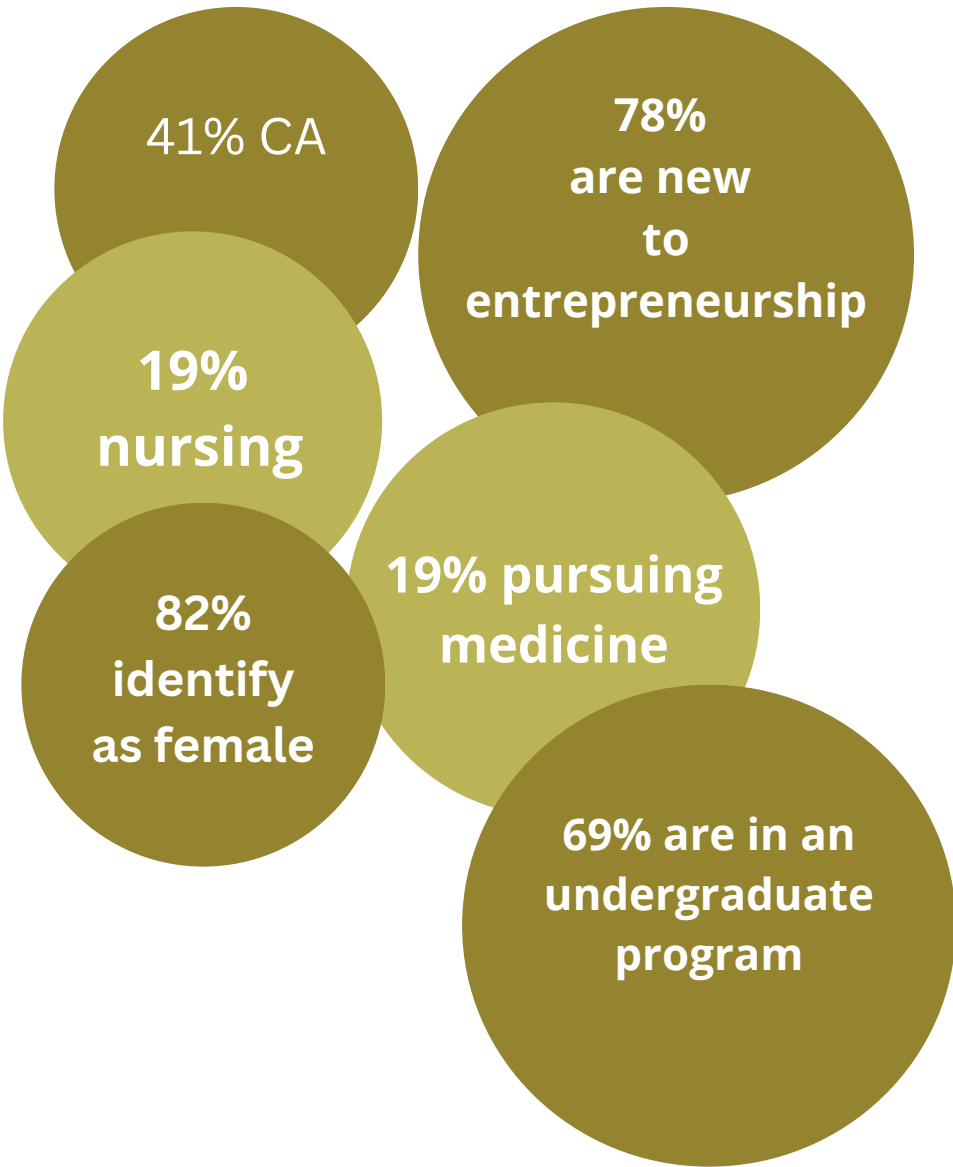
The scholars, with a wide range of healthcare interests, aspire to establish businesses in fields such as nursing, medicine, physician assistant, and others.

The UndocuLaunch Program curriculum was designed to provide aspiring entrepreneurs a comprehensive understanding of the healthcare business landscape.

The coursework includes training on:

- Legal Foundations
- Business Structures
- Tax Responsibilities
- Clinical Experience and Background Checks
- Professional Licensure
- Networking and Clientele Building

### 2024 UndocuLaunch Pad 2nd Cohort Demographics



In August 2024, PHD hosted an in-person event for our participants who reside in SF. Since PHD is predominantly online, it was remarkable to see everyone connect face-to-face.

This is one of many in-person events coming to California in the coming year.



# New publication!

## The AIR Professional File Summer 2024

“Students Want to Feel Safe, Safety Breeds Inclusivity”: How Universities Implement Data Collection Methods for Undocumented Students

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Yadira Ortiz

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# “Students Want to Feel Safe, Safety Breeds Inclusivity”: How Universities Implement Data Collection Methods for Undocumented Students

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### Abstract

Inclusivity in data reports for undocumented students can be difficult to achieve. By nature of those students’ status and livelihood, there is contention among academics and practitioners on whether this is a population that should not be formally tracked or identified, for a variety of reasons. Concerns about tracking arise because of the Freedom of Information Act, which is designed to ensure the public’s access to government records. This law motivates higher education institutions to not document immigration status in an effort to protect students’ identities, although the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act policy emphasizes the protection of student data and privacy. Nevertheless, the fear of future policies that could implicate undocumented students has created an impermeable hesitancy among higher education administrators and undocumented students. Drawing from undocumented critical theory to center the varied experiences of undocumented (current and former) students, this study surveyed the study’s authors and other higher education professionals to identify strategies that also center those most directly impacted. This article details existing strategies that intentionally and safely center undocumented students in replicable and standardized data. We found that major university

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# Pathways

## UNLOCKING HEALTH CAREERS, BREAKING BARRIERS



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PATHWAYS is a four-month virtual program designed to help undergraduate undocumented students who are passionate about pursuing careers in healthcare. The program offers career exploration and focuses on various aspects such as professional development, academic enhancement, advocacy, establishing support networks, and introduction to entrepreneurship.

## ELIGIBILITY

Identify as undocumented, DACAmented or under TPS and must reside in the US

Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior attending a 4-year university or community college

Must be interested in pursuing a health profession degree in the future

Must meet participation requirements (see application for details)

## APPLICATION CYCLE



Application Release: 9/6/2024  
Application Deadline: 11/08/2024



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