



Boston University School of Medicine

# ADVOCACY TRAINING PROGRAM



## About

The **Boston University Advocacy Training Program (BUATP)** at Boston University School of Medicine began in 2005 as a student-led, faculty-mentored, free-time enrichment opportunity to teach medical students about social determinants of health and how to advocate on behalf of patients.

The program has since grown into a longitudinal advocacy curriculum for medical and dental students. We seek to promote advocacy and awareness of social determinants among all students at the medical campus.

BUATP provides unique educational and leadership opportunities for students interested in learning more about how to they can leverage their roles as healthcare professionals to advocate for change.

## Curriculum

-  **Spectrum of Physician Advocacy (SPA-1)**
-  **Spectrum of Physician Advocacy 2 (SPA-2)**
-  **Third Year Elective**
-  **Fourth Year Advocacy Elective**



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## Community

BUATP believes in community organizing and advocacy on a number of levels. Through a longitudinal curriculum open to all BUMC students, BUATP hopes to forge a sense of community among those interested in advocacy and social determinants of health. BUATP also strives to create a broader campus community that embraces learning about advocacy and public health as a core and integrated part of medical education.

Many students choose Boston University because of its affiliation with Boston Medical Center, its history of advocacy and its dedication to the underserved. Excitement about advocacy has grown on campus in recent years, with enrollment for the SPA-1 Elective doubling from 2016 to 2017. BUATP student and faculty leaders work hard to make advocacy opportunities accessible to all students at BUMC. Likewise, BUATP works to create connections between students and community organizers like the Boston Living Center, the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition and the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition.

We hope to support Boston-based activists through speaking honorariums and medical student service projects. The work community activists do is invaluable, and we believe in the importance of compensation to help them sustain their efforts.

## Get Involved



Mentorship is a crucial component of both medical education and advocacy work. Please consider joining our list of provider-mentors who engage in advocacy or care for underserved populations



Donations will be used to fund school-wide educational events, community speakers and advocacy projects. Our curriculum and our connections with Boston advocacy groups would not be possible without your support.



If you are interested in mentoring, donating or speaking to our students, please email [buATP@bu.edu](mailto:buATP@bu.edu).

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