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DALLAS--A training grant of \$37,225 for stimulating interest in careers in the rehabilitation field has been awarded to the School of Allied Health Professions, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, by the Social and Rehabilitation Service of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The grant will be implemented by the health school through its rehabilitation science department.

According to Dr. Donald A. Pool, chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Science, the educational grant is "to help provide the opportunity for minority, disadvantaged, or handicapped students to become trained in the field of working with the handicapped." It is also to promote career interest and career development in the field.

As a result of this new funding, 10 traineeships will be offered to qualified students, Dr. Pool stated. Another purpose of the grant is to increase the participation of minority group members and the handicapped in working in the rehabilitation field. "We feel that a handicapped person can do an especially good job of relating to another disabled or handicapped person in rehabilitation work," he said.

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In addition to the money allotted for traineeships in the rehabilitation field, Dr. Pool continued, "the grant also provides staff to work with area high schools, colleges, and universities in getting information to students who might be interested in rehabilitation work as a vocation early in their educational careers." It will also allow the school to provide the students with specialized courses and clinical work with drug abusers, juvenile delinquents, and others, such as various public assistance recipients.

Money will also be provided for hosting a conference on career opportunities in rehabilitation for ethnic minority and handicapped persons. Students will be invited to meet with representatives of rehabilitation agencies in the region and "look at the kinds of entry positions and work-related experiences for professional training available with rehabilitation agencies," said Dr. Pool.

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