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The Summer Enrichment Program is a four-week health careers residential camp hosted by the University of Kentucky Area Health Education Center that allows students to ‘experience college before college.’ It is for high school students who are seriously considering a college path leading to a health profession. It provides an opportunity to learn about the variety of careers in health professions and to learn some of the requirements for majors leading to a health career. Academic course work is also part of the camp experience.

During the four weeks, students become familiar and comfortable with the University of Kentucky campus and its facilities. Students accepted into the Program will spend four weeks observing and learning from UK faculty, health professionals and health professions students. They will participate in a structured educational curriculum and have various hands-on activities and clinical observation opportunities. All of these are designed to teach students about health care professions. Participants will learn first hand from faculty and students what it takes to succeed as a health professions student and will meet students currently enrolled in the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Nursing, Health Sciences and Public Health. A unique highlight of the Summer Enrichment Program is an informal opportunity to meet with and learn from the Dean from each of the health professions colleges.

This is an experience not many students will have during high school. In short, this is a unique opportunity for the serious student to explore health careers and to prepare him or herself for the transition to a university setting.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The primary focus of the Summer Enrichment Program is academic preparation. Students will participate in a structured educational curriculum that includes lectures and labs in chemistry, biology, anatomy and medical math. Students will interact with representatives from various health care professions. During these segments, practicing health professionals or health professions students will be on hand to discuss their profession and educational requirements. Some of these segments will occur in a “lab” or “clinical” setting. There is also a possibility of students completing and receiving their CPR certification.

CLINICAL ACTIVITIES

The focus of these activities will be to provide the student an opportunity to observe health care professionals in a clinical setting. Students will be asked to list their five primary health career interests prior to coming to camp and effort will be made to place the student in their area of interests. Students are encouraged to participate in a variety of clinical settings. The Minimal Invasive Surgery lab will allow the student to experience UK’s non-invasive surgical training lab. Students will spend two days experiencing the challenge of this training by performing some of the same techniques used to train surgical residents. Schedule permitting, students will observe via Telemedicine, an actual minimally invasive surgical procedure.

Attendance at all educational and clinical activities is mandatory.

The AHEC Office and Summer Enrichment Program will close during the 4th of July holiday weekend. Campers will need to be picked up Friday July 1st and may return Tuesday morning July 5th.

ELIGIBILITY

Kentucky high school students who are currently enrolled in 10th grade (sophomores) and are at least 15 years old.

SELECTION PROCESS

A Selection Committee consisting of faculty and staff from UK and U of L AHEC offices, along with Community faculty and other university student affairs staff and partners will carefully review each student’s application material. Every effort will be made to give applicants a decision notification no later than the end of April/beginning of May. Please ensure that the contact information included on the application is accurate. No paper applications will be accepted.

Apply online at: https://medicine.mc.uky.edu/UKAHECCamp

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ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE UK AHEC OFFICE BY MARCH 25, 2016