Information for Students

Summer Health Care Internship Program
This program brings students and health care employers together, providing students experience in a health care environment and employers the opportunity to meet future health care professionals. Through this program, interns will be paid at least minimum wage and up to half of the intern’s total hourly wages will be reimbursed to the internship site. Minnesota hospitals, clinics, nursing facilities, and home health agencies are eligible and must agree to employ students between Memorial Day (May 30) and Labor Day (Sept. 5). Priority will be given to sites seeking to recruit interns who represent minority communities.

Student experience
As part of their internship experience, students may work in only one department or rotate through various departments, as determined by the internship host site.

Possible intern duties
- Register patients/residents/clients
- Clean and sterilize instruments
- Schedule appointments
- Transport lab specimens
- Clean, restock, and prepare exam rooms
- Prepare and pull charts
- Transport patients/residents/clients
- Enter computer data
- Accompany residents to appointments
- Provide nutritional services
- Partake in social activities or special events
- Offer companionship
- Collect health care data

Possible areas of employment/observation
- Radiology
- Laboratory
- Occupational therapy
- Nutrition/dietary services
- Business office
- Transport
- Pharmacy
- Activities/special events
- Inpatient care
- Respiratory therapy
- Chaplaincy
- Social services
- Music therapy

Eligibility
Eligible students must have completed their junior or senior year of high school and must intend to complete graduation requirements. Postsecondary students must be enrolled in a Minnesota educational institution or be a resident of Minnesota enrolled in an out-of-state program, and enrolled in a two- or four-year health care degree program, with the intention of completing the program but not graduating in 2022.

To Apply
Visit the Minnesota Hospital Association website for more information and a list of participating facilities. Submit an internship application as directed by the site you are applying at.

If you have questions regarding the Summer Health Care Internship Program, please contact Kimberley Huntington, SHCIP program coordinator, Minnesota Hospital Association.