

2021

Summer Health Care Internship Program



Information for Students



Minnesota Hospital Association



Funding for this program is provided through a contract with the Minnesota Department of Health. It is administered by the Minnesota Hospital Association.

What is the Summer Health Care Internship Program?

This program brings students and health care employers together, giving students experience in a health care environment and employers the opportunity to become more involved in their community. Participating Minnesota hospitals, clinics, nursing facilities and home health agencies employ students between Memorial Day (May 31) and Labor Day (Sept. 6).

What kind of experience will I receive?

You may work in only one department or rotate through various departments. You will not be expected to perform duties not associated with the health care industry such as mowing lawns or general maintenance.

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
- Computer data entry
- Accompany residents to appointments
- Nutritional services
- Social activities/special events
- Companionship
- Health care data collection

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

Who is eligible?

You must have completed either your junior or senior year of high school and must intend to complete graduation requirements. Or, you must be a postsecondary student enrolled in a Minnesota educational institution or be a resident of Minnesota enrolled in an out-of-state program. **Postsecondary students must be enrolled, but not graduating in 2021, in a two- or four-year health care degree program**, with the intention of completing the program.

How do I participate?

Your first step is to call human resource departments of Minnesota hospitals, clinics, nursing facilities and home health agencies in your area to find out if they participate in the program. When you locate a participating facility, you must:

- complete an employment application;
- provide a letter of recommendation from a health occupations or science educator to the employer; and
- interview with the employer for the intern position.

Visit the Minnesota Hospital Association's website at www.mnhospitals.org/SHCIP for more information and a list of participating facilities beginning March 5, 2021.

If your area hospitals, clinics, nursing facilities and home health agencies do not currently participate, you can urge them to become involved by asking them to contact Sarah Bohnet, SHCIP manager, Minnesota Hospital Association, sbohnet@mnhospitals.org.

"It was truly an amazing, enriching experience. I learned so much throughout this internship and gained so much knowledge about my department, the organization, and health care in general. I also connected with so many people, so this provided me with a wonderful networking experience. This program is so well organized and developed and I loved the activities/events we had that balanced really well with my project work time. I have also gained more career insight as a result of this and truly experienced some personal and professional growth."

— Summer Health Care Internship Student

"A very awesome experience. It really helped me understand what has to happen behind the scenes to make a hospital run. I only saw this from a patient point of view prior to this summer. I think everyone would benefit if they saw how much it takes to run a hospital, and how each employee needs to do their part, and do it well."

— Summer Health Care Internship Student

"This experience was a great experience for me. I learned a lot about health care and the different jobs a person can have within this industry. Now I have a better understanding of the industry and how to pursue my dream job."

— Summer Health Care Internship Student

"Amazing program. I never felt confused or alone and I enjoyed every second of this internship."

— Summer Health Care Internship Student

"In the past we have had many students come back and work for us full time after they have received their degree. This is a great program to expose the students to what it is like to work in the medical field."

— Summer Health Care Internship Employer