

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

? WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MEDQUEST?

The purpose of MedQuest is to provide health career enrichment and skill development to **10th grade students from northern and central Vermont**. The program offers exposure to many health professions through job shadowing, workshops and discussions. It also offers basic medical skills training.

? WHERE & WHEN DOES MEDQUEST HAPPEN? **Sunday, June 24 - Friday, June 29, 2018**

MedQuest is based at **Northern Vermont University, Johnson Campus** in Johnson, VT. Program activities and job shadows take place at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury, Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin, North Country Hospital in Newport, UVM Medical Center in Burlington, and at clinics, practices and health care facilities throughout northern and central Vermont.

? WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any current 10th grade student attending school in Caledonia, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, or Washington County is eligible to apply. Home-schooled students are also welcome to apply. The application process is competitive. Selection is based primarily on the strength of the student's application and the quality of the personal references. The selection committee also takes into consideration demographic diversity to create a balanced student cohort each year.

? WHAT DOES MEDQUEST COST?

The program fee is \$750. For students accepted into the program, a \$50 deposit will be required by April 30, 2018. The balance of \$700 must be received on or before June 1, 2018. Some scholarships will be made available for participants who meet predetermined criteria.

? WHAT ARE THE LODGING, MEAL & TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WEEK?

Participants stay in the dorms on the campus of Johnson State College throughout the week, getting to experience what life as a college student is like. Most morning and evening meals are taken in the college dining hall. Lunches are at the host hospital of the day. Participants must arrange their own transportation to and from MedQuest. Northern Vermont AHEC will provide transportation for all program activities during the week.

? WILL THERE BE CHAPERONES AT MEDQUEST?

MedQuest is led by staff who have extensive experience working with youth and career exploration. Supervision and leadership are also provided by medical students from the Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont, who serve as Mentors during the week and are present with the students 24 hours a day.

? WHAT IF I AM NOT SURE THAT THE HEALTH CARE FIELD IS RIGHT FOR ME?

We do not expect you to be certain. This is what career exploration is all about! Are you interested in science or math? Do investigation and mystery-solving appeal to you? Do you love working on or with computers? Are you artistic, yet intrigued by technology? Do you like helping people and want to make a difference in your community? If you answered yes to any of these questions then you are a potential applicant for MedQuest.

Health care is a diverse field that includes not only traditional careers such as medicine, nursing, dentistry, and pharmacy, but also research scientists, lab technicians, medical photographers, information management specialists, medical illustrators, and many more exciting career areas. Past MedQuest participants have used their experience to solidify their interest in a particular health career, to choose a different health career path, or even to decide that a health career is not right for them. MedQuest is a perfect opportunity to explore what career options are available to you in the health field, as well as the educational pathway needed to get there.