



July 9 — July 14, 2018

Larner College of Medicine  
at the University of Vermont

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ? WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MEDQUEST?

The purpose of MedQuest at the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine is to provide health career enrichment and skill development to **10<sup>th</sup> grade students from Chittenden County**. 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? **Monday, July 9 - Saturday, July 14, 2018.**

MedQuest is based at **the Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont in Burlington**. Program activities and job shadows take place at UVM Medical Center and Northwestern Medical Center.

### ? WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any current 10<sup>th</sup> grade student attending school in Chittenden 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 \$600.** For students accepted into the program, a \$50 deposit will be required by April 30, 2018. The balance of \$550 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?

MedQuest at UVM is a 6-day program with one overnight on the UVM campus, Friday, July 13, 2018. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the program each day. Optional morning & evening bus service will be available from Winooski High School at no cost. Breakfast & lunch are provided each of the six days. Dinner will be provided on Friday.

### ? WILL THERE BE CHAPERONES AT MEDQUEST?

MedQuest is led by staff who have extensive experience working with youth in career exploration programs. Supervision and instruction will be provided by medical students from the Larner College of Medicine at UVM, who serve as Mentors throughout the week.

### ? 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.