



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ? WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MEDQUEST?

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

### ? WHERE & WHEN DOES MEDQUEST HAPPEN? **Sunday, June 25-Friday, June 30, 2017**

MedQuest is based at **Johnson State College** in Johnson, VT. Program activities and job shadows take place at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury, North Country Hospital in Newport, Copley Hospital in Morrisville, Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin, and at clinics, practices and health care facilities throughout the Northeast Kingdom and central Vermont.

### ? WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any current 10<sup>th</sup> grade student attending school in Caledonia, Essex, Orleans, Lamoille, Orange, 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 geographic distribution and demographic diversity to create a balanced student cohort each year.

### ? WHAT DOES MEDQUEST COST?

**The program fee is \$650.** Included in this fee are lodging, meals, transportation, scrubs & all scheduled program activities and materials during this six-day, five-night program. Financial aid may be available based on family income and/or extenuating circumstances. Application for scholarships will be available to accepted participants.

### ? 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. Northeastern 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 opportunities are available to you in the health field, as well as the educational pathway needed to get there.