

University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute

Pioneer Valley Health Careers Opportunity Program (PV-HCOP)

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE SUMMER INSTITUTE

APPLICATION FORM

The Pioneer Valley Health Careers Opportunity Program (PV-HCOP) is a framework for connecting multiple educational strategies (K-16) with primary care work experiences and support services that enable students challenged by economic and academic barriers to achieve success in pursuit of a health or allied health career.

HCOP program staff will identify, recruit and select individuals from diverse student populations in Holyoke, Springfield, and Franklin County, Massachusetts for focused education or training in health or allied health professions.

FREE PROGRAM

HCOP is sponsoring a day-long introductory *HEALTH CAREERS and COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM* at Springfield College from 5/24/10 through 6/4/10. Eligible participants must commit to attending the full two-week schedule.

The Summer Institute is an excellent opportunity for graduating high school seniors, new or first-year college students, or adults in transition to gain practical information and experience about a variety of health or allied health occupations and guidance in determining a career path that suits their individual interests and needs.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must be from one of the targeted communities of Springfield, Holyoke, or Franklin County.
- Must be eligible to attend schools in the US
- Must possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent
- Must arrange own transportation to the Springfield College campus (transportation to field sites will be provided)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Individuals who participate in the HCOP Summer Institute will:

- demonstrate knowledge of health care career options through lecture, panel discussion and clinical observation
- identify common themes within health care careers such as standard precautions, computer applications, confidentiality, etc.
- identify the level of education, courses required and other prerequisites required for health care careers
- demonstrate knowledge of the differences in health care settings and the role they play in patient care
- identify how the beliefs of different cultural groups in this country influence health care
- learn and utilize appropriate library and internet resources to explore health care careers
- explore resources and utilize skills that enhance and assure academic success
- experience clinical work observations in a variety of health care settings
- identify guidelines for professional behavior such as appropriate dress and security screening in the workplace
- develop a personal career plan, based on information gathered through the Summer Institute, that outlines next steps in pursuit of a health career

APPLICATION

1. Complete the following application entirely by responding to each section. If request for information is not applicable, continue to the next section.
2. Include a summary (typed, double-spaced (12 font) 1-2 paragraphs) with your application describing your interest in a specific health career or the allied health field and explain why you would like to participate in the Springfield College Summer Institute.
3. Submit the application and summary **no later than 4/16/10**.

Future Goals – Please indicate your current health career interest.

What are your career choices at the present time? Please indicate your top three (3) preferences by number. *For example:* 1. Dental Hygiene; 2. Medical Lab Tech; 3. Radiology Tech.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chiropractic | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Osteopathic Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical Technician |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physician Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allopathic Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Information Specialist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Epidemiology | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Lab Technician |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood Bank Technician | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dental Hygiene | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapy Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiology Technician |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Dietician/Nutritionist | <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory Therapy Technician |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surgical Technician | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Billing & Coding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health/Community Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by an authorized official, proof of this information will be provided to the Project Manager of HCOP. I realize that this proof may include a copy of my federal or state income tax returns for the past year. I also understand that the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute will maintain records of my academic performance and participation in program activities. I agree to release my information to HCOP staff at the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute and/or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (*if minor*)

Date

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