

Health Care Education and Service for Students and Adults



Lifelong Education and Service Opportunities

Lehigh Valley Health Network

offers a wide variety of programs designed for people who want to know more about medicine, the health network and careers in health care.

Participants will learn from a dynamic team of professionals, dedicated to serving our patients. This brochure is designed to offer guidance for choosing a program that is right for you.

For detailed information about each program, or to register for a program, please contact 610-402-CARE (2273) or visit us at lvh.org.

Mini-Medical School

This free four-week course is designed for adults and high school students with a strong interest in science. Our faculty will provide in-depth presentations on a specific health topic along with a hands-on learning lab. Attend all four sessions and graduate with a certificate of achievement.

Participants: must be age 14 or older.



Bridging the Gaps

Bridging the Gaps (BTG) links the training of health and social service professionals with the provision of health-related services for underserved and economically disadvantaged populations. BTG Community Health Internship Program is a seven-week paid, interdisciplinary, community-based summer internship program that helps students gain a broader understanding of the factors that affect health in underserved and economically disadvantaged urban communities. The program combines the provision of health-related services for underserved populations with the training of student interns in the health and social services fields. BTG matches student interns with nonprofit community partners. Students' projects are designed in collaboration with the community organizations based on community-defined needs and the professional discipline and interests of the students.

Participants: Any graduate-level health professions (social work, medical, nursing) student OR undergraduate healthcare professional student who has completed two years of study is invited to call for more information.

Adult and Teen Volunteer Program

Volunteers are assigned to various departments to provide a source of reliable assistance to patients, visitors and staff. This year-round program introduces people to the health care environment.

Participants: must be age 14 or older. Please call for additional requirements.



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Health Care Career Discovery

An endeavor that combines interactive classroom learning and observation in a health care setting, Health Care Career Discovery is designed to give students the opportunity to explore careers in health care firsthand. Sessions offer interactive presentations about a specific department/unit within the health network, an in-depth glimpse into the various careers within that department/unit, a question-and-answer period, and the opportunity for students to shadow within these areas. Health Care Career Discovery is an excellent way to introduce students to the variety of career opportunities available in the health care field and to allow them to explore in detail particular areas of interest.

The program is open to students 14 years or older.

Research Scholar Program

The Research Scholar Program provides structured educational research opportunities for undergraduate students. The summer session spans eight weeks, and the fall and spring sessions span 10 weeks each. Within each session, students apply for positions offered by health network departments. Each position involves a combination of research, as well as professional and clinical observations. The program offers educational experience for students and additionally provides valuable assistance to health network departments.

Applicants must be current undergraduates.

Observation/Shadowing Opportunities

Shadowing is designed to give students an inside look at careers in the health care field, both in clinical and non-clinical areas. Shadowing is short term and for observation only.

Applicants must be current students.

Take N.O.T.E.S.

(Nursing Opportunity to Educate Students)

Program offered at Lehigh Valley Health Network to enhance high school students' understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the professional nurse. This multiple-day program is scheduled throughout the year and offers a didactic approach for high school juniors to learn about the nursing profession. Participants enjoy scholarly presentations from various nursing professionals, as well as shadow nurses throughout the hospital. Interactive workshops offered by advanced practice nurses and other specialty nurses introduce students to a wide variety of nursing specialties, career opportunities, and health care topics.

A guidance counselor referral is required.



Lehigh Valley Health Network and Da Vinci Science Center Collaboration

Visit the Da Vinci Discovery Center of Science and Technology and be challenged to solve a medical case. Explore fundamental science concepts and career opportunities in the interactive, problem-based learning Mark J. Young, M.D. Medical Challenge.



Emerging Health Professionals

The partnership of Lehigh Valley Health Network, Lehigh Career and Technical Institute, and Penn State Lehigh Valley is pleased to offer this pioneering dual-enrollment program that combines interactive, university-level classroom learning and observation in a health care setting. The year-long half-day program is designed for high-school seniors in Lehigh County interested in the health care field and allows students the opportunity to explore careers in health firsthand. In addition, the program prepares students for post-secondary education by offering college-level science courses.

Applicants must be current juniors and attend high school in Lehigh County.

