Medical Exploring Program

The Medical Exploring Program is a signature, one-of-a-kind interactive and educational program designed for high school students who are interested in pursuing a medical career path and want to strengthen and grow their understanding of the medical field and profession.

In a community hospital setting, high school students learn about medical care from the region’s top physicians, surgeons, and healthcare professionals and tour key hospital areas like the trauma room and helipad. Medical Explorers have the opportunity to observe an open heart surgery as well as take field trips to some of Washington area’s premier medical museums.

Throughout the year, students will also have the opportunity to participate in community health and hospital-related events and earn community service hours.

For more than fifteen years, the success of the Medical Exploring Program has been made possible through the partnership of Suburban Hospital, a member of Johns Hopkins Medicine and the Boy Scouts of America.

Program Overview:

The Medical Exploring Program is limited to 75 students. Sessions are held up to three times a month on Monday evenings from 6:00pm – 7:15/30pm. A session might be held on a Tuesday as well pending the school schedule. Field trips take place on school holidays so they will generally not conflict.

The Medical Exploring Program year will run from early October through the end of May.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in interactive and educational activities, such as:

- Suturing demonstration and hands-on practice
- Tour of the Emergency Department, helipad and trauma room
- Interactive cardiothoracic surgery session
- Real-life surgery observation
- Presentations by the region’s top physicians, surgeons, and health care professionals
**Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- The Medical Exploring Program requires that the applicant is a current high school student, in 9th – 12th grade at the time of applying
- The applicant must reside in Montgomery or Prince George’s Counties and/or Washington, DC.
- Possess a true passion and commitment to learning about the medical field and prospective career paths
- Must make a commitment to attend a minimum of 80 percent of the sessions

**How to Enroll in the Program:**

Each September, Suburban Hospital holds an open house information session for interested students and his/her parents to attend to learn more about the program and determine if it’s a good fit. At the end of the open house, students will have the first opportunity to register for the program. A complete application includes: a properly filled out application form, a signature by **both** the student **AND** parent or guardian, and payment of the program fee. Currently, there is **NO** online application available. You can only register for the program in-person. Registration is on a ‘first come, first serve’ basis and will remain open until all 75 slots are filled.

Once all the spaces are filled, the program open enrollment period is closed for the year and will not re-open until the following September.

Registration fee includes:

- Insurance and administration fees for Medical Exploring charter with the Boy Scouts of America
- One embroidered polo shirt (must be worn at each session)
- Supplies and equipment for interactive sessions
- Entry fees for museum exhibits
- Refreshments and snacks at the sessions
- Instructor and book fees for CPR & Heartsaver AED certification courses
- Transportation for field trips
An open house information session is held each September. Please check http://events.suburbanhospital.org/ for a date to mark your calendar.

Cost:

Payment can be made by cash or personal check (make payable to Suburban Hospital).

New/First-time members - $125

Returning members - $100

**Scholarships are available for students upon request. Contact Sara Demetriou at 301-896-3689 for more information.

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