

WellSpan Health 2014-2015 Shadowing Program

An opportunity to learn about health careers in York County

What areas of interest are available for Shadowing?

- Apple Hill Surgical Center (choice of: anesthesiologist, nurse anesthetist, operating room nursing, or surgical technologist)*
- Dietitian (outpatient or inpatient)*
- Heart Center (invasive; cath & EP labs or non-invasive; EKG/stress test/echo)*
- Laboratory (choice of: medical laboratory scientist, cytotechnologist, donor center phlebotomist, histotechnician, pathologist assistant, phlebotomist) *
- Medical Assistant
- Nuclear Medicine (college/career changers only)*
- Nursing (RN only)*
- Pharmacist (inpatient-hospital)
- Physician (high school students only)*
- Radiography (general radiography, computer tomography and MRI; college/career changers only)*
- Rehab Medicine (choice of: occupational therapist, physical therapist, or speech-language pathologist)
- Respiratory Therapist*
- Ultrasound (college/career changers only)*

* *Restrictions apply. For more information, as well as a complete listing of participating areas, visit www.WellSpan.org/ShadowingProgram.*

Introduction to becoming a physician

Fall Date: Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014

Spring Date: Thursday, Apr. 9, 2015

During the program, students will meet as a group with physicians to learn about educational requirements, schooling and fields of medicine. Students will also hear from several specialty physicians and visit several hospital departments. This program is available to students in 11th and 12th grades with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Space is limited. It may be necessary to restrict the number of students per school district to allow all York County high schools to participate.

Who is eligible to participate?

Students in grades 10 through 12 can participate in the WellSpan Shadowing Program. The program is also available to college students and those individuals considering a career change. Please note that restrictions apply to many departments.

"This is a time when students can observe the field they're interested in and get to ask questions to the professionals. Even if they find that this isn't the type of career they want to do, it can still be very beneficial."

- High school guidance counselor



How does a student sign up?

High school students must work through their guidance counselor who will, in turn, contact WellSpan Human Resources. As soon as scheduling has been finalized, written confirmation will be sent to the guidance counselor. This will contain the name of the WellSpan contact person and a map indicating parking and where the student should enter the facility.

College students and career change individuals may contact WellSpan Human Resources direct by calling (717) 851-2328. Arrangements should be made at least three weeks in advance.

How long does the program last?

Depending upon the field of interest, a student can be in a particular area for two to four hours.

Severe weather policy

In the event of snow or other severe weather, the following procedures will be in effect:

- If a student's school district is canceled, the shadowing appointment will be canceled for the day. The guidance counselor should call to reschedule the student.
- If a student's school district is delayed, WellSpan Human Resources will go under the assumption that the shadowing appointment will take place. If the student cannot come in for the appointment, it is the student's responsibility to call the WellSpan Human Resources at (717) 851-2328 to cancel the appointment. If the student fails to call and does not come in for the appointment, the student will not be rescheduled.

If a WellSpan Health department cancels or postpones a shadowing student's appointment, Human Resources will try to give a minimum of 24 hours notice to the guidance counselor. These students will be rescheduled.

Shadowing program information

- If a student is unable to attend the appointment, the student should ask the guidance counselor to contact the WellSpan Human Resources at (717) 851-2328 as soon as possible to so the appropriate personnel can be notified.
- Any student who does not come in as specified and for whom cancellation has not been made will be reported to his/her guidance counselor. Anyone failing to cancel will not be rescheduled.
- Students will be asked to sign confidentiality statements to protect our patients' privacy.
- Appropriate attire is required, and comfortable shoes are recommended.
- For patient safety and security reasons, the Shadowing Program it is not a "hands-on" experience.

Since the start of WellSpan's Shadowing Program, more than 8,000 students have previewed a health career in which they were interested. Area students and those desiring a career change have the opportunity to experience a field of their interest.

"It gave me insight into situations I would most likely face in the ER. It lets you see what is required of you so you can decide whether or not that profession is for you before you spend money for college."

- Student

