

Medical Shadowing

Q & A

For Students

Which Students Can Participate?

Sophomores, juniors and seniors can participate.

How Many Internships & Shadows Can Students Do?

Students can participate in as many medical shadow opportunities as they would like.

Students will review the postings for the participating medical professionals and can rank up to three of their top choices. Efforts will be made to match students with their top choices when possible. Students will also be able to choose additional shadows based on availability.

Are There Any Requirements for the Students?

Students should complete an application form for the medical shadows.

Once shadows are assigned, students will be given the required forms for the medical institution(s) at which they will shadow and are required to complete all forms before the day the shadow.

What Types of Medical Shadows have been offered in the past?

- Allergy
- Anesthesia
- Cardiology
- Dentistry
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Practice
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatrics
- Hematology/Oncology
- Internal Medicine
- Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Nursing
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology/ENT
- Pathology
- Pediatric Hospitalist
- Physician Assistant
- Pulmonary and Critical Care
- Surgery
- Radiation Oncology
- Radiology
- Urgent Care

How Long are the Medical Shadows?

Medical shadows typically take place on 1 day. In a few instances, there may be opportunities for shadows to take place over more than 1 day.

What are the Benefits of Shadowing a Medical Professional?

- › Learn about different careers in the medical field.
- › Learn about different medical specialties including dental, medical and surgical specialties.
- › Understand what a typical work day is like in the medical field.
- › Observe how a medical professional interacts with patients, diagnoses medical conditions, performs procedures/surgeries, and works as part of a health care team.
- › Understand the difference between private practice and hospital based medicine.
- › Have the opportunity to ask questions one-on-one with medical professionals.
- › Have the opportunity to learn about different disease processes.
- › Gain insight into potential career choices.
- › Meet new people, expand contacts, add to a college resume.

For USM Parents & Alumni

What Steps Do I Take To Participate?

Fill out the participation form and you will be contacted with more detailed information about the program.

How are Students Assigned to Shadows with the Medical Professionals?

Students will review the medical postings and apply for shadows. They will rank their top three choices. Students will then be matched based on their selections and can chose from additional selections if available.

Students will complete all forms required by the participating institution or practice.

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