

"PIPELINE" PROGRAM

Attending this camp is the first step in the beginning of a long-term relationship with the statewide Health Careers and Workforce Diversity (HCWD) program. Once the campers participate in any North Carolina HCWD sponsored program or activity, the students become part of the "pipeline" in the HCWD program infrastructure.

The "pipeline" is a conceptual program that tracks the students and continues to involve them in ongoing health career education, leadership, wellness and enrichment programs. MAHEC is continually searching for opportunities to give students a head start in this competitive market, and the Health Careers Summer Camp is one means to this end.

Throughout the student's academic years, MAHEC will continue to be in contact with the student and/or parent/guardian, either by phone or by mail, to provide information, guidance and mentoring, as well as to meet the student tracking and evaluation requirements for all North Carolina Health Career and Workforce Diversity programs.



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MAHEC Health Careers Summer Camp 2015

June 21-27, 2015

Targeting
Underrepresented
Minority and
Economically
Disadvantaged Rising
Seventh and Eighth Grade
Students

On the campus of

**Western
Carolina**
UNIVERSITY

<http://healthcamp.wcu.edu>

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) and Western Carolina University (WCU) are sponsoring a one-week summer residential program on the WCU campus. The camp is designed as an early intervention tool to help in the development of a diverse and culturally competent health professions workforce. The camp program is open to students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. Special emphasis is made to encourage and inform minority and disadvantaged students of educational and career opportunities in healthcare.

The curriculum includes observation of health professionals and activities that include opportunities to interact with first responder professionals and technicians. Information is provided on the academic preparation required in middle and high school to enter a health career, as well as personal development and self-awareness activities. The camp creates an environment that fosters optimism about the value, rewards, and accessibility of careers in healthcare.

The students begin their camp experience with team building and group dynamics exercises at the Moonshadow Ropes Course in the beautiful mountains of Whittier, NC. Camp sessions cover a variety of topics including nutrition, diversity, pharmacotherapy, healthy life styles and peer influence, nursing, and emergency medical services. Students leave camp with CPR and First Aid experience. The week ends with a Friday night talent show and drumming class and a family style breakfast and certificate ceremony on Saturday morning.

This is a unique experience for students to explore the exciting opportunities in health careers!

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Entering the seventh or eighth grade in the 2015 - 2016 school year
- Underrepresented minority
- Economically disadvantaged
- Potential interest in health careers
- An overall C+ or above grade point average
- Enthusiastic recommendation from counselor or teacher
- Permission of parent or guardian
- Payment of \$10 application fee
- Completion of **ALL** application materials
- Commitment from parent or guardian to attend the orientation meeting on June 21 and the closing activities on June 27 at Western Carolina University.



LOCATION

Campers will be housed in a residence hall on the WCU campus. Housing and food will be provided. The camp director, counselors, health professionals or representatives from the sponsoring organizations will be with the campers at all times.

COST

The Health Careers Summer Camp program is funded in part by a grant from the Department of Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and administered through the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (NC AHEC).

The cost to attend the camp is \$300 plus a \$10 application fee. This fee is refundable if you are not selected to attend the camp. Students on free or reduced lunch may be eligible for a partial scholarship but are still required to send the \$10 application fee. **Make check or money order payable to MAHEC. No cash please.**

APPLICATIONS

Contact the Office of Educational Outreach for additional information. Applications are available at <http://healthcamp.wcu.edu> or call (828) 227-7397 or (800) 928-4968.

DEADLINE TO APPLY:
Friday, March 27, 2015

Return completed application to:

MAHEC/WCU Health Careers
Summer Camp

121 Hendersonville Road
Asheville, NC 28803

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Email: healthcareers@mahec.net

