

Harpur College 2017 Summer Physician Mentor Program Description

Harpur College is pleased to announce the 2017 Summer Physician Mentor Program with mentor sites available in the New York Metro area. The primary goal of this program is to allow sophomore and junior pre-medical students to experience the realities of medicine and to provide students an opportunity to interact with alumni physician practitioners.

The Summer Physician Mentor Program will begin in late May and run through mid-August 2017. Students and their mentors meet at least once per week at either the mentor's office or affiliated hospital at a mutually convenient time. Students observe all the 'typical' daily activities including patient exams, surgeries, paperwork, phone calls, meetings, etc. Students are required to send Harpur College representatives weekly journals through Blackboard describing their experiences and discussing any concerns that may arise.

There is a minimum requirement of eight weeks with at least one visit per week but a higher frequency of contact will ensure that you observe the entire range of your mentor's activities. A visit equals spending at least half a 'normal' working day (four hours per visit) each week with your mentor. Mentors may also arrange for students to shadow fellow practitioners in other specialties to broaden the student's experience. If accepted into the program, students have the option to participate in a supplemental Radiology rotation program. This is a one day per week session for three consecutive weeks with an attending radiologist and is in addition to the 8 required visits with the physician.

A few things to keep in mind about this program: it is unpaid and no credit is given for participation. Students receive a certificate of completion and a \$50 travel voucher for successfully fulfilling all the program requirements (see agreement below). Participation in this program is also be noted by Dr. W. Thomas Langhorne, the Director of Pre-Health Services, on the student's medical school evaluation. Please remember that if one fails to complete the program as outlined this will also be noted. When filling out applications to medical schools, student participants will be able to refer to this internship experience. Such experience is looked upon very highly by medical school admissions boards hence it would be in your best interest to fulfill the requirements of the program satisfactorily. Many of the previous participants received letters of recommendation directly from their mentors. Please note that mentors will not be asked to supervise our students to qualify for academic credit.

To apply for the Harpur College Summer Physician Mentor Program, students must:

1. Submit the online application: <http://www2.binghamton.edu/pre-health/special-programs.html> no later than 4pm, Friday, February 17th. Accepted applicants will be notified by March 20, 2017.

Application includes: personal statement, resume submission and two letters of recommendation. At least one of your references must be from a Binghamton University faculty member. The second reference may be from an academic advisor, a professor, a lecturer or a supervisor. Letters of recommendation from relatives, undergraduate and graduate students are not acceptable.

2. Be a full time Binghamton University sophomore or junior to participate: students who graduated high school in 2016 do not qualify.
3. You must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
4. You must be in good academic and judicial standing at Binghamton University.

All application material, which includes the online application, one page résumé, and two letters of recommendation are due by **4pm, Friday, February 17, 2017.**

If accepted into the Summer Physician Mentor Program, you agree to:

5. Coordinate your own mode of transportation to and from the internship site. Harpur College will provide you with a \$50 travel stipend after you successfully complete the program.
6. Adhere to the schedule established by your mentor and yourself and inform your mentor, in advance if possible, of any changes in your schedule that may arise.
7. Schedule meetings with your mentor with a minimum of eight weeks during the summer, excluding the supplemental rotation in radiology.
8. Allow for no longer than two (2) weeks of absence for the duration of the summer program.
9. Adhere to office or organization policies governing the observation of confidentiality and handling of confidential information.
10. Maintain a professional relationship in all internship encounters. Never provide advice to patients without direction from your mentor physician.
11. Make NO prior arrangements with physicians that might or might not be part of the program.
12. Submit weekly visit logs on Blackboard by each Friday to Harpur College representatives which reflect on your experiences as a participant in the mentor program and respond to a questionnaire about your experiences in the program.
13. Comply with all applicable Binghamton University policies and regulations.
14. Immediately notify your on-site supervisor and Michelle Jones- mdjones@binghamton.edu/607-777-6305 of any situation you perceive as unsafe.
15. Attend two evening meetings: an inaugural and “Introduction to Medicine” meeting mid-late April/early May and a follow-up meeting held in September or October 2017. Business casual dress attire is required for all meetings.