About Medical Mentoring

Founded by OSI orthopedic surgeon Dr. David Eggert, the Medical Mentoring of the Fox Valley program (program) is the opportunity of a lifetime for high school juniors and seniors interested in medical careers.

Our unique program, offered in partnership with Appleton East High School, provides the valuable firsthand experiences, professional mentoring, and job-shadowing opportunities that help students make educated decisions about their futures.

How Are Students Selected?

Students are selected for our program based on their academic performance and the depth of their personal character. Since the number of positions is limited, priority is given to upper-class students to allow participation in our program before graduation.

Pre-Requisites

Our program is designed for high school juniors and seniors who have demonstrated an interest in the medical field and who have taken at least one semester of Health Occupations or for students who have successfully completed Chemistry and are enrolled in AP Biology for the upcoming school year. Students are also required to submit a program application that includes personal references. It is mandatory to enroll in Career Day through the Fox Valley Health Care Alliance before beginning your medical mentoring session.

Our Program

Based on their interests, selected students are paired with mentors at various medical facilities. Mentoring opportunities are available with physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and surgical technologists. However, if mentors in students’ professions of choice are not available, students will be paired with mentors who most closely match their areas of interest.

Requirements
Students will spend three half-days or so observing mentors in their day-to-day work environments, including fast-paced clinical and surgery settings. Since provider-patient interactions are considered confidential, each student is required to participate in confidentiality training and sign a confidentiality agreement. For students under 18, a parent’s or guardian’s signature on the confidentiality agreement is required.

The program places significant emphasis on the professionalism of Medical Mentoring students considering entrance into the field of medicine. It is therefore incumbent upon parents to refrain from making contacts to the program director on behalf of your high schooler. All communication concerning job shadow opportunities will be conducted between the student and the director. Adherence to this expectation allows for the maximum growth of the participant throughout the experience.