



M.A.S.H. Camp (Medical Academy of Science & Health) FAQs

What is M.A.S.H. Camp?

M.A.S.H. Camp, or Medical Academy of Science and Health, is a fun and educational day camp for students entering 8th and 9th grades to explore health careers. Students are exposed to a variety of job opportunities that may require on-the-job-training to an advanced college degree, highlighting the fact that there is a job for everyone in healthcare.

Students enjoy two to four days of fun and interaction at a local hospital, where they will:

- Learn about a variety of health professions as viable career options
- Learn about the educational requirements, skills, typical job duties, and personal qualities of successful health professionals and para-professionals
- Participate in interactive, hands-on workshops* that highlight the skills, equipment, technology, and resources used by health professionals
- Increase awareness and understanding of the hospital setting and structure where many health professionals work

As part of the camp experience, each participant will receive scrubs and lanyard with name badge to wear at camp; breakfast, lunch, and snacks; certificate of participation; and lots of attention from caring health professionals!

*Workshop topics are specific to each healthcare facility, and may include activities focusing on physical therapy, nursing, surgery, food service, clinical laboratory sciences, cardiac care, pathology, diagnostic imaging, recreational therapy, pharmacy, emergency medicine, and more.

How can students participate in M.A.S.H. Camp?

To be considered for camp, students must complete an application and return it by the application deadline with the camp registration fee. The application consists of a short essay about why the student wants to attend camp, parental/guardian consent, a health and immunization form, and a statement of recommendation by the student's guidance counselor.

The recommendation and selection of youth is not based on academic standing, as there are many opportunities in health care which do not require outstanding academic achievement.

Students who have been accepted into camp are notified by email.

How is M.A.S.H. Camp funded?

CNYAHEC receives state and federal funding from the New York State Department of Health and the Health Resources and Services Administration, respectively. This core funding supports all of CNYAHEC's pipeline programs. Registration fees also help support the cost of camps.

What other health career exploration camps does CNYAHEC offer?

CNYAHEC has a variety of health careers exploration camps focusing on different careers and age groups including MedQuest at SUNY Upstate Medical University and HealthQuest at Ithaca College. For more information, visit www.cnyahec.org or www.hwapps.org.

