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Desert Meadows Area Health Education Center - CAMPMED

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is CAMPMED?

CAMPMED is a three-day intensive immersion experience held in the summer, designed to stimulate students' interests in the basic sciences, integrated health care, and to expose them to career opportunities in those fields. The program, for students entering the ninth grade in the fall, provides "hands-on" experiences in biomedical science workshops involving research, clinical problem-solving and an introduction to the fields of clinical medicine and medical self-efficacy.

The program is provided by Desert Meadows Area Health Education Center (DMAHEC) which is a service of Vegas PBS. CAMPMED is delivered in collaboration or partnership with College of Southern Nevada, Nevada State College, Roseman University of Health Sciences, Touro University Nevada, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, University of Nevada, Reno, and Western Governors University - Nevada.

When and where is CAMPMED?

The 2016 CAMPMED will be held Thursday, July 21, beginning at 8:00 am through Saturday, July 23 concluding at noon. The CAMPMED location will be at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Campus; 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154. Campers will also stay overnight (2) in UNLV Student Housing. Females and Males will be separated by placement on different floors. Residency is a requirement of the program.

Who is eligible and what is the cost?

Applicants must be current eighth-grade students (will have completed eighth grade at the time of CAMPMED) with science and math grades at a level of "B" or above and must reside in one of the following counties: Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine. Maximum number of campers will be 60 total. Total cost per camper is \$210.00. Limited number of scholarships will be made available. **DO NOT LET CAMP FEES STOP SOMEONE FROM APPLYING.**

First consideration is given to applicants from groups underrepresented in health care professions. Desert Meadows AHEC values diversity in its educational, research, service and health care missions and is committed to improving and advancing diversity among its students, faculty and staff. Selection of participants in CAMPMED is conducted in a manner consistent with these values.

Is transportation included?

No, students are required to arrange their own transportation to and from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus.



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What happens at CAMPMED?

CAMPMED begins with an overview and orientation to functioning in the clinical environment. Presentations, which include Careers in the Life Sciences, Tools of the Trade and Clinical Problem Solving, give participants a framework for upcoming activities. At the end of the day participants are then introduced to a clinical case of a fictitious “patient” with information about case history, symptoms and conduct interview with this “patient”.

On the second day, CAMPMED participants attend sessions on anatomy, physical diagnosis, physiology, neurobiology, microbiology and pharmacy laboratories. They join professors, graduate students, medical students and physicians in these laboratory experiences that include taking blood pressure, reading EKGs and identifying bacteria under light microscopes. Library research and preparing a case presentation give participants an idea of what it’s like to be a “real doctor.” Through their discussions, laboratory work and library study time, they are expected to provide a complete history, diagnosis and treatment plan for the fictitious “patient.”

On the final day, parents and teachers are invited to attend case presentations as participants demonstrate what they have learned. Each team presents their clinical findings to an audience of peers, families, teachers, medical students and faculty. The students are then awarded their Beginning Doctor Certificates – a great start on the path to a degree or a career in one of the many rewarding health care disciplines.

How to Apply?

Applications may be found on our website at <http://www.vegaspbs.org/desert-meadows-ahec/> and emailed to Cary Huddleston at chuddleston@vegaspbs.org or mailed to Desert Meadows AHEC, 3050 E. Flamingo RD., Las Vegas, NV 89121. CAMPMED cost is \$210.00. **DO NOT LET CAMP FEES STOP SOMEONE FROM APPLYING. Payment is not due at the time of application.** A student may nominate oneself or may be nominated to the program by a teacher or guidance counselor. **All applications must be received no later than Friday, June 17, 2016.**

Applications must include:

- Letter of recommendation from a science or math teacher, or a guidance counselor
- Submit a two paragraph essay on one single sided page: One paragraph about themselves and why they want to attend CAMPMED (students must demonstrate an interest in medicine or pharmacy as a possible career) and one paragraph describing the characteristics of the ideal physician.
- Current eighth grade report card (science and math grades must be minimum “B”
- Selected applicants will be notified by email or mail by June 30, 2016

When do I need to pay for CAMPMED?

Payment is due for CAMPMED applicants after the student has been selected and confirmed.