

## Southwest Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Summer Health Career Academy

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July 20-24, 2015

### **2015 Summer Health Career Academy Application**

#### **Application Deadlines and Notification Dates:**

**Receipt Deadline: Must be received by Thursday, April 30, 2015**

**Notification by: May 29, 2015**

#### **Student Eligibility:**

- Student must be an academically inclined current ninth or tenth grade student in secondary school or homeschooled.
- **Student MUST be from one of the following counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Washington or Westmoreland**
- The applicant who accepts the invitation into the Summer Health Career Academy must commit to attending all 5 days of the program.
- Completed application must be received by April 30, 2015.

#### **Program Information:**

The Health Career Academy will take place for five days, **July 20-24, 2015** on the main campus of the University of Pittsburgh. The academy is designed for academically inclined current ninth and tenth grade students who are interested in learning about opportunities in various health careers and the academic preparation necessary for these careers. Students will meet and talk to practicing health care professionals, engage in health career activities, learn to monitor vital signs, engage in hands on medical procedures, learn basic medical terminology, and receive training in leadership skills. The program brings 50 students together to learn about health careers.

#### **Application Information:**

Application to the AHEC 2015 Summer Health Career Academy is a competitive process. An Advisory Board, representing academic and health care professionals from counties in the AHEC, will make the final student selections. All information provided in the application is taken into account and is kept confidential.

#### **Fees and expenses:**

Cost for the 2015 program is \$150.00 for those accepted. **DO NOT SEND MONEY WITH APPLICATION.**

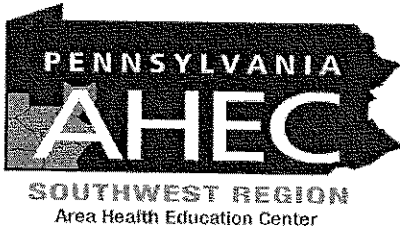
This fee includes all tuition, course materials, field trips and lunch during the week of the Academy. Transportation will be provided on an as needed basis.

Applicants who are **accepted** into the program and demonstrate the need for financial assistance may apply for a scholarship to the program.

#### **Specified Items – ALL THREE ARE NEEDED TO HAVE A COMPLETE APPLICATION!**

1. **Must include a letter from a teacher, guidance counselor, or administrator who is recommending the student.**
2. **Must include a one-page letter, indicating his or her interest in the Health Career Academy.**
3. **A parent or guardian must acknowledge the student's application by signing the application.**





Dear Educator:

Southwest Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Inc. is hosting its 13th Annual Summer Health Career Academy. Fifty selected students will attend this one-week Summer Health Career Academy held on the University of Pittsburgh's Oakland campus. Current ninth and tenth grade students who are interested in future health careers and who are considered academically inclined by their teachers, counselors, or administrators are eligible to attend. The academy will take place on **July 20-24, 2015**. The program fee \$150.00 for those students accepted into the academy. Scholarships are available for those who demonstrate the need. Transportation may be provided on an as needed basis.

Please feel free to reproduce the enclosed program information and application for distribution to students. The application form and brochure will also be available through our website at [www.southwestahec.org](http://www.southwestahec.org) (click on Summer Health Career Academy Information), or you may request an electronic version via email. We are asking for your support in providing this information to your students interested in the program in our efforts to reach as many as possible. The program has been very successful for the past twelve years and we hope to replicate its success again this summer.

This is a unique opportunity for students to experience the health care setting in one of the most recognized medical centers in the country. Students will meet with practicing health professionals and learn about the many opportunities that exist in health care today. Thank you for taking time to share this information with your students and encouraging them to apply for this valuable experience. Feel free to contact me if you would like an electronic version of the application, brochure or require additional information about this program.

Sincerely,

*Kristy L. Muschick*

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**To Apply:**

- Complete the application.
- Include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or school administrator.
- Include a one-page letter of interest, written by the student, expressing interest in the program.

*Applications and this brochure may be duplicated for distribution purposes.*

**Scholarships available upon request.**

**All applications must be received by Thursday, April 30, 2015.**

*Mail to:*

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For additional information, please call: 412-408-3485 or log on to:

<http://www.southwestahec.org>  
(click on Summer Health Career Academy Information)  
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**Daily Academy Schedule**

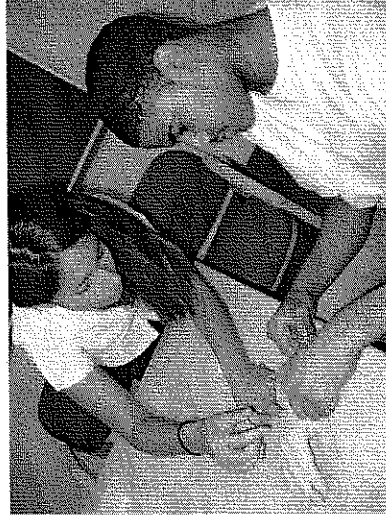
- 8:30 a.m. Arrive at Pitt campus
- 8:45 a.m. Morning Academy briefing
- 9:00 a.m. Program begins
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch and lunch time speakers
- 12:30 p.m. Program begins
- 3:15 p.m. Dismissal

**What some students have said about the academy:**

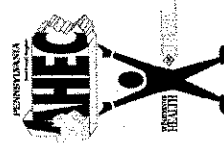
*"I really loved this program. It really helped me figure out what path I'm headed down and what career I'm going to choose."*

*"I am astonished every time I board the bus because I can't believe everything I've accomplished in one day."*

*"This week was a good experience that helped me broaden my knowledge of the medical world. I am now very interested in becoming a physician assistant and would not know about it if it were not for the AHEC Summer Academy."*



Funding for previous academies has been provided by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.



Funding for the Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center Program is provided by the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The Commonwealth's medical community and communities at large provide additional support.

**The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Southwest Pennsylvania  
Area Health Education Center  
(AHEC)**

**Summer  
Health Career Academy**

**A Southwestern Pennsylvania  
Summer School of Excellence  
for**

**Academically Inclined  
Ninth and Tenth Grade Students**

**July 20-24, 2015**

**University of Pittsburgh  
School of Medicine**



**...a unique opportunity  
for high school students  
interested in health careers.**

Southwest Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Inc. is pleased to announce its 13<sup>th</sup> annual **AHEC Summer Health Career Academy** for academically inclined ninth and tenth grade students from seven southwestern Pennsylvania counties. These are **Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland.**

The cost for the program is \$150, which includes tuition, course materials, field trips, and lunch during the academy. Scholarships are available for those who demonstrate the need.

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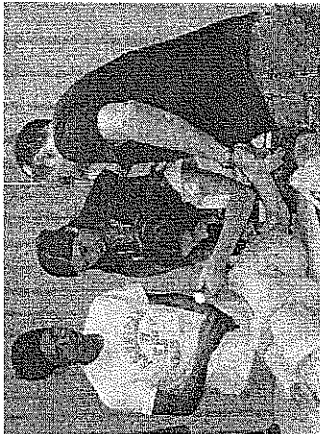
Students will meet and talk to practicing health care professionals, engage in health career activities, learn to monitor vital signs, engage in hands on medical procedures, learn basic medical terminology, and receive training in leadership skills.

Transportation may be arranged on an as needed basis to Pitt's Oakland campus daily.

Lunch will be provided for students each day.

The Health Career Academy includes information on:

- Health career opportunities
- Health career pathways
- Public health issues
- Health career shortages and shortage areas
- Medical terminology
- Health related cultural competency
- Leadership skills



Students will:

- Meet and interact with practicing health professionals
- Research a specific health profession
- Visit the Pitt Medical School and learn defibrillation, choking prevention, and intubation techniques
- Visit the Pitt Dental School and Clinic
- Visit the WISER Center to view medical simulation

The program is coordinated and supported by the Southwest Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in partnership with the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Students will be selected by Summer Health Career Academy Advisory Board members through a competitive selection process. Board members will use the information provided by student applications and letters from their school teachers, guidance counselors, or school administrators. These letters must indicate that the student is academically inclined in subject areas. A parent or guardian must indicate acknowledgement of the student's application by providing a signature on the application. The Advisory Board, representing academic and health care professionals from counties in the AHEC region, will make the final student selections.

All students will receive written notification of their admission decision, those accepted into the program will also receive acceptance letters and preparatory information about the program. Students are required to prepare a presentation for the student recognition program at the end of the week. Parents will also be invited to attend the afternoon presentation on the last day.