



## **Summer Mini Med School Program**

### **Family Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

#### **What is the Next GEN Med Mini Med School?**

The Next GEN Med Mini Med School is a one-week, immersive summer program for high school students interested in exploring careers in healthcare. The program provides hands-on learning, exposure to healthcare professionals, and insight into how a hospital operates.

#### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Students entering grades 9–12 in the upcoming school year are eligible to apply. No prior healthcare experience or coursework is required.

#### **How competitive is the program?**

The program has limited seating to ensure a meaningful experience. Applications are reviewed holistically, and selection is based on interest, readiness, professionalism, and commitment to full participation—not grades or prior experience.

#### **What is the time commitment?**

The program runs **Monday, July 20 through Friday, July 24 from 9:00 AM–2:30 PM**. Students are expected to attend all five days. Due to the structured nature of the program, absences or early dismissals are strongly discouraged.

#### **Where does the program take place?**

All activities take place on-site at Shore Medical Center in approved, non-clinical areas. Students do not enter restricted spaces or provide patient care.

**Will students interact with patients?**

No. Students do not interact with patients or access patient information. The program focuses on education, observation, simulations, and discussions led by healthcare professionals.

**How is student safety managed?**

Student safety is a top priority. Participants:

- Remain in supervised, approved areas at all times
- Receive clear expectations and safety guidance
- Are monitored by program staff throughout the day
- Receive age-appropriate education on confidentiality and professionalism

**What should students wear?**

Students should dress professionally and comfortably for a healthcare environment.

Closed-toe shoes are required. Specific dress guidelines will be provided upon acceptance.

**Is there a cost to participate?**

The program is offered at no cost

**Does completion guarantee a volunteer position or job?**

No. Completion of Mini Med School does not guarantee placement in volunteer roles, internships, or employment. However, successful participants become eligible to apply for Next GEN Med youth opportunities and may receive priority consideration.

**How does this program support future opportunities?**

Mini Med School introduces students to healthcare pathways and prepares them for future engagement through:

- NextGEN Med youth volunteering
- Internship opportunities (when available and/or student meets requirements)
- Education pathways

**What happens after the program ends?**

Students who successfully complete the program receive:

- A Certificate of Completion
- Information on how to apply for Next GEN Med opportunities
- Guidance on next steps in healthcare exploration

**How are students selected?**

Applications are reviewed using a holistic process that considers:

- Interest in healthcare
- Thoughtfulness of written responses
- Professionalism and maturity
- Commitment to attendance and participation

Academic grades and prior healthcare experience are not required.

**What if my student is not selected?**

Due to limited capacity, not all applicants can be accommodated. Students not selected are encouraged to apply for future sessions and explore other Next GEN Med opportunities as they become available.

**Who should families contact with questions?**

For program-related questions, please contact:

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