

VERMONT AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS 2012 SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

MEDQUEST 2012

Health Careers Exploration

SEARCH 2012

Student/Resident Experiences And Rotations in Community Health

MedQuest and **SEARCH** Experiences are summer 2012 paid work and learning opportunities hosted by the Vermont Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) in their geographical regions of the state. All are open to UVM College of Medicine students, but each has specific focus. **SEARCH** programs are also open to other health professions students from within UVM as well as other colleges and universities around the country.

MedQuest is a college campus-based health careers exploration program for Vermont high school students; they live in a dormitory and have a variety of didactic and shadowing experiences during a week-long experience. Medical Student Positions are open to UVM College of Medicine students between their first and second year. Your role as a Medical Student Leader is to help deliver components of the designed programs, to serve as a role model for the students, and to be 24/7 staff and chaperones during the week. A total of six **MedQuest** programs will be offered this summer around the state and in Burlington.

SEARCH Experiences are designed to offer interdisciplinary, community-based service-learning opportunities for UVM College of Medicine students, MSW students, Nurse Practitioner and other Health Professions Students in the National Health Service pipeline. These two- and four-week experiences give students a deeper understanding of health care in rural Vermont, serving underserved populations, the important role of the community, and the challenges and rewards of this work and setting. Each regional AHEC Mentor will help supervise the projects to be undertaken, connect you with peer Mentors, Community and Clinical Preceptors, and be a resource as your project develops. All **SEARCH** projects require access to a car. For projects distant from Burlington housing is provided. *There is a potential for new projects based on a student's personal interests.*

Application and selection

This is a competitive application process with selection based on experience and interest in our program priorities. The **MedQuest** program has an additional requirement that they must balance male and female Medical Student Leaders for chaperoning purposes with the high school students. If you are not selected for the **MedQuest** program your application for a **Search** project will be considered, and vice versa. You may apply to more than one **MedQuest** or **Search** program, ranking in them in priority order. The **application deadline is March 29, 2012**. The **SEARCH** programs may use a rolling admissions if not all positions are filled.



Application Form: Please numerically prioritize all programs that you are applying to (#1 is your first preference, #2 is second, etc.)



Champlain Valley Area
Health Education Center

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AHEC (Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, Washington Counties)

92 Fairfield St, St. Albans, VT 05478 802-527-1474

For **MedQuest** questions, contact Jocie Mueller, jmueller@cvahec.org For **SEARCH** questions, contact Judy Wechsler, jwechsler@cvahec.org

MedQuest is a 6-day commitment, Sunday through Saturday for the weeks indicated below, plus two, 2-4 hour training sessions in April and May. The training dates/times will be set by mutual agreement. **\$1,000 Stipend**

___ **MedQuest @UVM; June 24-29, 2012**

___ **MedQuest @UVM; July 8-13, 2012**

SEARCH PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS. June 25th – July 20th, 2012: **\$2000 stipend for 4 weeks**

___ **1. Seniors Aging Safely at Home (SASH):** Interdisciplinary team working with the SASH program at Chittenden County senior housing center to assess and evaluate program interventions designed to help seniors stay living safely at home. (Year 2 of SEARCH project)

___ **2. Linking Elders to Local Foods for Better Health:** Interdisciplinary team to work with PACE staff and participants to improve health of elders through access to local grown food. Based in Colchester. (Year 2 of SEARCH project)

___ **3. Champlain Valley AHEC Cultural Competency Manual:** Interdisciplinary team to work with one or two new refugee or immigrant populations in Chittenden County to develop relevant resource information for CVAHEC's Cultural Competency Manual, a resource that assists primary care providers in addressing the health needs of populations new to Vermont. (Year 3 of SEARCH project)

___ **4. Health Care Access Guide for Latino Migrant Farm Worker:** Interdisciplinary team to work with Open Door Clinic in Middlebury to develop a reference guide to health care for farm workers. Fluency in Spanish is required. (Year 2 of SEARCH project)



NORTHEASTERN VERMONT AHEC (Caledonia, Essex, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans Counties)

347 Emerson Falls Road, Suite 3, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 802-748-2506

For **MedQuest** questions contact Laura Remick lremick@nevahec.org For **SEARCH** questions contact Bob Swartz bswartz@nevahec.org

MedQuest is an 8-day commitment: beginning Thursday, July 12 (day off on Saturday July 14th plus 1-2 orientation meetings in Burlington in the spring. The date(s) will be determined by mutual agreement. **\$1,200 Stipend**

___ **MedQuest @Lyndon State; July 15-20, 2012**



SEARCH PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS. June 25- July 20th, 2012 \$1,000 stipend for 2 weeks; \$2,000 for 4 weeks

___ 1. Linking Elders with Local Food for Better Health Evaluation: Interdisciplinary team to evaluate health outcomes resulting from 5 years of effort in Orleans and Caledonia to link elders to local food.

___ 2. Linking Elders with Local Food for Better Health: Interdisciplinary team to work with nursing home administration and staff in Orleans and/or Caledonia County to improve resident nutrition by engaging the local food network.

___ 3. Health Care Access Guide for Latino Migrant Farm Workers: Interdisciplinary team to work with Primary Care Clinics in Bradford and Wells River to develop a reference guide to health care for farm workers. Conversational and/or medical Spanish is desired, but not required.



SOUTHERN VERMONT AHEC (Bennington, Rutland, Windham, and Windsor Counties)

55 Clinton Street, Suite 1, Springfield, VT 05156 802-885-2126

For **MedQuest** questions contact Beth Brothers bbrothers@svahec.org For **SEARCH** questions contact Susan White swhite@svahec.org

MedQuest is 6-day commitment: beginning the Sunday of each program, plus a training session in Burlington in May. This date/time is set by mutual agreement. **\$1,000 Stipend**

___ **Advanced MedQuest @ UVM; June 17-22, 2012**

___ **MedQuest West @ Bennington; July 8-13, 2012**

___ **MedQuest East @ Brattleboro; July 29-August 3, 2012**

SEARCH PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS. June 25-July 20th, 2012: \$1,000 for 2 Week Project; \$2,000 for 4 Week Project

___ 1. Team Care: It Takes a Community to Care for our Elders, Brattleboro and Grace Cottage hospital regions. Students will be mentored by two Family Medicine Preceptors; focus is on acquiring skills and knowledge on the complexity and interdisciplinary structure of elder care. Settings are varied to include primary care practices, long term care, adult day, home visits, etc. The specific project topic is developed by the students.

___ 2. Prescription for Exercise: Conduct research around health benefits of exercise in obese adults, in cooperation with the Edgar May Health & Recreation Center, and primary care practices in Springfield and neighboring communities. The goal is to show how health and fitness centers can improve the health of the community. This project was started and has been continued by UVM COM students over past 3 years.

___ 3. Student designed project: Student ideas for southern counties of Rutland, Windsor, Windham and Bennington. Please briefly describe your idea for a community health improvement project.



Application Form: Demographic and Background Information

Last Name First Name Male__ Female__ Date of Birth

Mailing Address City State Zip Code

Telephone # Current email address Permanent email address

Current graduate or professional school name and state

Program of Study/Discipline Expected graduation date

Undergraduate School: Name and State, graduation year High school name & State

Race and ethnicity

Please check off the boxes that best describe your ethnic background: (check all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Asian - Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Thai or Asian Indian
- Asian-other
- White

Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes No

Other

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No (if no, you are not eligible for the SEARCH Program)

Are you a National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholar? No Yes -- since _____ (date)

Are you applying to other summer opportunities (other than MedQuest and SEARCH)? Yes No

If yes, what: _____

Criminal Background (Champlain Valley and Northeastern Vermont AHECs run criminal background checks on [MedQuest](#) staff.)

Have you ever been convicted of a crime, including traffic violations, misdemeanor or felony conviction? Yes__ No__

A criminal conviction will not necessarily be a bar to employment. To help us evaluate your application, please describe you criminal conviction(s), listing the nature of your offense, date, and your rehabilitation since the conviction(s):



Application Form: Narrative/Essay Information

For **MedQuest** Applicants:

Please describe what skills, experience, and knowledge you would bring to **MedQuest** as a Medical Student Leader:

1. Experience with middle and high school students in camp, recreation or youth groups (as a director, leader, facilitator or participant). Please note any involvement or knowledge of teambuilding activities during these or other experiences.
2. Specific or unique medical knowledge or skills that you could share in a one-hour group setting that would provide a learning opportunity for health careers exploration students.
3. What are the unique experiences and events that brought you to medical school? How would you share this information with high school students as they contemplate careers in health care?
4. Occasionally during the **MedQuest** Program, Directors and Medical Student Leaders need to handle difficult situations with students. Examples may include a bad job shadow experience, students who have family or life circumstances affecting their ability to fully participate in the program. Would you be comfortable helping a student through such an experience and if so, how would you do it?
5. Why do you want to become a **MedQuest** Student Leader?

For **SEARCH** Applicants:

1. What is your interest in rural primary care? Please include any experience with and/or interest in interdisciplinary team practice, geriatric care, or other relevant experience.
2. Please describe why you'd like to participate in **SEARCH**, what you bring to the project or how you envision this experience fitting with your long-term professional goals.

All materials should be sent to Doreen Moran at dmoran@svahec.org or SVAHEC, 55 Clinton Street, Suite 1, Springfield, VT 05156

All applicants will be acknowledged via email upon receipt of your application. Decisions will be based on the best match for each program.

Applicants will be notified by April 10th. This is a competitive process.



Professional References: Please list at least one from a College Faculty member.

Reference #1

Last Name First Name Relationship

Organization Email Address

Phone Number Street Address City State Zip Code

Reference #2

Last Name First Name Relationship

Organization Email Address

Phone Number Street Address City State Zip Code

Reference #3

Last Name First Name Relationship

Organization Email Address

Phone Number Street Address City State Zip Code

Resume or CV:

Please submit as an attachment your most recent resume or cv.

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