

Youth Volunteer Program

Purpose: The goal of the youth volunteer program is to provide youth within our community the opportunity to explore the variety of healthcare careers while providing needed assistance to the patients, staff and guests of UNC Health Rockingham and outlying facilities.

Program Guidelines:

- The program is offered each summer for six to eight weeks depending on the school calendar.
- The program is open to students who have completed the eighth grade and will be 14 years old by the beginning of the program. Students may continue in the program through the summer following their eleventh-grade year.
- Students must have a C average or better, no conduct issues, and a good attendance record.
- Selected youth must attend 2 mandatory orientation/training sessions. No exceptions.
- Selected youth must meet health requirements (TB test, titer draws, COVID vaccine and immunization if needed). Some vaccines are subject to change.
- Selected youth are expected to volunteer at least 2 shifts for a minimum of 6 hours per week. Shifts are 3 hours each. Youth may choose to complete these shifts in one full day or two half days. Shifts are 9am-12 and 1-4pm. Youth do not work Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays or after 4:00 pm.
- Youth are placed in departments based on department request. Youth volunteers are under the direct supervision of the department staff in which they volunteer.

Selection Process:

- Youth volunteers who successfully complete the summer program are invited to participate the subsequent summer without re-applying.
- With input from teachers and guidance counselors, a committee of hospital personnel selects the new youth volunteers for the upcoming summer. The number of new youths selected depends upon the number of returning youth volunteers. A total of 20 to 25 youth volunteers are accepted each summer depending on the number of departments that request to host a youth.