



January 2010

Dear Southern Vermont Students and Parents:

MedQuest students spend six days on a college campus, explore health careers through job shadows with health care professionals, learn basic medical terminology, participate in health related workshops, take Friends and Family CPR, and make new friends. MedQuest is open to southern Vermont (Bennington, Rutland, Windham or Windsor Counties) students currently enrolled in Grades 9, 10 or 11 who are southern Vermont residents, live in neighboring states and attend a Vermont regional technical/career center, or attend a public or private southern Vermont high school.

MEDQUEST DATES FOR 2010

MedQuest/West, July 11-16
Southern Vermont College
Bennington

MedQuest/East, August 1-6
School for International Training
Brattleboro

Important MedQuest 2010 Information:

- Please download this letter, complete the application and 2 reference forms (completed by non-family adults), sign (you and a parent) and mail to our office.
- Admission is competitive; student selection is based on the application and references.
- Each program is limited to 20 students.
- University of Vermont College of Medicine students are part of the staff.
- **Cost is \$375**, all-inclusive. A \$150 **nonrefundable deposit** is due April 1; \$100 due May 1; and \$125 due on June 1st.
- Limited scholarships are available. *Parents/guardians must submit a brief letter with the application explaining the family's financial need.*
- MedQuest is a highly structured program. Students participate in **all** program components.
- The participating hospitals require a **current TB test** for all students.
- Your file is complete when your application and two references are received in our office.
- **March 1st is the deadline. Don't be late!**
- Mail application to: Marty Hammond, M.Ed.

Health Careers Coordinator/MedQuest Programs
Southern Vermont AHEC
365 Summer Street, Suite 151
Springfield, Vermont 05156

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Date Received _____ Date Complete _____
(Office Use Only)

2010

Application Deadline: 3/1/10 - Please Use Ink!

INDICATE THE DATE(S) YOU ARE AVAILABLE:

- July 11-16 at Southern Vermont College, Bennington YES__ NO__
- August 1-6 at School for International Training, Brattleboro YES__ NO__

Name: _____

Address _____

Street _____ City/State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____ Gender: Female____ Male____

E-Mail: _____ Current Grade in School: _____

High School: _____ County: Bennington, Rutland, Windham or Windsor
(Circle the County you reside in)

VSAC Student: Yes__ No__ If Yes, VSAC Counselor's Name: _____

Will you be a first generation college student (neither of your parents attended college): Yes__ No__

1. Job shadowing is the cornerstone of the MedQuest program. Please list four (4) different health professions you would like to explore.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

2. Nationwide there is a shortage of health care providers. Please rank your interest in the following health professions. #1 most interest to #6 least interest.

Dental Health____ Pharmacy____ Medical Laboratory____

Respiratory Therapy____ Physical Therapy____ Radiology____

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3. In what courses are you currently enrolled?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

4. In what extracurricular, community, and vocational activities do you participate?

(Examples: volunteer work, job, caring for siblings or elders, scouting, church, sports, etc.)

5. How do you plan to spend your 2010 Summer vacation?

(Working, other summer programs, traveling, etc., please give some details.)

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6. Why do you want to attend MedQuest 2010? (Approximate 200 word response, please.)

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TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

I understand my application is complete when my two (2) reference forms are received by Southern Vermont AHEC from my high school teachers, guidance counselor, VSAC counselor, or volunteer coordinator, and this completed application.

Student Signature_____ Date_____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

I give permission for_____ to attend MedQuest 2010.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ Date_____

A \$150 nonrefundable deposit, upon acceptance into MedQuest, will be due on April 1st.

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Please circle the appropriate blouse or shirt size so we can order "scrubs" for you.

Scrub Size	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL
HIS	28-32	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56	58-60
HERS	2-6	8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26	28-30	32-34

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Student's Name: _____ **High School:** _____

Your Name & Relationship w/student: _____

Please assess the student on each of the following:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Ability to interact with new people				
Communication skills				
Intellectual curiosity				
Interest in career exploration				
Interest in health careers				
Maturity to interact positively with health professionals and patients				

Student's strengths as you see them:

Student's challenges as you see them:

Please check all that apply to this student:

His/Her Social Skills:

- Interacts and communicates with adults in a respectful manner____
- Is "shy" or "quiet" but does communicate well with others____
- Has difficulty communicating in new settings/environments____
- Has many friends with different interests and/or interacts well with peers____
- Interacts with one group of peers and rarely interacts outside that group____

His/Her Motivation:

- Is self-motivated and engaging____
- Is open-minded and gets excited about learning new things____
- Is only interested in learning about specific topics, has his/her own agenda____
- Works hard____

His/Her Personality & Skills:

- Is a leader____
- Is a follower, but one that works hard to complete the task at hand____
- Is able to identify and make good choices____
- Good communicator (orally and written)____
- Able to sit through presentations that may or may not be of interest____
- Upbeat, positive attitude____
- Is struggling with some difficulties in life right now____
- Is a responsible, considerate, mature adolescent____

Please state your overall impression of the student and/or additional comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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