

HEALTH SERVICES YOUTH INITIATIVE



CAREERS facilitates a unique partnership between the health industry, educators, and government, to meet the interdependent needs of youth employability and skilled labour shortages. This partnership links education with the workplace to provide applied learning experiences and to heighten the awareness of health care careers. Through this partnership, employers play a new and innovative role in the development of their future workforce in two ways:

- By providing an opportunity for students to explore health careers.
- By giving students exposure to the context in which health services are delivered.

WHAT IS A HEALTH SERVICES INTERNSHIP?

It is a school program which allows students, who have completed Grade 11, to be placed with a health provider for 6 weeks (during the summer) to assist with career awareness and to develop employability skills which are transferable to most health occupations. These internships are coordinated by CAREERS for the employers and students.

WE NEED YOU!

Every year, the number of students interested and highly engaged in exploring career paths in the health industry always overshadows the number of available internship opportunities. To continue building on the momentum of the program, we need to create more student opportunities and heighten awareness in the health care industry!



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO THE HEALTH FACILITY EMPLOYER?

- Not only do these students provide "an extra set of hands", but mentors report that the students contributed to smooth operation of the facility.
- Your intern is a productive team member at an affordable cost.
- Facilities experienced an increase in staff morale and organizational commitment.
- Through your participation you contribute to an enhanced image of health care.
- By promoting health care careers, you add to the future health worker talent pool.

COST TO FACILITY:

The individual health facility funds the 6-week internship, which is based on a 30–40 hour work week at minimum wage or higher. The program is tied into curriculum and the students receive high school credits for their involvement. Alberta Education covers the WCB. Some years grants are available through the government to help cover wages. Check provincial and federal websites.

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