SHADOWING PROGRAM

Description
This program provides an opportunity for college students to observe or shadow a healthcare employee in order to develop a broader understanding of their intended field of study. Participants must be at least 18 years of age to participate in the Shadowing program.

Purpose
The purpose of the Collegiate Shadowing Program is to ensure that the Shadowing Program provides the best learning opportunity for the individual seeking a medical/healthcare career path. The Shadowing Program provides:

1. Opportunities to observe healthcare in practice.
2. Exposure to various healthcare career options.
3. Information about the requirements to enter various healthcare careers.
4. Positive role models.

The Shadowing Program is open to persons who are actively enrolling in a 4 year healthcare degree program that requires hours of observation as a part of the application process. Observation areas include: Respiratory Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, etc. (No observations with physicians or in surgical services). The participants must be committed to volunteering a minimum of 20 hours.

Behavioral Standards

- Participants will be respectful and courteous to patients, family members, and staff at all times.
- Participants will not touch patients. If participants are allowed to observe a patient during a procedure, the director or manager must obtain the patient’s consent first, or if the patient does not have the capacity, the director or manager must obtain the consent of the patient’s legal representative.
- Participants will not make any decisions regarding or render any advice or recommendations as to the treatment or care of patients.
- Participants will not touch medical equipment.
- Participants will not have medical record, chart, or computer access.
- Participant will not assist in feeding a patient but may assist in food delivery.
- Participants will not approach physicians about personal illness or medications.
• Participants will dress professionally. Recommended professional dress should be polo shirt, khakis or dress slacks and closed toe shoes with a back (This includes dress for orientation). Participants must cover body piercings and tattoos and secure long hair. No jeans or sweatpants. No tank tops or bare midriffs. No baggy clothing or clothing that drags on the floor. No exposed undergarments. No scrubs or lab coats. No open toe or open back shoes. No dangling jewelry. No caps or hats.
• Participants will not be permitted to wear scrubs or lab coats, as they are reserved for members of the care provider team.
• Participants must wear their school ID on shirt collar. No not wear ID at waist level.
• Participants will not perform personal care in the clinical setting (i.e. applying lip gloss, handling contact lenses, eating or drinking, brushing hair, etc.)
• Participants will not be permitted in areas of contamination such as isolation rooms, soiled linen areas, and autopsy rooms.
• Participants cannot participate in the program on days they are ill, including but not limited to, Cold/Cough, Fever (must be fever-free for 24 hours), Chicken Pox, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Influenza (Respiratory Flu), Stomach/Gastrointestinal Flu, Tuberculosis, MRSA.
• Participants will not need a purse, cell phone, pager, or backpack.
• It is not advisable to bring large amounts of cash, books, journals, etc.
• Cell phone use is not permitted.
• Saint Tammany Health System is not liable for any theft of or damage to personal property while you are on campus for your job shadowing. It is best to leave important personal items at home.
• Participants must park in Parking Lot 7 or Lot 10 and abide by parking instructions.

Required Forms for Shadowing Program
• Application
• Attestation
• Program Participant Recommendation Form
• Copy of ID

Orientation to the Hospital and the Program is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2020 from 8:00 am – 10:30 am in the Mandeville Room at St. Tammany Health System. The program runs from May 25, 2020 to June 26, 2020. Orientation includes policies and procedures of the hospital, an explanation of the Program, work schedule, and a tour of the facility.

All applications are due by Friday, April 10, 2020. Applicants will be selected on a first come, first serve basis.

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