

Information Sheet

UNC Health Rockingham

Youth Volunteer Program

Purpose:

The goal of the youth volunteer program is to provide needed assistance to the patients, staff, and guests of UNC Health Rockingham, while also providing the youth an opportunity for a positive work experience in a health care setting.

Procedure:

Qualifying youths who participated in last summer's program are invited to participate again. Representatives of UNC Health Rockingham, with input from school guidance counselors and teachers will review the applications received and choose the additional youth volunteers needed for the summer program. This summer we will only be able to take a total of approximately 20 youth. Selected applicants will be notified. Applicants not selected will also be notified.

Program Dates:

Youth will be notified of acceptance into the volunteer program. Dates for Mandatory Youth General Orientation Training (on-site), Mandatory Parent / Guardian Youth Meeting and Program start date will be announced at the time of acceptance. The Youth Program tentatively begins 1 week after school ends and ends 1 week before school starts.

Application Process:

1. Complete the Youth Volunteer Application.
2. Complete two Reference Inquiries. At least one must be completed by a guidance counselor or teacher.
3. Due to UNC Health Rockingham by April 30th.
 - a. Mail to: UNC Health Rockingham Volunteer Services
117 E. Kings Highway
Eden, NC 27288
 - b. Email to: Carla.Estes-Porter@unchealth.unc.edu

Mandatory Requirements:

1. Must have completed the eighth grade and be 14 years old by the end of the year prior to volunteering.
2. Must attend the information session **WITH** a parent or guardian on the 3rd Monday in May, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
3. Youth **MUST** attend all orientation, training, and meetings to qualify as a youth volunteer. NO exceptions can be made.
4. During the summer youth volunteer program, a youth volunteer cannot accumulate more than 3 unexcused absences, or 5 total absences. Please look closely at your summer plans before you apply.
5. Provide a copy of childhood immunizations.
6. Blood draw may be provided by UNC Health Rockingham Occupational Health, as needed.

Assignments:

1. Must work a minimum of 6 hours each week. (Youth volunteers do not work on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays or after 4:30 pm.)
2. Youth volunteers are under the general supervision of the Volunteer Services staff and specific supervision of the department managers to whom they are assigned.

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3. Youth volunteers are assigned to work with adult volunteers, youth volunteers who were in the program last summer, or hospital staff, until they are adequately trained.
4. When a volunteer is unable to work on her/his assigned day, that volunteer is responsible for obtaining a substitute from a list provided by the Volunteer Services staff.

A schedule is made by the Volunteer Services staff that places the youth in specific assignments each week. Youth volunteers work a minimum of six hours each week, either one full day or two half days, with opportunities for more work by substituting. **All first-year youth volunteers are expected to work where needed.** Summers thereafter, they are given an opportunity to choose one shift per week. The second shift is assigned. *Please note that direct shadowing opportunities are available to returning youth volunteers only.*