

# HEALTH CAREERS NEWS

Southern Vermont Area Health Education Center

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## Opportunities for High School Students

As we gear up for the 2016 summer programs and experience some changes to our programs, we felt it would be helpful to provide an update about the programs that we offer to high school students interested in pursuing a career in health care. We continue to be committed to providing quality career exploration opportunities to the students we serve.

## MedQuest 2016

MedQuest 2016 comes with a couple of key changes to the program. First of all, the eligibility has moved from 9-11th graders to 10-12th graders. If you have 9th graders interested in the program, please have them email Beth Brothers to be put on a mailing list for 2017 programs. In addition, we have moved the East program from the School for International Training in Brattleboro to Vermont Academy in Saxtons River. The programs will have a concentration in an area of healthcare, Primary Care and Emergency Medicine. This will impact the content of workshops, however the individual job shadows will still be based on the students individual interests and available shadow opportunities.

Admission to either of the programs is open to students who attend high school in Rutland, Bennington, Windham and Windsor Counties or live in NH and attend a technical center in VT.



### MedQuest 2016 Program Dates

**June 26-July 1, 2016**

Southern Vermont College in  
Bennington VT  
Concentration in Primary Care

**August 7-12, 2016**

Vermont Academy in  
Saxtons River, VT  
Concentration in Emergency Medicine

Apply at [www.svahec.org](http://www.svahec.org)

**Application Deadline:**  
Friday, March 4th



2015 Advanced MedQuest students

## Advanced MedQuest

Advanced MedQuest will be held at the University of Vermont July 26-29, 2016. The program is open to students who have previously attended MedQuest. Students will participate in job shadows at The University of Vermont Medical Center as well as some exciting workshops by faculty and staff from UVM and UVM Medical Center.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 26th

# CollegeQuest Update

It is with much regret that we report that the Vermont AHEC will not be holding CollegeQuest in the summer of 2016. At this point, a sustainable source of funding for the program has not yet been identified. Northeastern Vermont AHEC is taking the time this year to analyze and organize 4-years of data on program

outcomes into presentations and reports to reach partners and potential funders. The evaluation findings are compelling; CollegeQuest has made measurable impacts on students' knowledge, confidence, and behavior as it relates to college and career

success. CollegeQuest completers are demonstrating rates of college enrollment and persistence much higher than expected. A full report of evaluation findings will be available early in 2016.



## Contact Us

Please visit our website for more detailed information about our program. We can also be reached by phone and email!

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## Project Health Matters

We are currently working with two students from Springfield High School for another year of Project Health Matters. The students are working on a service-learning project that will bring together psychology and exercise science for an event in the community this Spring. Stay tuned for more details about this event! In addition, we will work with Emily and Kiana to help them prepare for graduation from high school and post-secondary education.

## Personalized Learning Plans

The Vermont AHEC Network is committed to keeping on top of the current educational standards and changes. As schools work to implement Act 77 we hope to support school staff who are working with students who have an interest in healthcare careers. Please contact SVAHEC if you have students who have an interest in health careers to see what support we might be able to offer them.



Tyger Rose Leisey, a Vet Tech, demonstrates how to bandage a dog at a recent career event at Bellows Falls Union High School