Office of Advanced Learning

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Summer Residential Governor's School for Medicine and Health Sciences

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to offer a relaunch of the *Summer Residential Governor's School for Medicine and Health Sciences* for Summer 2024. The program will be held in collaboration with Radford University and the Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers in Roanoke, Virginia from June 23, 2024, to July 20, 2024.

For the application to this program, please visit the <u>VDOE Summer</u> <u>Residential Governor's School website</u>. This website also houses a parent guide that will contain specific information about this program.

The Summer Residential Governor's School (SRGS) for Medicine and Health Sciences provides an enhanced curriculum that explores medicine and the health sciences as a foundation for integrated study.

- The Medicine and Health Sciences SRGS program is designed to enhance the connection between research in health sciences and the practice of medicine.
- Students explore various aspects of medicine and health sciences through diverse and synergistic thinking and questioning. Students are engaged in hands-on classroom activities.
- Students are immersed in complex analysis and critical thinking exercises which involve real-world scenarios to deepen their understanding of concepts and practices within the medical field.
- The Medical and Health Sciences SRGS program is suited for students with a serious interest in science, curiosity about the effects of science in the fields of medicine and health care, and motivation to spend a month in a rigorous, academically accelerated setting during the summer.

For questions, please refer to the SRGS-Medicine and Health Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). Additional questions may be directed to Amanda Nevetral, Director of the Office of Advanced Learning, at Amanda.Nevetral@doe.virginia.gov or 804-418-4693.



SRGS-Medicine and Health Sciences Frequently Asked Questions



How many students will be accepted into this program?

The Virginia Department of Education is working with Radford University to determine program capacity for Summer 2024.

Where will this program be located?

Students will live in Radford University dormitory housing in Roanoke, Virginia. Students will participate in MHS experiences with Radford, the Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers, and the Carillion Clinic, all located in Roanoke. Transportation for students will be provided during the four weeks of the Summer Residential Governor's School program. Families are responsible for the transportation of their student to the program in Roanoke and home at the end of the program.

How do students apply to this program?

Public school and private school students must fill out the application located on the <u>VDOE Summer Residential Governor's School</u> <u>website</u>. Applications should be completed by students and turned in to each school division's gifted coordinator or regional coordinator for private schools as designated on the administrative guide.

How will these applications be scored?

For Summer 2024 only, VDOE will score applications directly. Applications will be blind scored by VDOE using the score sheet on the last page of the application. Students will be offered seats based on the strength of their application and research interests. As the MHS programs intends a mentorship component, there is no guarantee of student placement.

What is VDOE's due date for student applications?

School divisions and private schools will need to establish an internal due date for the submission of student applications. Coordinators should send student test scores and transcripts, as identified in the administrative guide, along with all components of the student's application directly to VDOE by February 23, 2024. <u>Incomplete applications will not be accepted.</u>

If our division has students apply to the MHS program, do I need their names to be submitted to VDOE using SSWS?

No. When students are selected for this program, the Office of Advanced Learning will notify the school division or private school at the earliest opportunity.

Will applications to this program affect quotas for the number of applicants to other academic programs?

No, for Summer 2024, the MHS program will not be a part of the quotas listed in the administrative guide.

What is the tuition charge for the Medicine and Health Sciences program?

The tuition charge for the MHS program is \$3,200 per student. School divisions pay the division's share based on the local composite index. Private schools pay half of the tuition charge. State funds will pay the remaining balance. Student activity fees may be charged to students; waiver processes will apply.

A student has already applied to another academic program. May the student now apply to the Medicine and Health Sciences program?

Since school division selections have already been made for other academic SRGS programs, students may apply to the MHS program even if they have applied to another academic program. Students must acknowledge on their application that, if accepted to both programs, they may only attend one Summer Residential Governor's School.