



February 27, 2009

Dear Principals, Counselors, and Teachers:

The Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) and Western Carolina University (WCU) will host its 14th annual Health Careers Summer Camp at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC the week of **June 21-27, 2009**. The camp is open to rising seventh and eighth grade students, that have a potential interest in healthcare as a future career as well as rising ninth grade students that participated in the camp in 2008. We could not continue to be successful in this program without support from our partners in the community. So, once again, we come to you for assistance.

This camp is part of the North Carolina Area Health Education Center's (NC AHEC) mission to improve the supply and distribution of the healthcare workforce by providing support at every link of the educational pipeline. The cost to attend the camp is **sixty-five (\$65)**, with a ten dollar (\$10) application fee. The application fee is refundable for students not selected to attend the camp. Students on free or reduced lunch are eligible for a scholarship but are still required to send the ten dollar (\$10) application fee. **All checks or money orders should be made payable to MAHEC. No cash please.** If the student is selected to attend camp, the application fee will apply to the cost of the camp. Please see the camp brochure included in your packet for more detailed information.

We are inviting all students to make application; however, special emphasis should be made to encourage minority and disadvantaged students to apply. Statistics show that in all health professions, minority populations continue to be underrepresented relative to the overall population in the state. The United States Department of Health and Human Services states that "increasing the number of minority health professionals is viewed as a partial solution to improving access and delivery of health care."

Criteria:

- Application and Faculty Recommendation form should be provided to those students that may have a potential interest in a career in healthcare.
- The application deadline is **March 27, 2009 at 5pm**. Applications received after the deadline and incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Advisory committee will review **completed** applications and select students based on the selection criteria with **emphasis** on the faculty recommendation.
- Preference is given to students that attended the 2008 Health Careers Summer Camp.
- Selected students will be sent a confirmation package that **must** be completed and returned to WCU no later than **April 20, 2009**, along with the fifty-five dollar (\$55) balance due, in order to be eligible to attend the summer camp.

Thank you in advance for your support of this program and for helping your students take the first step toward a potential career in healthcare. Please assist your students in completing the application packet prior to March 27, 2009. Please direct parents and students that are interested in this program to contact me or apply online at <http://healthcamp.wcu.edu>. Also, feel free to make copies of any information included in this packet. The Western Carolina University Office of Educational Outreach is providing coordination of the 2009 MAHEC/WCU Health Careers Summer Camp. If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact me at 828-227-7397 or (800) 928-4968 or by email: Hensley@email.wcu.edu or Jacquelyn Hallum, MAHEC's Director of Health Careers & Diversity Education at 828-257-4479 or via email: jacquelyn.hallum@mahec.net .

Sincerely,

Bobby R. Hensley, Associate Director of Continuing Education

Enclosures: Camp brochure, Student application, Student cover letter, Faculty recommendation form



February 27, 2009

Dear Parents and Students:

I am writing about a unique and fun opportunity for you to attend the 14th Annual Health Careers Summer Camp sponsored by the Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) and Western Carolina University (WCU), the week of June **21-27, 2009**. The camp is open to rising seventh and eighth grade students for the 2009-2010 school year and rising ninth grade students who participated in the 2008 Summer Camp. The camp is designed to heighten awareness and provide students a variety of experiences about careers in healthcare. This opportunity also allows the student to discuss the classes they need to take in middle and high school, preparation for their college education and other enrichment programming. The cost to attend the camp is **sixty-five dollars (\$65)**, which includes a ten dollar (\$10) application fee. The application fee is refundable for students not selected to attend the camp. Students on free or reduced lunch may be eligible for a scholarship but are still required to send the ten dollar (\$10) application fee. **Make check or money order payable to MAHEC. No cash please.** If student is selected, the application fee will apply to the cost of the camp and a balance of fifty-five dollars (\$55) will be due upon acceptance.

Students will live on the campus of Western Carolina University (WCU) with nineteen (19) other students interested in careers in healthcare. Campers will participate in exciting activities such as tours of healthcare agencies, hospitals, career- oriented field trips, white water rafting, Cherokee Outdoor drama, as well as opportunities to talk with members of the health professions about their careers and how they reached their career goals. We have limited space; please complete the camp application as soon as possible. A brochure is enclosed with detailed information, including the selection criteria.

- To apply: download an application from <http://healthcamp.wcu.edu/> or contact the Office of Educational Outreach using the toll free number: (800) 928-4968 or (828) 227-7397.
- Give the Faculty recommendation form to a teacher or counselor that knows you well. The faculty member must sign the recommendation form, **verifying that you have a C+ or higher grade point average**. Include this recommendation in your application packet or ask the teacher/counselor to mail it to the address below. It's your responsibility to make sure the faculty member gets your recommendation completed.
- Send the **completed** application packet to: MAHEC/WCU Health Careers Summer Camp, Office of Educational Outreach, 138 Camp Building, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723. The **deadline** for the application is **March 27, 2009** at 5pm. Notification of selections will be made by **April 10, 2009**. Applications received after the deadline and incomplete applications will not be considered.

We hope that you are interested in this summer camp opportunity and look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to give us a call at 828-257-4479 or via email: jacquelyn.hallum@mahec.net or contact Bobby Hensley toll free at (800) 928-4968 or 828-227-7397 or via email: hensley@email.wcu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'J Hallum'.

Jacquelyn Hallum, Director
Health Careers and Diversity Education

Enclosures: Camp brochure



INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION – READ THOROUGHLY AND CAREFULLY

APPLICATION PACKET: The application packet includes:

Student Information Form	Must be completed and signed by student
Parent or Guardian Information Form	Must be completed and signed by parent or guardian
Faculty Recommendation Form	Give faculty recommendation form to a teacher or counselor that knows you well. <u>The faculty member must sign the form, verifying that you have a C+ or higher grade point average.</u> You can include faculty recommendation in your application packet or ask the faculty member to mail it to the address below. It is <u>your</u> responsibility to make sure the faculty member gets your recommendation completed.
\$10 Application Fee	<u>No cash please</u> , make check or money order payable to MAHEC

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Submit a completed Application Packet by **March 27, 2009 at 5pm** with \$10 application fee which will be refunded if not selected. **Applications received after the deadline and incomplete applications will not be considered.**

SUMMER CAMP FEE: \$65 = TOTAL camp fee
\$10 = minus application fee – refundable if not selected
\$55 Total due if selected
****Students on free or reduced lunch may be eligible for a scholarship but are still required to submit the \$10 application fee**

MAIL COMPLETED FORMS AND APPLICATION FEE TO: Health Careers Summer Camp

Office of Educational Outreach
138 Camp Building
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, NC 28723

ONLINE APPLICATION: You may download and print an application from: <http://healthcamp.wcu.edu>

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

- Entering the seventh or eighth grade in the 2009 – 2010 school year
- Open to all students with special emphasis on underrepresented minority and/or economically disadvantaged
- Potential interest in health careers
- An overall C+ or above grade point average
- Enthusiastic recommendation from principal, counselor, or teacher
- Permission of parent or guardian
- Payment of \$10 application fee
- Completion of **ALL** application materials
- Preference is given to students that attended the 2008 Health Careers Summer Camp

SELECTION PROCESS:

- Notification of selections will be made by **April 10, 2009**. Ten dollar (\$10) application fee will be returned to students not selected. Selected students will be sent additional documents that must be completed and returned to WCU no later than **April 20, 2009**, along with any balances due in order to be eligible to attend the summer camp.



MAHEC/WCU HEALTH CAREERS

SUMMER CAMP
June 21 – 27, 2009



STUDENT APPLICATION

Student Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle: _____

Nickname or preferred Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Last 4 digits of social security # _____

Race/Ethnicity: (please circle)

Native American

White

Asian American

African American

Hispanic/Latino

Other, please specify:

School

School you currently attend: _____

City: _____ School phone number: _____

Name of school official recommending you: _____ Phone: _____

In the summer of 2009, I will be a rising _____ 7th _____ 8th _____ 9th _____ grader

Do you currently receive free or reduced lunch? yes _____ no _____ (please complete if requesting scholarship)

Parent / Guardian Contact Information

Mother/Guardian name _____ Email: _____

Place of work: _____

Day/Work phone _____ Evening/cell Phone: _____

Father/Guardian name _____ Email: _____

Place of work: /cell Phone: _____

Day/Work phone: _____ Evening/cell Phone: _____

Additional Information

Please list any organizations or groups that you belong to and any volunteer work that you do in the church or community:

Have you participated in this camp before? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, when:

Have you applied to attend this camp previously and not been selected? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, when: _____

Have you been to the Health Adventure in Asheville in the last two years? ____ Yes ____ No

1. I am most interested in learning about the following health career occupations (circle all that apply to you):

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|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Audiologist | Medical Records | Public Health |
| Cardiovascular Tech | Medical Assistant | Psychologist |
| Clinical Lab Tech | Nursing Home | Registered Nurse |
| CNA | Nutritionist | Respiratory Therapist |
| Dental Assistant | Occupational Therapist | Social Worker |
| Dentist | Paramedic/EMT | Speech Pathologist |
| Forensics | Pharmacist | X-ray Technology |
| Genetic Counselor | Phlebotomist | Other: (please specify) |
| Healthcare Administrator | Physical Therapy | _____ |
| Health Science Librarian | Physician | |

2. I have completed the following certifications: First Aide ____ CPR course ____
Other _____

3. Student should list at least 3 good reasons why you are interested in attending this camp:
1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. What do you hope to get out of this camp experience?

5. Describe any family, personal, or special circumstances that may be useful in evaluating your application.

6. Would sharing a room with another camper of a different race or ethnicity be a problem? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, please explain: _____

Student signature

Date

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

I would like my student to attend the 2009 Health Careers Summer Camp because:

Number of people living in the household, including this child: _____

Average annual income level for the household (*please circle one*):

\$0 - \$9,999	\$30,000 – \$39,999	\$70,000 - \$79,999
\$10,000 - \$19,999	\$40,000 – \$49,999	\$80,000 - \$89,999
\$20,000 - \$29,999	\$50,000 – \$59,999	\$90,000 - \$99,999
	\$60,000 - \$69,999	\$100,000+

Please advise us of any problems or concerns that the camp director and counselors need to know that may not permit the child to fully participate in camp activities and field trips (Examples: allergies; never been away from home; shyness; needs encouragement). All information will be held in confidence and only the camp director, counselors, or other qualified persons will have access to this information.

THIS STUDENT HAS MY PERMISSION TO ATTEND THE 2009 HEALTH CAREERS SUMMER CAMP ON THE WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.

I understand that the camp involves the student living on the Western Carolina University campus and that this will be a supervised residential experience. The Parent or Guardian will be responsible for bringing the student to camp on Sunday, June 21, 2009 and attending the camp orientation. The Parent or Guardian will be responsible for taking the student back home and attending the closing ceremonies on Saturday morning, June 27, 2009.

Name of Parent or Guardian (please print)

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Application Deadline: March 27, 2009

Print, sign, and Mail to: Health Careers Summer Camp, Office of Educational Outreach, 138 Camp Building, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723



MAHEC/WCU HEALTH CAREERS
SUMMER CAMP
JUNE 21 – 27, 2009



FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: MARCH 27, 2009

Name of Student: _____
(Please Print)

1. Why would this student benefit from attending the MAHEC/WCU Health Careers Summer Camp?

2. Will this student respect the authority of the camp director and counselors? Yes No
Please give an example of how this student works with persons in authority.

3. Would you describe this student as responsible and dependable? Yes No
Please give an example of when this student has been responsible and/or dependable.

4. Will student be comfortable rooming with students of other racial or ethnic backgrounds? Yes No

5. Are there any concerns or issues about this student that the camp director/counselors should be aware of (i.e., never been away from home; student is shy; needs encouragement; family hardships; problem attitude; violent or angry; doesn't want to be part of team)?

6. How long have you known this student? Less than 1 year 1-3 years more than 3 years

7. Additional comments: _____

Recommended Recommended with reservation Not recommended

I am verifying this student has a C+ or above grade point average.

Name (Please Print or Type)

School phone number

Signature

Position

Return this form **no later than March 27, 2009** to: MAHEC/WCU 2009 Health Careers Summer Camp, Office of Educational Outreach, 138 Camp Building, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina 28723. For additional assistance please contact Bobby Hensley at (828) 227-7397 or (800) 928-4968.