For 9th - 12th grade students interested in careers in healthcare!

**HEALTH CAREER HIGH SCHOOL**  
Summer Program 2017

June 18 – 23, 2017 (Grades 9 – 12)  
*Please Note: Dates Have Changed!*

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**Application Deadline:** April 21, 2017  
**Location:** UNC Charlotte, Charlotte NC

*The Charlotte AHEC is a division of Carolinas HealthCare System and is part of the NC AHEC program.*  
*It serves the following counties:*  
Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Stanly and Union

**HEROES**  
Health Career Education - Reaching Out to Excellent Students
Health Career High School Summer Program  
Deadline: April 21, 2017

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**Make sure the dates do not conflict with other plans. We ask that students are present for the entire length of the program. If a student has to leave early or arrive late, we ask that you not apply.**

### Criteria
- Submitted application by deadline: April 21, 2017
- 3.0/4.0 GPA
- If you were in middle school in school year 2016-2017, submit a copy of your last report card received in 2017.
- If you were in high school in school year 2016-2017, submit a copy of your high school transcript (a report card is unacceptable).
- Two letters of recommendation
- Parent/guardian permission
- Registration fee
- Health insurance

### Registration Fee (includes lodging and meals)
- Standard Registration: $225
- Free and Reduced Lunch Students: $175

**No Refunds (unless application is denied)**

Payments will only be processed if the student is selected. All others will be returned to the applicant.

If you have any questions, please email

Sophia Moore-Dennis, Project Coordinator
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Application Review & Selection Process

• Preference will be given to senior-level students who cannot reapply for the program. Underclassmen who are not accepted are encouraged to reapply for the program the following year.
• Answer each question, especially the GPA. High school students: cumulative GPA should be listed on your transcript. Middle school students: calculate your GPA by using the grades on your report card for the 2016-2017 school year. It is understood that you will not have your final report card at the time of submission.
• The Charlotte AHEC will review the entire application. Special emphasis is placed on the quality of the essay. It is STRONGLY suggested that you proofread your essays for proper capitalization and spelling and grammatical errors.
• The Charlotte AHEC will notify students who have been selected to participate via email by May 12, 2017. Please make sure your contact information is correct in your application and check your Spam Folder 3-4 days after the application deadline. If you are accepted but do not respond to our communications, you will forfeit your place and the next student on the wait list will be accepted instead.

Tips and Suggestions for Great Essay Responses

An essay is required (see the last page for details). Here are some tips that will help you formulate your answers and hopefully increase your odds of being accepted.

Tip #1: PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD!
Take some time to reflect on your answers. It is better to think of and communicate a couple of good reasons you would like to participate in the HEROES program than to give a one sentence answer with your first thought.

Tip #2: Think about it.
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Tip #3: Flesh out your ideas.
Full, well-constructed paragraphs are far more likely to gain you admission than one sentence answers. Again, see tip #2. We want to see that this is something you are genuinely interested in doing. This is also the only place where you get a chance to let us know that you are a real human being beyond having a name on paper. Tell us something interesting about what has inspired you to look at health careers! You have reasons and I am sure it goes beyond the common response, “I want to help people”.

Tip #4: Most importantly: Be Yourself!
Answers that are true to you are far easier for the reader to understand. Don’t make up stories or make true stories “more dramatic” in hopes of grabbing someone’s attention. That said, you should also not be afraid to talk honestly about any hardship you may have encountered in your educational journey or home life. Tell the truth of your experience and the true you will shine through!
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UNC Charlotte, Charlotte NC

Please complete both pages of application. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Answer each question.

Check One:  ❑ Would like to join HEROES  ❑ I’m already in the HEROES Program

June 18 – 23, 2017 New Date!
(Grades 9-12, 2017-2018 School Year)

Full Name: __________________________________________

Last 4 digits of SS#: Date of Birth: _______/________/________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________________           State:  ________          Zip Code:  ________          County:______________

Gender (check one):  ❑ Male   ❑ Female

Home Number: _____________________________________________

Parent Email Address: _____________________________
Student Email Address: _____________________________

Parent Cell Number: _____________________________
Student Cell Number: _____________________________

Are you a member of HOSA (circle one)?  Y  or   N

Are you a member of a science, math or health club (circle one)?  Y  or   N

T-shirt size (circle one):    S       M       L       XL       2XL

Ethnicity (check one):

_____ Pacific Islander   _____ Native American

_____ Black/African American   _____ Mexican American

_____ Mainland Puerto Rican   _____ White/Caucasian

School: _____________________________________________

Grade: __________ (2016 – 2017 School Year)

GPA: _________ (if left blank, application will be disqualified)

High School Graduation Year: _________

Parent/Guardian Full Name(s): _____________________________

Phone Number: _____________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: _______________________________________________________________________________

Registration Fee: $225 Standard Registration, $175 Free and Reduced Lunch Students (Please attach documentation)

Payment: No Refunds (unless application is denied)

Make check or money order payable to: Charlotte AHEC

CASCE #: 51579
HCSETS #: 5269
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**Essay - New Students Only**

Attach a one page essay that answers the following questions:
- What health career are you interested in pursuing?
- Why are you interested in that career?
Consider using the tips mentioned on page 3 of the application.

**Two Letters of Recommendation - New Students Only**

Students, please attach two letters of recommendation. We require one from your **Math or Science teacher** and one **additional reference** (*no family members, please*). We prefer that the additional reference comes from someone who can speak to your interest in a career in healthcare (ie, health career or math club advisor, volunteer coordinator for a healthcare related event, etc.).

**All applications must be received by close of business on April 21, 2017**

Don’t forget to submit a copy of your transcript or report card!

Mail to: Sophia Moore-Dennis, Project Coordinator
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Charlotte AHEC / Carolinas HealthCare System
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Charlotte, NC 28232-2861

You will receive an email confirmation upon receipt of your application. If you don’t, please contact us.