

Cleveland Clinic Summer Scholars Program

Cleveland Clinic Florida

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Overview of the Program

- ▶ Pre-medical students will have the opportunity to explore their desired career fields in healthcare at Cleveland Clinic.
- ▶ Students have direct interaction with physicians, and are able to observe various surgeries in the OR in order to have full exposure of Cleveland Clinic.

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- ▶ Students are assigned three rotations.
 - ▶ Each rotation will last two weeks.
- ▶ The program lasts for 6-weeks beginning in mid-June until the end of July.
- ▶ The time commitment per day varies depending on the specialty where the student is placed.
 - ▶ Expect to be in Cleveland Clinic from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Last Day of Program

- ▶ Graduation on last day of program
 - ▶ At the end of the Summer Scholars program, students are required to give a presentation of an experience/patient that changed their outlook on healthcare.
 - ▶ This will be presented to their peers, medical staff, and Dr. Sands (colorectal surgeon who founded the program).



My Experience

▶ Breast Surgery

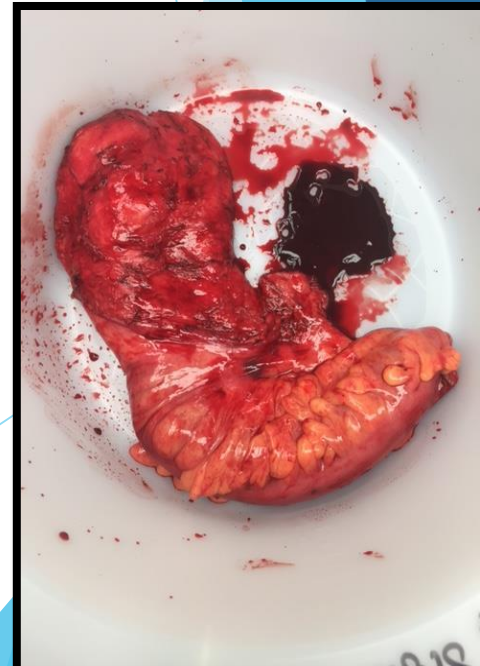
- ▶ Observed mastectomies in OR
- ▶ Learned about breast cancer cells, mammograms, biopsies
- ▶ Hospital rounds, formed relationships with patients

▶ Colorectal Surgery

- ▶ Observed TATME (transanal total mesorectal excision), removal of sigmoid colons, and more in OR

▶ Gastroenterology

- ▶ Observed and learned about pancreatitis, gastric cancer, and other common GI issues through colonoscopies and endoscopies



Application Requirements

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- ▶ Open to local high school seniors and **college pre-med** students.
- ▶ Applications available in January and due by the end of February.
- ▶ Application materials can be found online (<http://my.clevelandclinic.org/florida/education/summer-scholar-program.aspx>)
- ▶ Application Requirements include...
 - ✓ Two letters of Recommendation
 - ✓ Academic Transcript (3.4 GPA)
 - ✓ Personal Statement/Essay
 - ✓ Recent TB/PPD test results
 - ✓ Evident of Immunization (Titers)