

Lehigh Valley Health Network includes three hospital facilities - two in Allentown, Pa., and one in Bethlehem, Pa.; eight health centers in four counties; numerous primary and specialty care physician practices; pharmacy, imaging and lab services; and preferred provider services through Valley Preferred.

Our three hospitals are advanced acute care hospitals. We have a total of 984 licensed acute beds with a medical staff of more than 1,100. More than 800 of our physicians are board-certified, representing 95 specialties.

Specialty care includes trauma care at the region's busiest, most-experienced trauma center treating adults and children, burn care at the regional Burn Center, kidney and pancreas transplants; perinatal/neonatal, cardiac, cancer, and neurology and complex neurosurgery capabilities including national certification as a Primary Stroke Center.

Lehigh Valley Health Network has been recognized by US News & World Report for 13 consecutive years as one of America's Best Hospitals, is a national Magnet hospital for excellence in nursing and has been honored seven straight years among the top integrated health networks in the U.S.

As a not-for-profit organization, the health network contributed more than \$146 million in fiscal year 2008 to the community in the form of free or discounted direct patient care, community-based prevention and education programs, professional and patient education, and partnerships with local government, school districts and others.

Lehigh Valley Health Network is dedicated to providing Lehigh Valley youth with exposure to health care careers through high-quality educational programs.



Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest



Lehigh Valley Hospital-17th Street



Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg

## Application and Selection Process

Applications should be completed online at [www.lvh.org/researchscholar](http://www.lvh.org/researchscholar) and supporting documents should be e-mailed.

The program selection committee will match student applicants to available positions.

All communication regarding eligibility, applications, selection and requirements is coordinated by the Division of Education.

## Division of Education



For more information about Lehigh Valley Health Network's Research Scholar Program, please visit [www.lvh.org/researchscholar](http://www.lvh.org/researchscholar) or contact:  
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## Research Scholar Program



## The Research Scholar Program

provides structured educational research opportunities for undergraduate students. Within each session, students apply for positions offered by health network departments; positions are offered in both clinical and nonclinical areas. Each position involves a combination of research, professional and/or clinical observations. The program offers educational experiences for students, and provides valuable assistance to health network departments.

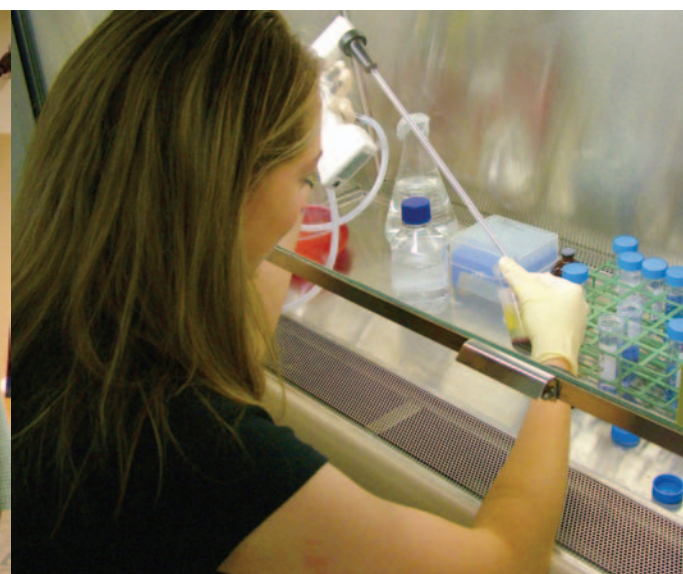
The summer session spans eight weeks, and the fall and spring sessions span 10 weeks each. During the summer session, students are scheduled a maximum of 30 hours per week; during the fall and spring sessions, students are scheduled a maximum of 15 hours per week. Schedules are established cooperatively between students and mentors. Credit for the Research Scholar experience may be available based on the policies of the student's college or university.

## What alumni say about the Research Scholar Program:

*"The three most rewarding credits that I have taken in my college career because of the hands-on work involved."*

*"Everyone has a genuine desire to see the students flourish and obtain a maximum benefit."*

*"A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to conduct research in one of the most dynamic organizations in the country."*



## Eligibility and Requirements

- Students must have completed at minimum one year (two semesters) of undergraduate study before the start of the session for which they apply.
- Students must currently be enrolled in an undergraduate program and may not have graduated by the start of the session for which they apply.
- Students may only participate in one session of the program. However, students may apply for as many sessions as they choose until they are selected for a session.

### Students meeting one or more of the following criteria will be given preference:

- Students who attended high school in the Lehigh Valley
- Students who attend college/university in the Lehigh Valley
- Student who reside or who have resided at some time in the past in the Lehigh Valley.

*Please see application for further eligibility details.*

### Students selected for a Research Scholar position will be required to:

- Undergo criminal background clearances.
- Submit proof of two current, negative TB skin tests, proof of vaccinations and health certification.
- Submit proof of a current negative urine drug screen.
- Attend the mandatory orientation.
- Be available to meet with their mentor on a weekly basis.
- Complete a two-page summary report, status reports, and evaluations of their position and research specifically, and the Research Scholar program in general.

*In addition, the hosting department may have additional and/or more specific requirements.*