

Pre-Health January Interim Career Exploration Opportunity

January Interim 2015 Application

This learning opportunity is designed specifically for Gustavus students to follow and observe the patient/provider relationship and subsequent interactions, diagnostics and treatment. During an observation experience, the student will not touch, diagnose, treat, or otherwise participate in patient care. **The experience is observation only.**

If you are interested in the health field, this Pre-Health Career Exploration is a unique opportunity to spend 30+ hours per week in a health care setting for the January Interim Term. Gustavus has partnered with the Mankato Clinic and Specialty Clinics, River's Edge Hospital and Clinic, and HealthPartners to offer this exclusive opportunity for twelve selected Gustavus students.

This learning opportunity is designed specifically for Gustavus students to observe a variety of medical professionals. Below offers a brief listing of the rotation areas available at the different sites. *Exact rotation areas still being finalized at the sites.*

HealthPartners Rotation Areas- various Twin Cities locations (4 students): Primary Care/Family Practice; Emergency Medicine (Regions Hospital ED); Cardiology (Regions Heart Center); Oncology (Regions Cancer Care Center); Orthopedics (Regions and HealthPartners Specialty Center Ortho Clinic); Hospice and Palliative Care

Mankato Clinic and Specialty Clinics Rotation Areas- Mankato locations (4 students): Cardiology, Dermatology, OB-Nurse, Nursing Home, Neurology/Sleep Center, Oncology, Now Care-Occupational Medicine, ENT/Foot & Ankle/Allergy/Ophthalmology, Surgery Center.

River's Edge Hospital and Clinic Rotation Areas- St. Peter (4 students): Med Surg., OR, ER, Cardiac Rehab, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Clinic: Allergy & Family Practice Clinic, Radiology (1 day shift), Lab (1 day shift), and *Infusion Therapy (possible extra department)

Requirements:

1. Cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2.
2. Sophomore, junior or senior standing, sophomores are particularly encouraged to apply.
3. Good standing with the College and not on any type of College probation.
4. Completed application and one-page statement submitted by, **Wednesday, October 8, 2014**
5. If selected complete the Interim Career Exploration registration form for academic credit. The **Interim 2015 Term: Monday, January 5- Friday, January 30th**. You will be at the site Monday-Thursday from approximately 8am-5pm, but some sites will have early or later shifts depending on the specialty area (Surgery, Sleep Clinic). These dates and times are set and are not flexible or negotiable; it is important that you understand the commitment when applying for this opportunity. Some Friday morning sessions will be added to the calendar for group reflection, exact dates and times TBA.
6. You will be responsible for your own transportation because you will be traveling to different locations.

Visit websites to learn more

Health Partners <https://www.healthpartners.com>

HealthPartners Clinics are part of HealthPartners, the largest consumer-governed, non-profit health care organization in the nation. Our mission is to improve health and well-being in partnership with members, patients and the community—an aim that is strengthened by collaboration with academic institutions and the future providers of medical care. HealthPartners Clinics serve the Minneapolis and St. Paul metro area with 27 primary care clinics, 15 urgent care centers, 15 pharmacies and mail order pharmacy services. The HealthPartners system also includes specialty care services, community hospitals in Stillwater and Western Wisconsin, and a Level I Trauma Center and teaching hospital in Saint Paul. For more information, visit [healthpartners.com](https://www.healthpartners.com).

Rotation description:

Primary care continues to grow as a focus for health care reform and health improvement efforts, and this course offers the opportunity to learn about the field in a team-based model where all members contribute to support patients. As part of the rotation, students will also get an introduction to “system based care” and how the medical group continually looks to innovate and improve care.

Mankato Clinic <http://www.mankatoclinic.com/>

The Mankato Clinic is a physician owned, multi-specialty group practice located about an hour south of the Twin Cities, in existence since 1916. The Mankato Clinic has 125 providers located across ten sites in five communities; including Mankato, North Mankato, St. Peter, Mapleton and Lake Crystal. The Mankato Clinic and satellite locations employ over 700 people, and ranks among the top 15 employers in the region. Our Main Street facility is a modern, 105,000 square-foot, three-story building that adjoins the community's hospital. Included in our seven regional satellites is a 45, 000 square-foot clinic attached to an ambulatory surgery center. Mankato is located in a beautiful Minnesota valley setting, and is an easy drive from the Twin Cities with excellent recreational and educational opportunities.

River's Edge Hospital & Clinic <http://www.riversedgehealth.org/>

River's Edge Hospital & Clinic provides care to patients throughout the greater St. Peter area including Nicollet, Le Sueur and portions of Sibley and Blue Earth counties. We value compassionate care, collaboration, stewardship and integrity. Combining state of the art technology and compassionate caring staff members our vision is to deliver care that values all aspects of a person's health – *mind, body and spirit*. The River's Edge campus includes River's Edge Hospital, River's Edge Clinic, Live Well Fitness Center, Mayo Clinic Health System - St. Peter, and Benedictine Living Community of St. Peter.

River's Edge Hospital & Clinic Mission

River's Edge Hospital & Clinic provides quality health services that value all dimensions of health including mind, body and spirit. Our goal is to improve the health of all individuals we serve through continuous, measurable improvement in patient satisfaction, clinical quality, patient safety and operational effectiveness.

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Your Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Major: _____

You are currently: sophomore junior senior

Are you on any type of College probation at this time? YES or NO

Have you applied for this opportunity previously? YES or NO

Do you have your own transportation? *Carpooling may be available YES or NO

Previous experience in Health Care: (check all that apply)

_____ CNA training _____ volunteer _____ shadowing _____ informational interview

_____ Other, please briefly explain: _____

Please rate rotation site (1-3, number one being your first choice). Please note if you are selected for this experience that you will be assigned to a site that might not be your first or second choice. _____HealthPartners _____Mankato Clinic _____River's Edge

_____No-preference

Academic reference contact information of a Gustavus faculty member:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Attach to this application:

1. **Unofficial copy of your transcript; if transfer credits earned are not reflected on the Gustavus transcript, include a copy of the transcript from your previous institution.**
2. **A one-page statement addressing the following:**
 - **Why are you interested in this opportunity?**
 - **What past experience or personal qualities make you a strong candidate?**

This is a competitive program for twelve selected Gustavus students; these professional, curious, and motivated students will be representing Gustavus at our premier local health care sites. If you have questions or need additional information please contact Heather Banks, Health Professions Coordinator, hbanks@gustavus.edu