PRE-HEALTH PROGRAM
INTERNSHIP/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Seegers Union, Lower Level

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Lehigh Valley Hospital – LVH offers a Research/Scholar program. The students gain educational and professional experience while working with a supervisor. This offers a stipend of $500, is 15 hours a week and is completed for 10 weeks. This is done for 1 unit of internship credit.

Lehigh Valley Hospital – Hospital Elder Life Program (H.E.L.P.) – The students provide companionship while helping older patients. They visit the elderly patients, provide support and assist with feeding. They also encourage mobility by helping the patient with daily exercise and walking. This can be done as a volunteer, for .5 unit of internship credit or for 1 unit of internship credit.

St. Lukes Hospital – Pre-Med Observer Program – The Pre-Med Observer Program is designed to give exemplary students a chance to preview medicine for 12 weeks through observations with residents, medical students and staff physicians. Students are requested to visit twelve different diagnostic treatment and support areas to understand the roll they play in the patient’s care. This is done for .5 unit of internship credit.

St. Luke’s Physician Assistant Shadow Program – This program is designed to give the student an opportunity to shadow a physician assistant in the physician’s office, surgery, the clinic and obstetrical areas. This is done for 1 unit of internship credit.

Sacred Heart Hospital – This internship is designed to provide pre-medical and pre-dental students an opportunity to observe their interests in a hospital setting. There are also opportunities available for students interested in physical and occupational therapy. Students complete 9-12 hours each week for one unit of internship credit and prepare an academic project due at the end of the semester. This is done for 1 unit of internship credit.

They also offer an internship for pharmacy. Students complete 6 hours each week for .5 units of credit.

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**Good Shepherd Rehabilitation** – There are two potential opportunities for students:
(1) Students can observe patients on a 1:1 basis as *Patient Sitters*. They are compensated at an hourly rate for their time. This provides students with exposure to patient care.

(2) *Internships* on an as need basis.

**Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired** – Students choose between two volunteer opportunities: (1) *Provide vision screenings* for kindergarten students and the elderly; and (2) *Assist the blind* in the community (e.g., mall, shopping, etc).

**Camelot for Children** – Students chaperone children for their monthly *Parents Night Out* program.

**The Caring Place Health Center and STD/HIV Training/Counselor** - Muhlenberg students are trained and state certified during an on-campus training program. These students then operate as STD/HIV counselors at the Clinic. The *HIV Counselor* is available to students who have been trained by the state and have a counselor number. The goal is to provide ongoing connection and support to patients at The Caring Place during the patient’s schedule STD clinic visit.

**Miller Blood Center** – There are two opportunities for students. With strong student interest, the Blood Center is willing to come to Muhlenberg College for training.

(1) *Donor Aid* - the student will assist the phlebotomist in daily activities. These activities will include assisting in the collection of blood from a patient, handing things to the phlebotomist, and so forth.

(2) *Canteen Attendant* - the student will monitor a person after he/she gives blood. This would take place at various locations around the area.

**Hospice** – Muhlenberg students participate in a 6-week training program offered on campus by the Lehigh Valley Hospital. These students are trained to work with Hospice patients in both hospital and home care situations.

**Cetronia Ambulance Corps.** – Two opportunities are available:
(1) *The Ride Along Program* wherein students ride in the ambulance and observe all procedures of an ambulance call.

(2) *Para Transit* wherein students help transport non-emergency patients by ambulance to doctor appointments, rehab, etc.

**Westfield Hospital** – We are in the process of developing a relationship with them so the students will have internship/volunteer opportunities at the hospital.

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Caring Place Health Center – There are two types of volunteers at the Caring Place:

(1) Healthcare Advocate – This provides ongoing connection and support to the patients during the patient’s scheduled visit. Students assist the physician on site and aid in the logistical functions of the clinic.

(2) Community Exchange – Muhlenberg students have the opportunity to participate in this time-dollar exchange project in which community members exchange services.

Allentown Health Bureau – Muhlenberg students have the opportunity to work with the Allentown Health Bureau in their community health initiatives, including internships that are coordinated by the Director of the Public Health Minor Program.

AIDS Outreach – Muhlenberg students have the opportunity to meet with clients & families affected by AIDS. They may also participate in educational opportunities in the community.

Wellness Center – Muhlenberg students have participated in wellness programs offered by the Wellness Center.

Lehigh Valley Dietitian – Muhlenberg students have worked with the dietitian at the Lehigh Valley Hospital.