

# JOB SHADOWING PROGRAM

## Industry Guide | Health Professions

The Job Shadowing Program gives UChicago alumni, family, and friends the opportunity to support the professional development of current students by hosting them in their place of work for 1-5 days during the College's break periods. The specific activities involved in a job shadowing experience vary between host sites, but essentially, any activity that gives the student a tangible sense of daily life in your field is suitable for the job shadowing experience.

### WHAT CAN I HAVE STUDENTS DO?

#### START BY...

- Giving a tour of the facility
- Providing an overview of the organization's operations, staff divisions
- Sharing your personal career history

#### NEXT, SHOW THEM A "DAY IN THE LIFE" OF A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL...

- Provide the student(s) with the opportunity to see surgical procedures (either real time or a video)
  - Talk the student(s) through some the intricacies of the processes
- Walk through some 'best practices' with students (i.e. HIPAA, etiquette, etc.)
- Share some information about the administrative/business side of working in a health services practice
- Invite the student to observe rounds, client appointments, surgeries, or other events occurring around the facility
  - Introduce them to patients and colleagues
- Discuss your past & current research studies

#### WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING...

“Seeing the patient smile and laugh, knowing that they have a chance to live a full and normal life, brought a smile to my face. This opportunity helped me see why I want to become a pediatric neurosurgeon. This experience is one I will never forget and I am grateful to my host for allowing me to have this opportunity.”

#### OTHER IDEAS...

- Invite the student to observe meetings, conference calls, and other daily activities
- Resume/LinkedIn profile review
- Provide interviewing tips
- Discuss the student's career interests and questions
- Organize an informational interview for the student



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