



Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar

Pre-medical Education

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAMS Building a Professional Identity



MEDICAL CAREER SEMINAR

The Medical Career Seminar is a series of inspiring talks facilitated by guest speakers who are WCM-Q faculty, alumni, and community partners, which allows students to learn more about the journey to a medical career and the practice of medicine. Designed to motivate students, the Medical Career Seminar fosters learning about the attributes of professional identity in medicine.



ALUMNI STUDENT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Alumni Student Mentorship program aims to connect students with alumni physicians practicing in specialties of interest to aspiring doctors after graduation. Through regular interactions, students engage with alumni-mentors, gaining valuable advice on medical school, appreciating the importance of professionalism, and benefiting from insights on early career exploration.



This program is open only to WCM-Q students.



STEP INTO MEDICINE OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM

The Step into Medicine Observership Program gives students the opportunity to shadow physicians at WCM-Q's affiliated hospitals. The program exposes students early in their educational journey to the healthcare system in Qatar and familiarizes them with the daily practices of medical professionals in various specialties. The program also aims to promote early career exploration and increase students' awareness of the challenges physicians face daily.



This program is open only to WCM-Q students who are in good academic standing.

Program duration: up to three weeks during the winter break.



SHAPING PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY: PHYSICIAN SHADOWING PROGRAM

The Physician Shadowing Program is designed to expose pre-medical students to the medical profession in clinical settings. Offered in the summer, this experience aims to provide future medical students with knowledge, skills, and behaviors that foster professionalism in medical school and beyond. Furthermore, students gain an understanding and appreciation of healthcare professions in Qatar and begin constructing a professional identity early in their pre-medical education. Over the summer, students visit an affiliated hospital regularly and observe physician-patient interactions, focusing on professionalism and communication dynamics. Students gain a real-life insight into the everyday challenges of being a healthcare practitioner and develop a humanistic approach towards establishing a compassionate and caring relationship with their community.

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Program duration: up to three weeks during the summer break.



SUMMER PROGRAM AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NEW YORK

The Summer Program offers students who successfully complete the Foundation Program a unique opportunity to advance their language skills and acquire new knowledge. It is an invaluable cultural experience that enriches students' personal growth, enhances their intercultural development, and increases their motivation to achieve their education and career goals.

Pre-medical students can enrich their college experience by taking courses through the Cornell-Ithaca campus during Summer Sessions. Students can select from online or in-person offerings. Popular courses include General Chemistry II and Introductory Psychology.

In addition to academics, students participate in cultural events on campus and enjoy outdoor activities. Ithaca is famous for its beautiful scenery, which includes spectacular gorges and waterfalls. Students can hike or barbecue in the local parks, go canoeing, and visit Cornell Orchards and the bird sanctuary.

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ALL THESE PROGRAMS ARE OPTIONAL