

MedStart4U

A taster day for Year 11 and 12 students considering medicine as a career

Please read this information before completing the application form

Who can attend this day?

- Any student currently in Year 11 or 12 who may be considering exploring a career in medicine

What are the benefits to attending the day?

Competition for places at medical school is fierce and applicants need to prepare as thoroughly as possible in advance of applying. At MedStart4U you will:

- Get to talk informally to current medical students who are studying and working in our hospitals and who will give you a real insight into getting into medical school and what it is like studying to be a doctor.
- Be able to talk with foundation programme doctors who are in their first years and who will be able to give you first-hand knowledge of life as a busy “doctor in training” in an acute hospital setting; be able to talk with general practice doctors, who are in their first year of specialist training to be a GP. By the time you are applying for medical school you need to be absolutely sure that medicine is right for you if you are to be able to convince a medical school panel that you want to embark on medical training.
- Learn what it is that admissions tutors, selection committees and interview panels are looking for in candidates and how you can impress.
- Gain practical advice on how to write a good personal statement and what sort of questions to expect at interview.
- Be able to question senior consultants who have educational roles within our hospitals who will be able to advise you on medical education and training from medical school right the way through to consultant level.
- Through observation and participation, be fully informed as to the type of assessment procedures that medical students undergo in their finals.
- Be able to learn what education and training as a doctor, either in a hospital or GP setting is like.

This event is free of charge

You will find that MedStart4U provides you with the information, advice and practical experience that will help you decide if medicine is for you. If medicine is definitely for you, MedStart4U will help you demonstrate the interest in and commitment to medicine and will give you a head start in applying to medical school.

What is the content of the day?

Everyone participating in the day is giving their time for free and, whether they are a medical student, a training doctor or a consultant, they must respond to the demands of a busy hospital and so any programme may change slightly on the day! We will send details of the programme to applicants once they have been accepted onto the day.

MedStart Plus

One week work experience for students aged 16 years or over considering medicine as a career

In addition to MedStart4U we are offering the opportunity for students aged 16 years and over the opportunity participate in MedStart Plus - the Work Experience Block Week.

This week will give students the unique opportunity to spend 2 days in a hospital setting and 2 days with a GP Practice, commencing with an induction day at the hospital.

Who can attend this week?

- Any student currently in Year 12 (aged 16 and over) who may be exploring a career in medicine and who has attended one of the MedStart4U taster days.

What are the benefits to attending the work experience week?

- This event is free of charge.
- Students will have the opportunity to shadow consultants in a number of specialties in one of our hospitals.
- Students will have the opportunity to experience work in a GP practice in the community and meet with the GP support teams.

How do I apply for MedStart?

Complete the application form obtained from the Trust website <http://meded.ekhuft.nhs.uk/resources/medstart4u/> or contact the MedStart Administrator jane.richens@nhs.net

- Complete one form for each attendee
- Post completed application form to:

Jane Richens - MedStart4U Administrator
Education Centre
William Harvey Hospital
Kennington Road, Willesborough
Ashford, Kent TN24 0LZ

- Or e-mail to jane.richens@nhs.net

All personal information is kept purely for the administration of the course and not passed to third parties. This information will not be stored after the end of the course

MedStart4U & MedStart Plus Booking Terms

The following terms and conditions apply:

- *MedStart4U is organised by the Medical Education Directorate at East Kent University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) and supported by the Community Education Provider Network (CEPN).*
- *EKHUFT and CEPN will not sell, trade or pass on your personal information.*
- *An email acknowledgement of the receipt of your application form plus confirmation of your place will be sent to you.*
- *Substitute participants may be accepted provided that EKHUFT is informed of any substitution at least 48 hours in advance of MedStart4U taking place and all application paperwork has been completed and meets the criteria.*
- *Participant students should be fully aware that MedStart4U takes place in a busy hospital and that they are expected to behave appropriately and responsibly at all times. Any conduct/activity that causes or could cause any disturbance or annoyance to any healthcare professionals or patients may result in instant removal from the event.*
- *Any participant causing loss or damage to persons or property will be held liable for the damage they have caused.*
- *EKHUFT and CEPN reserve the right to alter the schedule of the day, change the venue or the speakers.*
- *All medical students, doctors and other medical education and healthcare professionals speak from their own experience and their views and EKHUFT and CEPN are not responsible for their comments.*
- *EKHUFT and/or CEPN reserves the right to cancel the MedStart4U.*