

Ganser Student Program

2021 Application

Sponsored by UnityPoint Health-Meriter Hospital and UnityPoint Health-Meriter Medical Staff

Due to COVID-19, the Ganser Student Program could be changed or canceled.

Application Deadline: NOON on November 20, 2020

NAME _____

PRESENT ADDRESS _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CELL PHONE # _____ PERMANENT PHONE # _____

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE AFFILIATION _____

PLEASE CIRCLE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR:

Freshman Sophomore Junior Other: _____

ANTICIPATED YEAR OF GRADUATION _____

Are you able to meet the 12-week work expectation beginning Tuesday, June 1 through August 20, 2021? (**This means no vacation or travel time during the program.**) _____

VIRTUAL INTERVIEW DATE PREFERENCE:

JAN. 4, 2021 (AM) _____

JAN. 6, 2021 (AM) _____

NO DATE PREFERENCE _____

TIME PREFERENCE _____

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM/PLAN - MAJOR/MINOR

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER OBJECTIVES?

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE GANSER STUDENT PROGRAM?

COMPLETE THE EXPERIENCE CHART BELOW ON A SEPARATE PAGE:

	Brief description	Hours/week	# of weeks
Work experience			
Health care observation/ shadowing experiences			
Volunteering experiences			

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Thank you for your interest in the Ganser Student Program. Attached you will find the following items:

1. Description of the Program
2. Ganser Student Program Application Form

If you wish to apply for the program, the following information is required:

1. **Completed application form**
2. **A narrative about yourself; limited to two pages, 12 pt. font – double spaced**
3. **Official college transcripts through the last completed semester**
4. **Two letters of recommendation -- one personal reference (i.e., someone who can speak about your character) and one professional reference. Letters need to include reference contact information. The letters should be sent directly to Medical Education by email to MSN_MedicalEducation@unitypoint.org**
5. **A copy of your resume**
6. **Complete the experience chart on a separate sheet of paper:**

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Complete applications must be received (received and not postmarked) by NOON on **November 20, 2020**.

It is the responsibility of each applicant to verify his/her application is complete and received on or before the deadline. In fairness to other applicants, incomplete applications will not be considered.

Following the initial screening of application packets based on eligibility and the above information, applicants will be invited to interview.

Virtual interviews will be held on **Monday, January 4, 2021 in the morning and Wednesday, January 6, 2021 in the morning**. You will be notified of your scheduled interview date and time by early December.

Applicants must be available for a virtual interview on one of these dates to be considered. There will be no exceptions to the specified dates and times noted.

SUBMIT THE COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET BY MAIL OR EMAIL:

**Medical Education Specialist
Ganser Student Program
UnityPoint Health-Meriter
202 South Park Street
Madison, WI 53715**

MSN_MedicalEducation@unitypoint.org Phone: (608)417-6373

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

UnityPoint Health-Meriter Hospital's Ganser Student Program awards six 12-week placements to deserving college students who plan to enter the health care field. The Program is designed to help students make informed career decisions. Since its inception in 1978, approximately 208 students have participated in this unique fellowship. The Program was designed by a former Medical Director, Dr. John Nelson, and named in honor of the late Dr. William J. Ganser. UnityPoint Health-Meriter Hospital and UnityPoint Health-Meriter Medical Staff now fund the Program.

The hospital experience that the Ganser Program offers to its students is unique. Students see numerous aspects of the hospital that many people, including employees, do not experience. The primary focus of the Program is to provide each student a comprehensive overview of the operations of UnityPoint Health-Meriter. To accomplish this goal, students meet with approximately 65-75 different departments/ areas within and affiliated with the hospital. These meetings are designed to give overviews/tours of the departments and allow students to ask questions.

In addition to obtaining a comprehensive overview of the health care system, students are provided the opportunity to work in a specific area of the hospital completing projects as assigned. Although the students are assigned to individual departments, additional opportunities include attending a variety of hospital and medical staff meetings, collaborating on a hospital group project, and shadowing physicians and other health care professionals. The program is administered by Dr. Pam Wetzel, Chief Medical Officer.

For the year 2019, students were placed in the following departments: Heart and Vascular, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Infection Prevention and Control, Senior Adult Strategies, Population Health and Pharmacy.

ELIGIBILITY

Undergraduate college students who are in their freshman, sophomore or junior year in college and have an interest in health care careers, whether clinical or administrative, may apply.

Students must be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education at the time of the program.

APPLICATION PACKET

Students must complete the attached application form. In addition, the applicant is required to provide two letters of reference. (One personal reference from a person who has known you for a long time, i.e., family friend or clergy person, and who can speak about your character among other attributes. One professional reference from a professor, TA, teacher, or supervisor who can speak about your work habits, work ethics, character and professionalism.) Official college transcripts should be included. Applicants are also asked to respond to the questions as listed on the application. Complete applications must be received in the Medical Education office by NOON on November 20, 2020. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Also note, it is each student's responsibility to confirm that all application materials have been submitted by the deadline of NOON on November 20.

Applications are considered without regard to race, sex, age, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.

SELECTION

Students must be available for a virtual interview on January 4 or January 6, 2021 as previously stated. **There will be no exceptions to the specified dates and times noted under any circumstances.** Selection for the six positions will be based on the interview and materials supplied in the application packet.

For those selected, a health assessment in Employee Health Services (EHS) at UnityPoint Health-Meriter will be required prior to employment. In addition, a **urine drug test must be done at an off-site location within four (4) business days of accepting the position.** EHS will find a urine drug testing location as close as possible to your residence if you are attending a college or university outside of Madison, WI. Each student must contact EHS within 24 hours of the accepted offer to schedule the health assessment and the urine drug screen. If the urine drug test is not completed within (4) business days of accepting the position, the applicant may be disqualified and not receive a position in the Program.

STIPENDS

The stipend for each student will be \$4,720.00 **less state and federal deductions** for 12 weeks minus the Memorial Day holiday. This calculates to be an hourly wage of \$10.00/hour and paid on the same schedule as UnityPoint Health-Meriter employees, every other Friday.

WORK SCHEDULE

Ganser students are expected to work at UnityPoint Health-Meriter Hospital in assigned areas beginning Tuesday, June 1, 2021 and ending on Friday, August 20, 2021. An exception may be considered if your college schedule does not conform to these dates. The hours are generally 8-4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. **Because of the integrated nature of the Ganser experience, no time off for vacation or other travel is permitted during the 12-week program.**