



**NORMAN
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BELKNAP MEMORIAL PRE-MEDICAL PROCTORSHIP

In 1989, Dr. Hal Belknap, with support from Norman Regional Hospital, created a pre-medical proctorship program. Dr. Belknap wanted to offer students who were seeking a profession in medicine to have the opportunity to experience various disciplines of the practice first hand. His hope was to expose the students to new things, assist in adding insight of the areas they were most interested in and to further motivate them (or in some cases discourage them) to apply to a medical school. In the nineteen years of guidance by Dr. Belknap, the program helped introduce over 100 pre-med students to hands on medical practice. Dr. Belknap firmly believed in serving others and his community. He said, "Regardless of what is going on in your life, there are others around you in need - reach out to them and you will grow. Helping others is helping yourself!"

After Dr. Belknap's unexpected passing on April 20, 2008, Mrs. JoAnn Belknap partnered with Norman Regional Health Foundation to continue this wonderful program. Following a two-year hiatus from due to COVID-19 restrictions in 2020 and 2021, the program was brought back in 2022 with a partnership with Norman Regional Medical Staff Services and overseen by Dr. Patrick Cody.

Based on the number of volunteer physicians, 6-10 upper level pre-med students will be selected to participate. Students will spend a minimum of four days each week with the program and will accompany each physician for two to three days; full time or half a day depending upon the request of the physician. Students will also observe in the Emergency Department for at least three evening shifts. The proctorship will take the pre-med student through multiple specialties. These may include orthopedics, general surgery, family practice, neurosurgery, endocrinology, gastroenterology, internal medicine, and pediatrics. Due to the time requirements and the competitiveness of the program, it is highly recommended that participants **do not** work or take classes if selected to participate in the proctorship.

Students who are interested in the proctorship program should complete the application and return it along with **all required documents** to Hanna Crabtree at hcrabtree@nrh-ok.com. Applications must be turned in via email by **5:00 p.m., April 21, 2023**. All applications will be submitted to a selection committee for review. In person interviews for top candidates will be conducted on **May 8, 2023** and finalists will be notified on **May 12, 2023**. Proctorship packets will be emailed after selection. When applying, keep in mind a mandatory hospital orientation is scheduled for **May 25, 2023**. If you cannot attend this orientation, you **will not** be accepted into this program. The proctorship will take place June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

If you have any questions, you may contact Hanna Crabtree in Medical Staff Services by email at hcrabtree@nrh-ok.com or by phone at 405-307-1422.

BELKNAP MEMORIAL PRE-MEDICAL PROCTORSHIP APPLICATION

- Complete and return this form to Medical Staff Services via email, hcrabtree@nrh-ok.com
- Include a letter of introduction stating your reason for applying to the program, your connection to Norman & Norman Regional Health System, where you see yourself following med-school, what you hope to gain from your experiences if selected into the program and why this is important to you
- Include a transcript and letter of good standing from your current educational institution
- Include a copy of your Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Copy of current color photo (Must be JPEG, PDF., etc)
- Submit the completed application. Must be received by **April 21, 2023.**
- In person interviews for top candidates will be conducted on **May 8, 2023.**
- **Note: Applicants must be available May 25, 2023 for hospital orientation and weekdays June 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023 NO EXCEPTIONS**

Name:

Date of Birth:

Current Address:

City, State, Zip:

Summer Address: (if different from above)

City, State, Zip:

Cell Phone:

E-mail address:

Year I will complete in May 2023: Junior Senior Post-Grad # of credit hours expected May 2023: _____

Overall GPA:

Planned date of graduation:

Planned date to begin med school:

I currently volunteer _____ hours per week with NRHS College Volunteers.

I currently volunteer _____ hours per week with another health care related organization. List organization(s):

On a separate page, provide responses to the following:

I have had the following exposure in medically related areas:

List previous shadowing experiences:

If selected for the program, I have a particular interest in the following specialties:

Please list extra-curricular activities:

Other Interests:

How did you hear about/who shared details about this program?

