

Summer Healthcare Experience in Oncology Summer Program

The Summer Health Care Experience (SHE) Program at Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center is sponsored by the American Cancer Society (ACS) and seeks to increase the participation in biomedical fields, especially cancer research and medicine, by empowering high school students within VICC's catchment area with experiences, activities, and discussions that introduce them to the incredible breadth of career and leadership opportunities in the field of oncology.

Program Information

The SHE program provides a 2-week virtual experience for high school students who are rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The program includes a series of virtual workshops, panels, and hands-on research activities, including science research kits that will be sent directly to the participants' homes. Program participants work with other students from collaborating institutions including the Huntsman Cancer Institute, Massey Cancer Center, Case Comprehensive Cancer Center, and The James (The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center)

- **Week 1: Hands-on Cancer Research:** Live online laboratory instruction with an at-home experiment kit
- **Week 2: Career Exploration in Cancer Research & Medicine:** Virtual professional development workshop sessions

Dates & Times

- The virtual program runs from July 6, 2026, to July 17, 2026.
 - Monday- Friday, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm CDT.
- The optional in-person Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center campus visit day is July 20, 2026.

Benefits of the program include:

- A stipend of \$500 for each student who completes the program.
- The opportunity to connect and work collaboratively with other high school students from across the country.
- Two weeks of enriching online programming including presentations, panel discussions, and guided, hands-on learning with research and medical professionals.
- Mentorship from prominent faculty in the fields of oncology and academic medicine.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a rising high school sophomore, junior, or senior.
- Must commit to 4 hours of virtual meetings Monday through Friday for two weeks in the summer (dates and times forthcoming).
- Students who are interested in scientific investigation and eager to learn will benefit most from the program.

Expectations

- Students will actively engage in all program activities.
- Students will commit to attending all 40 hours of program sessions.
- Students will be asked to complete a survey evaluation at the conclusion of the program.

Applications

All applications are due January 5, 2026, by 11:59 pm (CDT). Please submit your application by using the link or QR code below.



<https://redcap.link/SHE2026>