Healthcare Academy

USA Health Children’s & Women’s Hospital offers a variety of engaging education programs and tools for elementary, middle and high school students.

K-12 Classroom programs:
1. Request a classroom or library visit:
   USA Health Children’s & Women’s ambassadors (clinicians, educators & researchers) are available to visit area K-12 schools. Ambassadors can talk with students about the following topics:
   - Water/Boating Safety
   - Bike Safety
   - Fire/Burn/Carbon Monoxide Safety
   - Healthy Habits/ General Injury Prevention
   - Child Passenger Safety- We hold free, car seat safety events throughout the year for the communities we serve. This includes car seat inspections, installations and education.
   - Concussion Safety (Sports) (we can put the concussion education power point here???)
   - Getting Ready to Drive
   - Distracted Driving
   - Holiday Safety (i.e. fireworks)
   - Safe Sitter-
     Safe Sitter is an educational program we offer to kids in grades 6-8 during the summer months. The Safe Sitter class is for those young teens who will be staying home alone, watching younger siblings or for those who babysit younger children. Completing a Safe Sitter course will give those ready to learn the skills they need to care for themselves and younger children. **For more information, please visit (safe sitter site on CW)**

We are proud to offer the education on these topics through our USA Health Children’s & Women’s Hospital ambassadors and Safe Kids South Alabama partners. Safe Kids is the leading network in education and resources to help prevent childhood injuries. USA Health Children’s & Women’s Hospital and Safe Kids South Alabama together are dedicated to helping protect kids from unintentional injuries by offering educational classes.
2. **ThinkFirst Mobile:**
   USA Health Children’s & Women’s Hospital is proud to be the host of the ThinkFirst Mobile Chapter. ThinkFirst is an interactive presentation tailored that focuses on head and spinal cord injury. ThinkFirst Mobile helps in the prevention of traumatic, preventable injuries among youth by teaching them to “think” before they act. For more information on programs please click here (**Link to ThinkFirst Mobile sheet – attached; also the link from ThinkFirst to ThinkFirst Mobile chapter needs to be re-added.**)
   Contact: Mary Wilstrup at MBoles@health.southalabama.edu

3. **Request a field trip to USA Children’s & Women’s Hospital:**
   Field trips conducted at USA Children’s & Women’s Hospital give students insight to the inner workings of our hospital. The students will hear speakers from different departments and see some demonstrations. Field trips are limited to 25 students, per visit and chaperones must be present. Please note we can coordinate a visit with the Ronald McDonald House on the same day as the field trip. For field trip consideration, please contact: bpurvis@health.southalabama.edu

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**Clinical Observations**
USA Children’s & Women’s Hospital provides students who are preparing to enter the medical field an opportunity to observe a member of our staff. Observing hospital settings allows students to learn how the hospital functions internally and integrates with the healthcare system as a whole. Clinical observations are open to those 15 years of age and older. To request a clinical observation application, please click here (insert clinical observation application) or contact: Elyse Marley at emarley@health.southalabama.edu

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**Clinical Interviews**
USA Children’s & Women’s Hospital provides students are considering a career in healthcare to interview a member of our staff. Students can choose to interview a clinician, administrator or other job role that they would like to learn more about. Clinical interviews are open to those 15 years of age and older. To request a clinical interview application, please click here (insert clinical observation application) or contact: Elyse Marley at emarley@health.southalabama.edu
Secondary Education programs:

Clinical Internships
USA Children’s & Women’s Hospital is the region’s only academic children’s and women’s facility in the region. We are happy to work with healthcare students to help them achieve academic and practitioner success. An internship at USA Children’s & Women’s Hospital gives you a unique training experience in both Pediatrics and Women’s healthcare. Clinical internships are hosted through our education department to ensure a seamless experience. For more information, please ask your academic counselor on available opportunities.

Administrative Internships
USA Children’s & Women’s Hospital partners with many secondary education institutions for administrative internships. These internships generally last for one semester. While under an internship, our interns are placed with a preceptor for guidance. Interns fully immerse themselves into the daily workings of a healthcare facility: helping with special projects, daily duties, data collection and management, to name a few. Internships are open to students who are pursuing a Bachelor’s in Healthcare Administration/Management. Please ask your counselor about these opportunities.