

Clinic internship opportunities expand to Wayne County

Paid internships in science, nursing available to local high school students

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The Cleveland Clinic has created an Office of Civic Education Initiatives to provide education outreach services to Northeast Ohio communities, including Wooster and Wayne County.

The new department is developing educational programs with local and regional schools in the areas of science, math, health and wellness to help strengthen the region's educational systems, reinforcing the Clinic's commitment to investing in Northeast Ohio's futures. On June 13, the new office will launch its first pro-

gram, a summer internship to support the top science and future nursing students in high schools throughout the region.

"The Clinic is looking for good students with good attitudes," said Dr. Richard Maxwell, a pediatrician with The Cleveland Clinic Wooster who initiated contact with Rosalind Strickland, the Office of Civic Education's Director, to get the program expanded to include Wayne County. "Last year, 44 high school students were accepted into the Clinic's high-level research programs with paid internships for 10 weeks at \$7.75 an hour.

"I'm hoping that we can get some Wayne County students involved in these high-level internships — they would serve our educational systems well," Maxwell added. "I'm excited — I'd like to get at least one nursing and one science intern in this time."

The Office of Civic Education will work proactively to meet the educational needs of communities in the region by sharing the clinic's intellectual and scientific resources with students, faculty and others. In its efforts, the new office will create and integrate arts and culture to foster innovative and creative learning opportunities for students working closely with Cleveland's cultural institutions.

"We are proud of this new educational initiative and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on our region in the months and years ahead," said Dr. Delos M. Cosgrove, Chief Executive Officer and President of The Cleveland Clinic, in a press release.

The Nurses of the Future Program was designed to expand high school students' knowledge of science and medicine while exposing them to the wide range of career paths the nursing profession has to offer. This nine-week, paid internship provides top students throughout Northeast Ohio with the opportunity to work and learn alongside nurses who have earned Mag-

net status: the highest national ranking for nursing excellence. Through hands-on learning and individualized mentoring, the program supports academic achievement as well as life-long success.

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To qualify, student must have a strong interest in science

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and expressed interest in nursing as a career and be 16 years of age by June 1, 2006 and entering the 11th or 12th grade in the fall of the 2006-07 academic year, with an overall GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale, no more than five absences or tardies in the previous semester, documented on transcript, and attitude scores of 4s and 5s only, documented on transcript. The following are desirable but not

required: volunteer experience in a hospital, nursing home, community based program or activity (can be part of a school organization), and at least one year participatory experience in science research or responsibility for science fair project design and research.

The Science Internship Program was designed to increase high school students' interest and literacy in science by expanding

their learning experiences beyond the classroom. This nine-week, paid internship provides top science students throughout Northeast Ohio with the opportunity to work and learn alongside nationally renowned physicians and researchers from The Cleveland Clinic and Cleveland Clinic Health System.

The program's goal is to inspire students to not only embrace science and math as keys

to success, but to also encourage them to continue scientific studies throughout their academic careers and the rest of their lives.

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experience beyond their classroom science curriculum.

"One of the first things Dr. Cosgrove did was set aside \$10 million for schools," Maxwell said. "We need to get as many students who are interested to apply."

Applications are made on line and can be found by going to <http://www.clevelandclinic.org/civiceducation/expressions.htm>. Application deadline is Feb. 17.