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Surgery Infosheet

New student admissions for Summer 2026 are open.

2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highlights

- Develop practical clinical skills including taking vitals, recording patient histories, providing first aid and earning CPR and AED certification
- Get an introduction to surgical specialties and explore a range of procedures, from orthopedics to neurosurgery
- Practice suturing, applying sterile technique and using surgical instruments safely
- Learn how surgical teams work, follow protocols and manage procedures during operations
- Use training models to practice basic procedures and build decision-making skills

2026 Dates

Berkeley

- Session 1: June 15- June 26

Academic Program Overview

Get an introductory look into the world of surgery and discover what it takes to pursue a career in the field. This program covers core surgical concepts, hands-on skill development and exposure to various specialties. You'll explore surgical career paths while gaining insight into the precision, teamwork and commitment that define surgical medicine.

Perfect for students exploring medical careers, this program offers realistic insight into surgical training and practice. Through interactive exercises and mentorship from practicing surgeons, you'll get a clearer sense of whether surgical medicine fits your interests and goals. Every student will also earn CPR/AED certification.

Excursions

Past excursions have included tours of the UCSF Surgical Skills & Simulation Center and the Chan-Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital.

Instructors

Berkeley - Dr. Anna Zhao

The Surgery course at Berkeley is being designed and coordinated by Dr. Anna Zhao, a general surgery resident at UCSF, with additional instruction provided by residents in various surgical specialties to provide a greater breadth of knowledge and experience. Dr. Zhao grew up in Michigan and the East Coast (NJ, MA, CT, NY), but chose to come to beautiful San Francisco for residency due to the high quality of training and pediatric surgery faculty here at UCSF. On her journey to surgery, she also worked as a high school biology teacher in the Bronx and obtained her MBA. She loves working with students of all ages!

Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price**: $5,998

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- **Price**: $3,298

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
12PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity
3:30PM	College Readiness Workshop or True You
5PM-6:30PM	Commuter Student Departure
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Clubs
10:30PM	Night Checks

Supplements:

- **Application fee**: Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Supplemental Surgery Course Fee:** $250 (mandatory)
- **Tuition Protection Plan**: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

More info on Airport Transfer

More info on Unaccompanied Minor Service

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SURGERY INFOSHEET

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1-Week Course

This course is one week long, and you can extend your experience to as many as six weeks by adding additional one-week courses.

Program Highlights

- Develop practical clinical skills including taking vitals, recording patient histories, providing first aid and earning CPR and AED certification
- Explore surgical specialties and gain exposure to procedures ranging from orthopedics to neurosurgery
- Practice suturing, applying sterile technique and using surgical instruments safely
- Learn how surgical teams operate, follow protocols and manage procedures in the OR
- Use training models to practice basic procedures and build clinical decision-making skills

2026 Dates

Yale

- Session 1: June 21 - June 27
- Session 2: July 12 - July 18

Academic Program Overview

Get an inside look at the world of surgery and what it takes to pursue a career in the field. This program introduces core surgical concepts, hands-on skill development and exposure to a variety of specialties. You'll explore surgical career paths while gaining insight into the precision, teamwork and commitment that define surgical medicine.

Designed for students exploring medical careers, the program offers a realistic introduction to surgical training and practice. Through interactive exercises and mentorship from practicing surgeons, you'll get a clearer sense of whether surgical medicine aligns with your interests and goals. Every student also earns CPR/AED certification.

Excursions

Students have toured the Yale Center for Healthcare Simulation, a state-of-the-art facility where they observe and practice surgical techniques using advanced simulators, including laparoscopic and robotic surgery trainers. They've also visited simulation rooms designed to replicate real clinical settings such as operating rooms, trauma bays and emergency departments, gaining hands-on experience with surgical procedures and clinical decision-making in a controlled environment.

Students may also explore the Surgical Simulation Center at Yale School of Medicine, which features equipment for practicing minimally invasive surgical skills and endoscopic procedures.

Instructors:

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Courses are taught by accomplished and passionate faculty recruited from many area colleges, universities and professional forums. Each faculty member is selected for their subject area expertise and proven ability to both challenge and captivate students.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course and weekend excursions
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price**: $4,298 first week, $3,298 for each additional week

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner and weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- **Price:** $2,498 first week, $1,998 for each additional week

Supplements:

- **Application fee:** Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Supplemental Surgery Course Fee:** $250 (mandatory)
- **Tuition Protection Plan:** Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

Course Structure

There are five 4-hour class sessions over the one-week course. Students have class from 9am-1pm, Monday-Friday. Afternoons are dedicated to students' course-specific academic excursion, guest speaker or activity.

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
11AM	15-Minute Break
11:15AM	Academic Course
1:15PM	Lunch/Free-Time
3PM	Academic Excursion/Lab
5PM	Commuter Students Depart
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Evening Activity
8:30PM	Free-Time
9:30PM	Back in Dorms

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