

SUMMER SPRINGBOARD
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CANCER RESEARCH + THERAPEUTICS INFOSHEET

New student admissions for summer 2027 are open

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

- Understand how cancer develops and spreads at a fundamental level
- Learn about chemotherapy, radiation, surgery and newer immunotherapy approaches
- Explore the human side of cancer care and communication with patients and families
- Discover how cancer treatments are developed and tested through clinical trials
- Examine lifestyle factors and genetic testing in cancer prevention
- Meet with cancer care professionals across different specialties

2027 Dates

Yale :

- Session 1: June 20 - June 26
- Session 4: July 11 - July 17

Academic Program Overview

Are you interested in understanding cancer biology and exploring the field of cancer care? This summer, dive into the basics of cancer biology and treatment while gaining insight into one of medicine's most challenging and meaningful specialties.

You'll be introduced to core concepts about how cancer develops and is treated, covering topics such as cancer cell biology, diagnostic methods, chemotherapy and radiation therapy, immunotherapy and targeted treatments, clinical trial design, patient care and communication, prevention strategies and the interdisciplinary approach to cancer treatment.

Excursions

Explore the multifaceted world of cancer care through lab work, patient case analysis and conversations with oncology professionals. Students examine cancer cells under microscopes, learn how different treatments work at the cellular level and work through real treatment planning scenarios. They visit a cancer pathology lab and tour Smilow Cancer Hospital, Yale's comprehensive cancer center, and practice clinical skills in a medical simulation lab.

Students meet medical oncologists, cancer nurses and researchers who share both scientific breakthroughs and the compassionate approach that defines modern oncology. This program offers a realistic look into one of medicine's most challenging and meaningful specialties while building students' understanding of cancer prevention, research and treatment.

Instructors

Christina Matousek

Christina Matousek is a Registered Nurse and Program Manager at Smilow Cancer Hospital, one of the nation's leading cancer care institutions. With a career spanning clinical practice, charge nursing, and program leadership, she brings deep expertise in oncology patient care and healthcare professional development. Christina has held nursing roles at Yale University, Bridgeport Hospital, and Oncology Associates of Bridgeport, and has served as a Clinical Instructor and Nursing Development Specialist at Sacred Heart University.

Kylie Kuck

Kylie Kuck is a Doctor of Nursing Practice and board-certified Adult/Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist with over a decade of experience across clinical care, nursing education, and professional development. Kylie began her career at Yale New Haven Hospital in Solid Organ Transplant and End Stage Liver Disease before joining Smilow Cancer Hospital, where she spent five years as a Nursing Professional Development Specialist in Hematology Oncology, Cellular Therapy, and Stem Cell and Bone Marrow Transplant.

Tuition Information:

Apply by November 30 to lock in the lowest prices of the year. Tuition increases on December 1.

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course and weekend excursions (if enrolled in consecutive sessions)
- **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)
- **Cancer Research & Therapeutics Course Supplement**: $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

Students attend nine class sessions over the week, mornings and afternoons Monday through Thursday and a morning session on Friday. Throughout the week, students also take part in Academics in Action, which includes academic excursions, guest speakers and course-related activities, such as a lab, workshop or instructor-led project. Depending on the course and the day's activity, Academics in Action may be scheduled in the morning or the afternoon.

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

Schedule above is a sampler; real schedules may vary based on program and academic track.

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More info on Unaccompanied Minor Service

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