

SUMMER SPRINGBOARD
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SURGERY 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

- 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

2027 Dates

Yale

- Session 2: June 27 - July 3
- Session 4: July 11 - July 17
- Session 6: July 25 - July 31

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.

Excursions

Students spend two full sessions at a hospital simulation center, where they practice surgical techniques on advanced simulators, including laparoscopic and robotic surgery trainers, in rooms built to replicate real operating rooms, trauma bays and intensive care units.

Back on campus, they build hands-on skills across the week, practicing basic and advanced suturing, sterile gowning and gloving, and the small office procedures surgeons perform every day.

Instructor:

Melanie Hamilton

Melanie Hamilton, MSN, RN, CNE, CNOR, CRNFA, is a nursing professional development specialist with extensive experience across all surgical specialties in the operating room. A registered nurse since 2010, she earned her Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA) credential in 2014, advancing her expertise in hands-on surgical care and complex procedures.

Since 2015, Melanie has been teaching and mentoring nurses in surgical first assisting skills, and provides hands-on training in suturing and clinical procedures for nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. In 2024, she moved into a dedicated nurse educator role for perioperative services, where she focuses on competency development, evidence-based practice, and a culture of safety and continuous learning across all surgical specialties.

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)
- **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

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
10:30AM	15-Minute Break
10:45AM	Academic Course
12:30PM	Lunch/Free-Time
2:30PM	Excursion/Guest Speaker/Lab
5PM	Commuter Students Depart
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Evening Activity
8:30PM	Free-Time
9:30PM	Dorm Check
10:30PM	Bed Check

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

More info on Airport Transfer

More info on Unaccompanied Minor Service

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