

SUMMER SPRINGBOARD
Look Inward. Go Upward.

Surgery Infosheet

New student admissions for Summer 2027 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

2027 Dates

Berkeley

- Session 1: June 13 - June 25
- Session 3: June 27 - July 09

Academic Program Overview

Summer Springboard's course in Surgery gives students an introductory look into the world of surgery and helps them discover what it takes to become a surgical professional. This program focuses on fundamental surgical concepts, basic skills development, and exposure to different surgical specialties. Students will learn about surgical careers while developing an understanding of the precision, teamwork, and dedication required in surgical medicine.

Designed for students considering medical careers, this program provides realistic insight into surgical training and practice. Through skill-building exercises and mentorship with practicing surgeons, you'll gain valuable perspective on whether surgical medicine aligns with your interests and career goals.

Excursions

Students will extend their learning through academic experiences such as guest speakers, hands-on projects, professional insights, and site visits. Past excursions have included tours of the Silicon Valley Surgi-Tech Institute and Anatomage Head Quarters.

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!

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, weekend excursions
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price**: $6,298

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5:15pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- **Price**: $3,298

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 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. Afternoons in both weeks are dedicated to students' preferred College Readiness Workshops (CRW), True You, and Academics in Action, with Academics in Action including academic excursions, guest speakers, and course-related activities, such as an instructor-led project or student-led, independent study.

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
12PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Academics in Action or Recreational Activity
3:30PM	CRWs, True You, or Academics in Action
5-5:15PM	Commuter Student Departure
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Clubs
10:30PM	Night Checks

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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