

## 2018 - 2019 Advocate Condell Penwasciz Program

### Program Description

Penwasciz (Pen-Watch-Scissors) has been an active student-volunteer program at Condell Medical Center for over 60 years. It is an educational volunteer program, which exposes high school students with expressed interest in healthcare careers to various healthcare specialties.

Students if accepted are placed into clinical groups that participate in weekly 2-hour rotations to various nursing and support services areas. Students spend a large portion of their time shadowing various health care personnel. Through direct patient interactions and observations, Penwasciz can enhance the student's hospital experience and hopefully reinforce their desire to pursue a career in the medical field.

### Clinical Structure

- **Forty** High School students who meet selection criteria. Program total of 42 students (2 will be 2<sup>nd</sup> year returning students).
- **Program length:** September 2018 – April 30, 2019
- **Clinical Rotations:** Monday evenings only: 5:00 – 7:00pm or 7:00 – 9:00pm
- **Clinical Areas:** Students will be placed on Medical/Surgical units. In addition, the students will be exposed and shadow in specialty areas such as Obstetrics, Respiratory, Radiology, Emergency Department, Cardiology and Pharmacy where they are allowed to observe procedures (with patient's permission).
- **Orientation:** Each student will attend one five hour session. An additional 4hr session for CPR training for those students who are not currently certified in Healthcare Provider CPR.
- **Group Meeting:** Held monthly with guest speakers discussing healthcare, wellness topics or roles within healthcare from 6-8pm.
- **Graduation Ceremony:** April 29, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Dorothy Allen Conference Room at Advocate Condell.

### Benefits of Penwasciz Program

- Enhanced Patient Experience-Penwasciz students can perform basic vital signs, assist with menu completion, assist with room preparation, act as a "runner" for nursing staff or provide a listening ear to a lonely patient.
- Additional support to staff-Penwasciz students are an "extra pair of hands" at the bedside. They also shadow various medical professionals each week.
- Recruitment-Many former Penwasciz students are now Advocate Condell employees.
- Public Relations-The Penwasciz program is well known and well respected in the community.
- Community Service-The program allows Advocate Condell to give back to the community while exposing interested students to both the excellent services at Condell and to the variety of healthcare careers available in medicine.

### Application Process

- A link to the applications will be found online starting on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:30–4:30pm only on the website [www.advocatehealth.com/condell-penwasciz](http://www.advocatehealth.com/condell-penwasciz). This is an extremely competitive program in the Lake County area for the number of available slots. Please note the application process is only open for one (1) hour.