Camp Carilion Prepares Young Health Workers

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Roanoke, VA - Rising eighth and ninth graders are getting an intensive introduction into the world of medicine... all while attending summer camp.

Not quite the camp you might envision.

Camp Carilon, which is hosted at the Jefferson College of Health Sciences, introduces the day campers to a number of medical applications including trauma, infection control and nursing.

The camp is designed to give the students a better idea of how to tailor their high school education to their career goals.

Lord Botetourt rising freshman, Alex Keyes, wants to be a neurosurgeon but isn't sure.

"It's showing me, pretty much, everything in the medical field and getting a taste of everything," said Keyes.

He hopes he will have a better idea once the program is over.

Fellow rising freshman, Ali Crawford, wants to use the experience to help her empathize with patients she is sure she will have as a physical therapist.

"I want to get to know other things that are going on. Like my Mom said... even though I don't want to do trauma if somebody comes out of that and has to do physical therapy then I will have an understanding of what they have been through," said Crawford.

The four day camp ends Thursday.

Camp Carilion is also sponsored by the Virginia Tech-Carilion School of Medicine.
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