Shadowing at Vanderbilt

There are two ways to shadow physicians (or other healthcare providers) at Vanderbilt:

1) Students may independently find physicians to shadow. (For more information on finding a physician to shadow, please contact the HPAO.)

2) Students may be paired with a physician through the AED Shadowing Program

(Either way, the HPAO requirements and paperwork are the same.)

Students are encouraged to independently find physicians to shadow. Instead, students may APPLY to be paired with a physician through the AED Pre-health Society Shadowing Program which is offered at the beginning of each fall and spring semester. AED maintains a list of many physicians who have agreed to be shadowed during the semester. Depending on the volume of applications and the number of physicians on the list, you are not guaranteed a spot.

If you are not paired with a physician, you will be expected to find one independently (and the HPAO can help with that.) Announcements about the Shadowing Program Information Session (mandatory) and Application Process will be sent to the HPAO ListServ. (Email the HPAO if you need to be added - hpaao@vanderbilt.edu.)