

From Dreams to Reality: Become a Professional Nurse

Rady Children's Hospital's Weekend Medical Academy (WMA) programs provide a condensed learning opportunity for students interested in pursuing healthcare careers. WMA programs address timely healthcare topics and related careers through lectures/interactive discussions, hands-on skills clinics and career panels.



The WMA program, From Dreams to Reality: Become a Professional Nurse, took place September 18-20, 2020 with 18 engaged students from throughout San Diego County, and even the Bay Area. This year the academy looked different as it was facilitated virtually. Students learned about the history, and importance of the nursing profession; how to become a nurse; and the diversity of positions within the profession of nursing. Throughout the weekend, students learned from 22 professional nurses from Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego State University, San Diego City College, and Point Loma Nazarene University. WMA participant's learning included:

- The Legacy of Florence Nightingale
- Education & Career Paths
- How to Get into Nursing School
- Vital Signs Workshop
- Application & Interview Tips
- Medical History Taking and Developmental Milestones
- Hands-On Learning with Basic Life Support (BLS) & Infection Control
- The importance of self-care and compassion in the field of nursing
- Understanding the importance of vaccines

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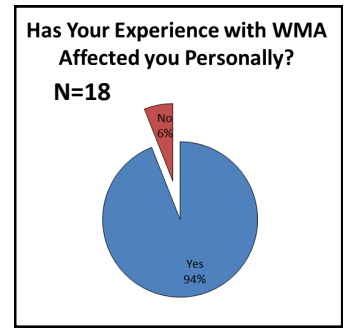
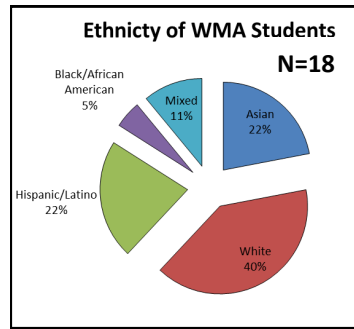
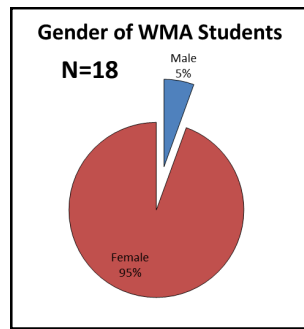
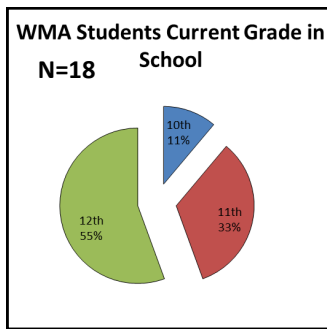
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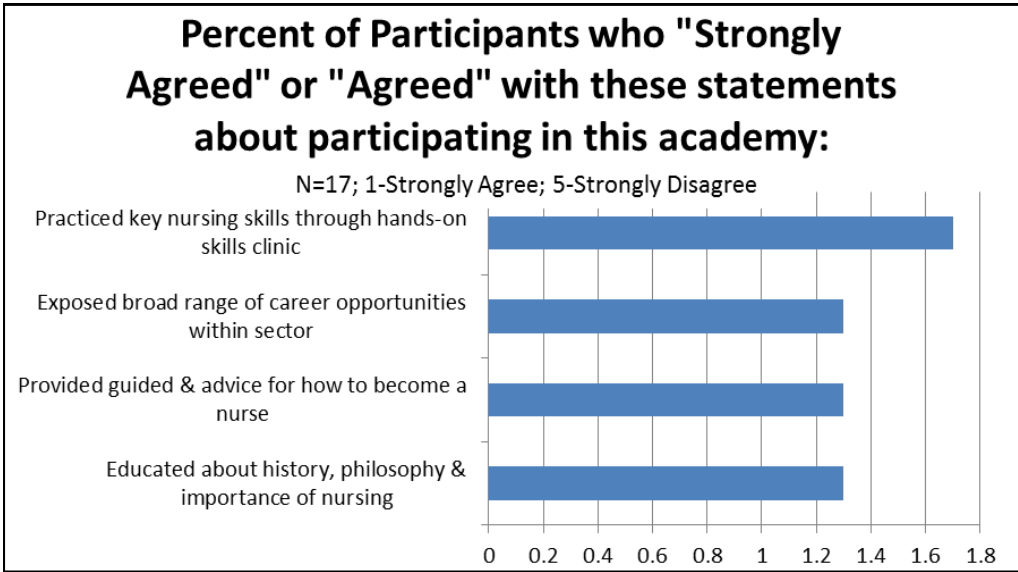
Student Profile & Feedback



100% of students reported that attending this program reinforced and/or increased their interest in pursuing a career in healthcare!

100% of students reported that the program met or exceeded their expectations!

100% of students reported that they would recommend WMA to a friend interested in a healthcare career!



"It was a great experience, assisting me further my interest in the field of nursing and the various opportunities I could pursue."

"The lectures were all super insightful and all the speakers provided such valuable information! This was the best educational program I've been apart of and I loved it so much."

"The most important thing I learned from participating in the WMA - From Dreams to Reality: Becoming a Professional Nurse was that no matter what circumstances, nursing is an impactful career that can influence many people's lives."

Would you like to make this experience available to students with a financial need?
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