

Pre-College Summer Programs 2027

Frequently Asked Questions

Leadership and Career Academy Orlando · University of Central Florida · July 5 to 17, 2027

College Readiness Academy Boston · University of Massachusetts Boston · July 19 to 31, 2027

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Are vaccinations and health documents required?

Yes. Every student must submit a completed medical form, immunization records, and any medication or allergy documentation at least 2 weeks before the program starts. Students whose documents haven't been reviewed and approved may not be allowed to move into the residence hall or take part in the program.

Every document must show the student's full name and date of birth, and records must be in English. Families should start collecting medical records early, especially if they need to be translated.

Which medical forms do we fill out?

Once enrollment is confirmed, we send the parent or guardian a link to CampDoc, the secure online system we use for student health records. Forms are completed and uploaded there.

- **Orlando:** the Shorelight medical form for Leadership and Career Academy Orlando, completed and signed by a parent or guardian.
- **Boston:** the UMass Boston youth program medical packet, a tuberculosis (TB) risk assessment, and a physical exam clearance signed by the student's doctor.

Which vaccines are required?

Every student needs records showing all of the vaccines listed for their program.

Vaccine	Orlando	Boston
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses
Meningococcal (MenACWY / MCV4)	1 dose	Required
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap / Td / DTaP)	—	Required
Varicella (chickenpox)	—	2 doses, or a doctor's note confirming past chickenpox
Polio	—	3 or 4 doses, depending on vaccine type
Tuberculosis (TB)	Required before arrival*	Required before arrival, plus the risk assessment form*

*TB test: every student must have a TB test before arrival and upload the result to CampDoc. Either a TB skin test or an IGRA blood test (such as QuantiFERON) is accepted. One exemption: students who are full-time residents of the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or a country in Western or Northern Europe do not need a test. Boston students complete the TB risk assessment form in every case.

Is health insurance included?

Yes. Every student is automatically enrolled in the program's health insurance plan for the length of the program, and the cost is included in the program fee. The plan can't be waived, even if the student has insurance at home. Students who do have home insurance should bring a copy of the card.

What happens if my child becomes sick or injured?

Students should tell program staff right away if they feel unwell or are injured. Staff will assess the situation, contact the parent or guardian, and arrange appropriate care, which may include rest in the residence hall, a visit to a local clinic, or emergency treatment.

Program staff will go with a minor to medical care when required. Medical treatment, prescriptions, transportation, testing, and other related costs not covered by insurance are the family's responsibility.

SHORELIGHT

A student with symptoms of a contagious illness may be temporarily separated from other students. If the student can't safely participate, needs care beyond what the program can provide, or may be a health risk to others, the parent or guardian or the designated emergency contact may need to arrange for the student to leave the program.

CAMPUS LIFE AND SUPERVISION

Can students leave campus during the program?

Students may leave campus only as part of a supervised program activity or with advance approval from program staff.

Residential students may not leave campus on their own. During approved free time, students must stay within the designated program boundaries, stay with the required number of other students or staff, carry their program ID and phone, and return to the residence hall by the stated check-in time or curfew.

Can my child leave with a parent, relative, or family friend?

Yes, but the student's parent or legal guardian must submit a leave request at least 72 hours in advance. The request should include:

- The date and purpose of the leave
- Pickup and return times
- The name, phone number, and relationship of the authorized adult
- A copy of the adult's photo ID, if requested

The student may leave only after written approval is received and the approved adult completes the sign-out process. Students must return before curfew and may not miss classes, field trips, or required activities.

Can my child leave the program overnight or depart early?

We strongly discourage overnight leave and early departure, because the program is short and includes required evening and weekend activities. We'll consider requests only for significant family, medical, religious, or emergency reasons.

Advance written authorization from the parent or guardian and program approval are both required. Missed classes and activities generally can't be rescheduled, and there is no refund or prorated credit for program time a student chooses to miss.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Can my child arrive one day early?

Students should arrive during the official arrival window, Monday from 9 am to 4 pm.

For both the Orlando and Boston programs, Sunday or earlier arrival can be requested in advance. Early arrival depends on housing and staff availability, must be confirmed in writing, and costs \$65 for each approved extra night (meals, supervision, airport transportation, and activities are not included). Please don't book early-arrival travel until approval has been issued.

What happens if my child arrives late?

If a flight is delayed or cancelled, families should call the program's emergency number right away.

For an unexpected travel delay, staff will give arrival instructions and help with check-in when reasonably possible. Airport transportation outside the designated transfer window isn't always available, and the family may need to arrange and pay for private transportation (\$150 per student).

A planned late arrival must be approved in advance. Orientation, safety training, and academic activities are required, so a student who misses a significant part of the program may not be able to participate. Missed activities normally can't be rescheduled or refunded.

What visa does an international student need?

These are short-term, non-credit enrichment programs and do not provide F-1 student visa sponsorship. Depending on nationality and individual circumstances, international students generally participate on a valid B-1/B-2 visitor visa or through the Visa Waiver Program with ESTA.

U.S. State Department guidance allows a short recreational, non-credit course of study on a visitor visa, but U.S. authorities decide the right immigration status for each traveler. See [travel.state.gov, Student Visa](https://travel.state.gov/Student-Visa).

After enrollment, Shorelight can provide a visa support letter and mock interviews. However, Shorelight has no control over:

- A visa appointment
- Visa approval
- ESTA authorization
- Admission into the United States
- Completion of immigration processing before the program begins

Families should apply as early as possible and contact the appropriate U.S. embassy or consulate, or a qualified immigration professional, with any questions.

What if a visa is denied?

If a student's visa is denied, the family may request a full refund of the program deposit by submitting the refund request and proof of visa denial from the CEAC Visa Status Check website on or before May 30.

After May 30, the deposit is nonrefundable, including in cases of visa denial. However, the amount paid may be applied as credit toward a future Shorelight summer program.

For other questions, email summerprograms@shorelight.com or contact your Shorelight representative.