

SUMMER 2026

Outset at Vanderbilt



Outset



We're so excited to welcome students to Vanderbilt for Outset 2026 Summer Programs!

We're excited to welcome students to Vanderbilt University, consistently ranked among the nation's top 20 universities and home to the #1 happiest students.

With a supportive, collaborative culture, Vanderbilt offers an ideal setting for future healthcare leaders to take their first steps into medicine. Students will gain hands-on experience at a cutting-edge simulation center, working with lifelike mannequins, mock hospital rooms, and standardized patients under trained instructors.

Throughout the week, students experience life as a Commodore, living in residence halls, dining in campus eateries, and exploring Nashville's lively college-town meets big-city atmosphere. Highlights include shopping and dining at Fifth + Broadway, bowling at Pins Mechanical, and arcade games at Dave & Busters.

Apply Now



Program dates and availability are subject to change - please reach out to our Admissions team to confirm there are still spots available in your desired dates.

Programs at Vanderbilt*

2026 Dates

Pediatrics

June 14 - 19

General Surgery

June 21 - 26

General Medicine

June 28 - July 3

Anesthesiology

July 5 - 10

July 12 - 17

Cost: Tuition for all programs is \$2,950.

Ages: Outset is for current 9th-12th graders.

[See all Programs](#)

**More dates and programs will become available through the year. Contact our team if you don't see your desired dates or programs.



Below is an **example** of what a day at Outset Vanderbilt looks like. Every summer we tailor activities to each campus, blending labs, workshops, and evening events that bring the program to life.

-
- 8:00 – 8:45 AM** Grab healthy breakfast in Vanderbilt dining halls with other students
 - 9:00 – 9:45 AM** Kick off the day mapping your journey, from choosing the right school to mastering the MCAT
 - 10:00 – 10:45 AM** Get a look at the road ahead, from costs and timelines to what life as a med student looks like
 - 11:00 – 11:45 AM** Discover smart strategies to crush tough classes, balance it all, and stand out when it counts
 - 12:00 – 2:30 PM** Enjoy a meal at Vanderbilt dining halls, then join staff-led sports and activities around campus
 - 2:30 – 4:30 PM** Practice hands-on clinical skills in the simulation center with physician teachers
 - 4:30 – 5:30 PM** Hear from physicians and guest speakers about healthcare in action
 - 6:00 – 7:00 PM** Refuel and connect with new friends over dinner at a restaurant on Fifth and Broadway
 - 7:30 – 9:30 PM** Join our evening activity led by staff: movie night, indoor mini-golf, Dave & Busters and more!
 - 9:30 – 11:00 PM** Games, shower, and relax in your campus dorm before lights out at 10:30 or 11:00pm

[See a Typical Day](#)

Meet the Outset Vanderbilt team

Program Leadership

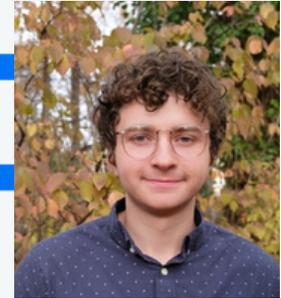
Our leadership team combines experience in pre-med education and student programming to create a hands-on, inspiring experience for future healthcare leaders.



Lawson Kuehnert
Executive Director



Andy Dillon
Vanderbilt Camp
Director



Liam Smith
Operations Director



Annie Schools
Head of Admissions



Allison Dwyer
Director of Admissions



Mary Bains
Senior Admissions
Representative

Admissions Team Leadership

Our Admissions team guides families through every step of enrollment, helping students find the program that sparks their curiosity and fits their goals. You will be paired with an Admissions rep from our broader team after submitting your application.

Faculty & Physicians

We hire faculty, residents, fellow, and physicians to lead our sessions & share career insights. These teachers are finalized a few weeks before your camp.





FAQS

Admissions deadline & process?

There is no deadline! We have rolling Admissions. We have a simple 4-step Admissions process. You can learn more how it works by **clicking here**.

What is the cost?

Tuition and housing for our programs is \$2,950, including 24/7 staff, dorms, meals, 20+ hours of academics, speakers, evening activities, and activity transport. Travel to and from campus is not included.

Is there financial aid?

Yes, if you need financial aid please indicate this on your application and fill out the aid request information. We are not able to guarantee aid but we do take every aid request seriously.

How do I apply? How competitive?

Applying online is easy: **click here**. You'll hear from us within 2 business days. Outset is competitive and we look for motivated students with strong grades and a genuine interest in medicine or healthcare.

Are students monitored 24 hours a day?

Outset maintains a 7:1 student-to-staff ratio, with ACA-trained staff providing 24/7 supervision. Our programs meet strict safety standards, and campuses are monitored to ensure students are safe at all times.

What is accommodation like?

Outset partners with student residence halls. Rooms are shared by 1-2 students of the same gender, with shared bathrooms. Single rooms are available (\$300-400). Dorms usually have common areas to socialize.

See All FAQs

“Great experience at Outset Vanderbilt campus – My rising junior loved her experience with Outset at Vanderbilt. She made new friends and gained insight on starting her medical journey. I believe this camp is a great asset to any ...

★★★★★ by LINDSEY CHANCE

Rated 4.7 / 5 | 107 reviews



Hear from our students

Students from across the country join Outset programs to explore, create, and grow. They leave inspired, with new skills, lasting friendships, and memories that stay with them long after the program ends.



Trusted by parents

Parents trust Outset to provide safe, engaging, and enriching experiences for their children. Our programs combine expert guidance with hands-on learning, giving families confidence in every adventure.

“The Outset Pre-Med Camp at Vanderbilt was an incredible experience. I learned real medical skills like suturing and using ultrasounds, and a surgeon even praised my technique. I made amazing friends, and the instructors were ...

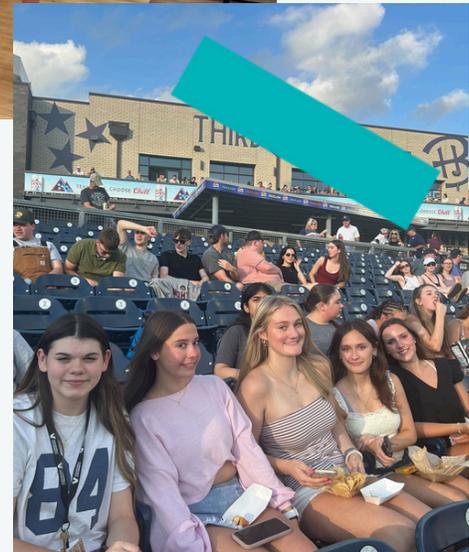
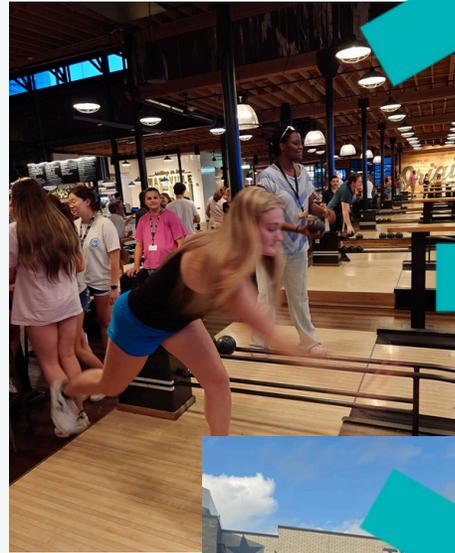
★★★★★ by Joyce DAAGA

Rated 4.7 / 5 | 107 reviews



The Outset difference

We turn curiosity into action with hands-on learning, inspiring mentors, and experiences that bring the medical world to life.



Friendships and fun

Outset students don't just learn together - they build friendships and make summer memories together. Evenings at Vanderbilt vary by week but can include fun times like taco and bowling night, mini-golf, game nights, and other relaxed outings that help everyone get to know each other.

These shared experiences bring students out of their shells and help them create connections with peers who are just as excited about medicine and campus life.

Life back in the dorms can look like volleyball games on the quad, card games, small-group hangouts, and activities led by our staff. Students often say these low-key evenings were where the strongest friendships formed.

All activities are supervised by trained, 24/7 residential staff, giving students a safe, supportive environment to explore campus, try new things, and enjoy an unforgettable week at Vanderbilt.

[Learn More](#)

Outset
SUMMER 2026



Ready for your week
at Outset Vanderbilt?

Apply Now

Have questions or need to follow-up on your admissions process? Schedule time with our Admissions Team

Schedule Call