



F&MCW Ignite Program – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Explore. Engage. Ignite Your Future in Health Science.

We're here to help prepare you for a great visit and F&MCW Ignite experience! Review the frequently asked questions below for important information to prepare for your visit. Still have questions? Contact us at Ignite@mcw.edu.

To schedule an F&MCW Ignite session for your group, please complete the registration form: [Request Your Ignite Visit](#)

1. What is the F&MCW Ignite Program?

F&MCW Ignite is a collaborative program led by the Office of Academic Pathways at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW), in partnership with Froedtert Health. The program invites students to explore the world of health science through hands-on learning, interactive sessions, and campus tours.

Our goal? To ignite curiosity and help students see themselves as the next generation of scientists, healthcare professionals, and health science innovators.

2. Who can participate?

F&MCW Ignite welcomes middle school, high school, and college students, as well as youth-focused community-based organizations.

- **Middle School and High School:** Sessions are scheduled twice per month: one for middle school and one for high school.
- **College and Summer Programs:** College groups and community-based organizations that run summer programming may arrange sessions during the summer months (June – August).

Each participating group may attend one Ignite session per academic year, allowing more schools and organizations to experience the program.

3. How do I register my group?

Registration is available through our online request form on the Ignite webpage. You'll be asked to provide:

- Contact information for the primary organizer
- Number of students (minimum 15, maximum 40 per group)
- Grade level
- Preferred session month(s)
- Any dietary restrictions or special accommodations



Groups larger than 40 students should contact ignite@mcw.edu to explore scheduling options. Once your registration is reviewed, our Ignite Team will send you a proposal outlining your session details. Your visit is officially booked once the proposal is signed and returned.

4. Is there a cost to participate?

No, participation in F&MCW Ignite is free! If your school or organization provides its own transportation, please note that on the registration form.

5. When are Ignite sessions held?

- **Middle School:** One session per month (September–May)
- **High School:** One session per month (September–May)
- **College and Community-Based Organizations:** Sessions available June–August

Each session lasts approximately half a day and includes a combination of the following types of activities: hands-on activities, campus tours, and interactive discussions with MCW students and healthcare professionals.

6. What is the standard time-length of an Ignite session?

Sessions last approximately 3 ½ hours (a half-day). Groups typically arrive at 9:45 a.m., and the session begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. and concludes at 1:15 p.m. The group departs at approximately 1:30 p.m. Final start and end times will be included in your confirmation email.

7. Where does Ignite take place?

All Ignite sessions are hosted on the Medical College of Wisconsin campus in Milwaukee, WI. Directions, parking details, and arrival instructions will be provided once your visit is confirmed.

8. What's included in the experience?

Each Ignite session includes a selection of the following types of experiences:

- **Hands-on learning activities** in health science and medicine
- **Panel discussions** with MCW students and Froedtert Health professionals
- **Interactive sessions** on critical health issues and community impact
- **Campus tours** of MCW learning spaces and laboratories
- **Lunch**, provided for all registered attendees

The specific combination of activities may vary from session to session, depending on the facilitator's availability and the group's interests.



9. Who runs or facilitates the sessions?

The Ignite experience is powered by a collective of skilled and passionate individuals from across the MCW and Froedtert Health campuses.

Facilitators may include:

- Medical, graduate, and pharmacy students
- Nursing staff
- Dietitians
- Allied health professionals
- MCW faculty and staff
- Froedtert Hospital personnel

Each brings unique insight and energy to the experience, creating a rich, interdisciplinary learning environment.

10. Is lunch provided?

Yes! A complimentary lunch is included for all students and chaperones attending Ignite. Please share any dietary restrictions or allergies on the registration form so our team can make the necessary accommodations.

11. What's the required group size?

Groups must include at least 15 students to participate. We can accommodate up to 40 students per session. If your group is larger than 40, please reach out to Ignite@mcw.edu to discuss options for scheduling or dividing the group.

12. How many chaperones are required?

For the safety and supervision of all participants, we **require**:

- 1 adult per 10 students for middle school groups
- 1 adult per 15 students for high school groups

Chaperones are expected to stay with their group throughout the visit and support participant engagement throughout the experience.

13. What should students wear?

Comfortable, school-appropriate clothing is encouraged. Since activities may include light movement or lab spaces, closed-toe shoes are required.



14. What should we bring?

Nothing special is required, just your curiosity! We'll provide all materials needed for the day's activities. We count on our partner schools and organizations to arrive prepared, on time, and ready to participate fully, this ensures the best possible experience for all.

15. Is transportation provided?

F&MCW Ignite is committed to ensuring all groups can participate in this experience. Transportation support is available for schools or organizations that need assistance. If your group already has access to a bus or van, please indicate that on your registration form so that transportation resources can be reserved for those without other options.

16. Can groups participate more than once per academic year?

Each school or organization can attend one Ignite session per academic year to allow equal access to all interested groups.

17. Is there a Code of Conduct?

Yes. All participants, students, chaperones, and guests are expected to follow the [Office of Academic Pathways Code of Conduct](#), which emphasizes respect, inclusion, and professionalism. Our goal is to create a safe and welcoming environment where everyone can learn and engage.

18. How far in advance should we register?

All Ignite session dates for the academic year are released at the same time. When registration opens, interested groups should carefully review the available sessions and rank their preferences in the registration form.

Session assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis, and while we do our best to match groups with their top choices, we cannot guarantee specific session dates.

To improve your chances of getting a preferred date, we recommend submitting your registration as early as possible after the session calendar is announced.

19. Can our group choose specific activities?

The general structure of Ignite sessions is standardized to ensure a cohesive and engaging experience for all participants. However, during registration, groups can rank the types of activities they're most interested in. We use this input to help shape and personalize the final experience.



20. Can we take photos during the session?

Absolutely! We encourage photos and videos (where appropriate and when permission is given to do so) to capture the excitement of the day. Students will be required to sign media release permissions as required by the Medical College of Wisconsin.

21. What happens in the event of bad weather or a cancellation?

If severe weather or an emergency requires cancellation, we will contact the lead organizer as soon as possible to reschedule your visit.

22. Who can I contact with questions?

For questions, special requests, or accessibility needs, please get in touch with the Ignite Team at: Ignite@mcw.edu