

WCUCOM

DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL ROTATIONS

COMMUNITY BASED TRAINING MODULE

Community based training is one of the two major clinical training models used in medical education today. It provides for an excellent training atmosphere for the third and fourth year osteopathic medical students and affords WCUCOM the best opportunity of achieving its mission of training primary care physicians for rural and underserved areas of the Gulf South. WCUCOM has partnered with numerous hospitals to achieve this goal and has organized training around "Hub Sites."

Hub Sites are clinical training sites capable of providing all of the Core and Selective Rotations within an hour's drive of a central location. Osteopathic medical students in their third and fourth years (OMS-3, OMS-4) will reside and participate in the communities in which they are training. WCUCOM students will complete 20 months of rotations, 12 at their respective hub sites.

OMS 3rd Year:

- Family Medicine: 2 months
- Internal Medicine: 2 months
- Emergency Medicine: 1 month
- General Surgery: 2 months
- Pediatrics: 1 month
- OB/GYN: 1 month
- Mental Health: 1 month

OMS 4th Year:

- Medical Electives: 16 weeks
- Surgical Electives: 16 weeks
- Non-Clinical: 8 weeks

WCUCOM PRECEPTORS

A preceptor is an experienced practitioner who provides role support and learning experiences to students during their monthly rotations. A preceptor assists students in acquiring clinical skills required for safe, ethical, and quality practice.

Preceptor Facts:

1. Appointed WCUCOM Adjunct Clinical Faculty
2. Access to WCUCOM Library
 - Health Science databases combine to provide access to approximately 4,600 e-journals
 - Quick links available for *Health Science Databases, Medical Ebooks, Off-campus Access, Library Hours of Operation, Getting Help*, etc.
 - Quick links available for e-journal databases like *MEDLINE with Full-Text & PubMed*, plus e-book databases like *AccessMedicine & R2 Digital Library*
 - Access to *DynaMed*, which is designed primarily as a point-of-care resource conducive to handheld devices
3. CME Credit
4. \$500 payment for each third year student assigned

The value placed on clinicians that foster the academic and clinical growth in our students is immeasurable. We are always looking for new preceptors. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our program, **please contact our office at 601.318.6094.**