

Abstracts Details

SEARCH

SEARCH Program	Kansas
Contractor Organization Type	Primary Care Association
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Project Service Focus	Urban/Central City, Rural (all apply)
Length of Rotation	Placements vary from 1 week to a full academic year depending on the discipline.
Disciplines eligible for rotation	Kansas SEARCH will actively recruit NHSC Scholars of any discipline, and in-state students or Kansans studying out of state in the following disciplines: medical, dental, dental hygiene, nurse practitioner, nurse midwifery, physician assistant, clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, psychiatry and clinical psychology. Out of state students will also be welcomed to apply but priority will be given to the above groups.
Project Infrastructure Focus	Training
Products and Dissemination	
Stipend/Living Cost	Yes – on average \$2,200 stipend per student, which includes living costs.
General Description of Your Program	The Kansas NHSC SEARCH Program provides health professional students with community-oriented, primary care placements in HPSAs in Kansas. The Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU), the state Primary Care Association represents 38 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and safety net clinics in Kansas. Approximately 55% of the individuals seen at the safety net clinics are uninsured and 74% of the users live below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) based on 2008 data. SEARCH has been successful in Kansas by exposing students to clinic settings in underserved areas, and working with clinicians in multidisciplinary settings to become culturally competent providers. The program has strong ties to the health professional training programs at Kansas universities and works closely with those

	<p>programs to meet the emerging health care needs of underserved communities and populations in Kansas.</p>
<p>Goals and Objectives</p>	<p>Program Goal: Assist the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Services (BCRS) with the recruitment and retention of culturally competent, community responsive health care professionals for primary health care services and facilitate and strengthen partnerships between communities and academic institutions.</p> <p>Program Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide opportunities for students to implement their classroom experiences in a health care setting; 2. Provide opportunities for students and residents to train on multidisciplinary primary health care teams; 3. Nurture the development of culturally competent, community focused primary and allied health care providers; 4. Collaborate with a wide range of state partners to incorporate SEARCH into the broader state plan for recruitment and retention of health professionals.
<p>Activities undertaken by Students/Residents in Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student completes a Learning Plan to help focus their goals and objectives for the placement – a copy is sent to their preceptor. • Students will be provided training opportunities in multidisciplinary teams • Facilitate student experiences that allow the student to have hands on experience with quality care that is culturally and linguistically appropriate • Students can develop or participate in existing community projects • Individual learning objectives are determined by the health professional program or the student in conjunction with the preceptor.
<p>Coordination</p>	<p><i>Clinical Rotation Plan:</i></p> <p>Direct clinical teaching is the core of the community-based clinical experiences. Community projects will be structured to be sensitive to the cultural values and beliefs of the community as well as take into consideration how those values and beliefs influence attitudes and behaviors. Students will be involved in a supportive learning environment and will be provided constructive feedback. The clinical rotation plan will go from 1 week to 2 weeks depending on the discipline. The clinical experience will include the following: a) student self-assessment of skills, b) a regular teaching/learning schedule of observed patient encounters, c) feedback, problem solving, and evaluation. It will also include unscheduled time when the student and preceptor are free to explore personal and professional issues together.</p>

<p>List of Sites Students can/will be rotating through</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Site</th> <th>County</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Community Health Center of SouthEast KS</i></td> <td><i>Crawford</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Flint Hills CHC</i></td> <td><i>Lyon</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Health Ministries Clinic</i></td> <td><i>Harvey</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Health Partnership of Johnson County</i></td> <td><i>Johnson</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Heart of Kansas</i></td> <td><i>Barton</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Healthy Options for Kansas Communities</i></td> <td><i>Sedgwick</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Hunter Health Clinic</i></td> <td><i>Sedgwick</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Konza Prairie CHC</i></td> <td><i>Geary</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Prairie Star CHC</i></td> <td><i>Reno</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Salina Family Health Care Center</i></td> <td><i>Saline</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>United Methodist Meixcan-American Ministries Clinic</i></td> <td><i>Finney</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Greeley County Health Services</i></td> <td><i>Greeley</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>GraceMed Health Clinic</i></td> <td><i>Sedgwick</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Marian Clinic</i></td> <td><i>Shawnee</i></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Site	County	<i>Community Health Center of SouthEast KS</i>	<i>Crawford</i>	<i>Flint Hills CHC</i>	<i>Lyon</i>	<i>Health Ministries Clinic</i>	<i>Harvey</i>	<i>Health Partnership of Johnson County</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Heart of Kansas</i>	<i>Barton</i>	<i>Healthy Options for Kansas Communities</i>	<i>Sedgwick</i>	<i>Hunter Health Clinic</i>	<i>Sedgwick</i>	<i>Konza Prairie CHC</i>	<i>Geary</i>	<i>Prairie Star CHC</i>	<i>Reno</i>	<i>Salina Family Health Care Center</i>	<i>Saline</i>	<i>United Methodist Meixcan-American Ministries Clinic</i>	<i>Finney</i>	<i>Greeley County Health Services</i>	<i>Greeley</i>	<i>GraceMed Health Clinic</i>	<i>Sedgwick</i>	<i>Marian Clinic</i>	<i>Shawnee</i>
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<p>Evaluation</p>	<p>The Kansas SEARCH project will be evaluated by successful completion of objectives, by quarterly progress, pre- and post-evaluation surveys from students, and surveys of sites, training programs and preceptors. Students in the program will also agree to participate in a follow-up survey a year after graduation or residency to learn what effect the experience had on career choices.</p> <p>Post placement evaluation of the students will focus on the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did student's perceptions of culture and poverty change after a clinical practicum experience? • Did the practicum experience increase the student's desire to work in underserved communities? • What were student's perceptions of the clinical experience? <p>Evaluation of the placement from the site, preceptors and training program perspective will be sought through direct communication and survey using the following questions as guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was a successful partnership formed between the training program and community/host site? • Was the partnership mutually beneficial? • What changes, if any, do they recommend based upon these experiences? • Has this experience made an overall impact on the community? • Were we successful in locating appropriate preceptors/mentors? <p>Overall program success will be evaluated by tracking students a year after training or residency, and by identifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many students select to practice in Kansas's underserved areas? • How many students select to practice in other underserved areas outside of Kansas? 																														

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What percent of medical students select Family Practice Residency programs? <p>In addition, KAMU will employ the use of an external evaluator following the completion of the contract. The outside evaluation will measure the overall program effectiveness.</p>
Are you a former SEARCH Program	Yes