



Student/Resident Experiences And Rotations in Community Health (SEARCH) Program Summary

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Project Service Focus	Urban/Central City, Rural
Length of Rotation	2-16 weeks (depending on provider type)
Disciplines eligible for rotation	MD/DO, Advanced Practice Nursing (i.e. NP, NM), PA, DDS/DMD, Medical Residents
Project Infrastructure Focus	Training
Stipend/Living Cost	Yes
General Description of Your Program	<p>The SEARCH program facilitates the matching of interested health professional students/residents with practice sites and clinical preceptors in underserved communities. Eligible students include those enrolled in medical, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, dental, and other primary care training, as well as primary care medical residents. Service includes a full- or part-time, two to sixteen week clinical rotation as part of a multi-disciplinary health care team and the completion of a community project which attends to the needs of an underserved community.</p> <p>The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), in partnership with the Michigan Health Council, Michigan Center for Rural Health, Michigan Primary Care Association, and the National Health Service Corps, is establishing the Michigan SEARCH (M-SEARCH) program. We are working with health professional training programs and community clinical sites to begin placing students in underserved communities in 2010.</p>
Goals and Objectives	<p>Assist Michigan and the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) with recruitment, retention, and training of primary health care professionals for services in underserved areas.</p> <p>Facilitate and strengthen partnerships between communities and academic institutions (community-academic linkages).</p>

<p>Activities undertaken by Students/Residents in Program</p>	<p>Community Projects: Types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Health Education/Health Promotion Activities •Health Screening Events •Community Health Needs Assessments •Health Services Delivery Analysis •Health Insurance/Affordability Education and Research •And Others <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Working with child care providers to improve safety and health. •Working with high school students to teach them about the challenges and rewards of health care careers. •Working with seniors to help them understand their options under the Medicare pharmacy benefit.
<p>List of Sites Students can/will be rotating through</p>	<p>Actual listing of M-SERACH clinical sites will be available in the M-SEARCH Online Matching System. Check out the M-SEARCH website to access this system: http://www.michigan.gov/msearch</p> <p>Examples of sites include Community Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Small/Rural Hospital-Affiliated Clinics/Offices, and others.</p>