

Abstracts Details

SEARCH

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Contractor Organization Type	Public health science center
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Project Service Focus	Rural
Length of Rotation	Length of rotation varies in accordance to current curriculum standards and
Disciplines eligible for rotation	Family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, psychiatry, dentistry, clinical psychology, clinical social work, psychiatry nurse specialty, family/primary care nurse practitioner, and primary care physician assistant.
Project Infrastructure Focus	Health Professions Training
Products and Dissemination	Preceptor development materials (to be developed)
Stipend/Living Cost	Yes, This varies by location (distance travelled and duration of project.
General Description of Your Program	<p>The Nebraska SEARCH program will recruit and retain rural health care providers by providing community-based student/resident experiences in underserved areas through collaboration with community organizations including Nebraska AHECs, creating interdisciplinary collaborations and partnerships outside of the classroom setting, and dispelling negative attitudes and beliefs regarding the provision of primary care in rural areas.</p> <p>In 2008, 43 of 93 Nebraska counties (almost 50%) are designated as Primary Care HPSA's, an increase from 35 counties in 2003. Sixty seven of Nebraska's counties do not have a general internal medicine physician there and another nine counties only have one. Eighteen counties have no dentist listed as having a primary practice location in their county and another 11 counties only have one general dentist. Twenty one counties have no mental health professionals; 87 of 93 counties are designated as mental health HPSAs.</p>
Goals and Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop and expand linkages between community oriented sites and academic institutions. 2. Provide opportunities for students and residents to train interdisciplinary teams. 3. Nurture the development of culturally competent/community responsive primary care providers 4. Expand statewide partnerships to meet the diverse primary care needs of the underserved. <p>These goal and objectives will be met through a variety of activities which are listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved relations with Community Health Centers, inclusion of the newest CHC and development of a plan to assist them in increasing student rotations. 2. Compile a list of community sites that provide interdisciplinary training and expand student opportunities to these sites.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Develop and utilize a tool to expand students' knowledge of the challenges faced by a rural and frontier culture (dealing with our high Caucasian population and the differences between a rural and urban mindset and lifestyle), provide cultural competence materials to facilities to expand cultural knowledge of different groups in NE.
Activities undertaken by Students/Residents in	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist with pipeline programs and health career camps provided by the AHEC centers 2. Present health career information to school groups/classes—K-12 and undergraduates 3. Present at places like Geneva and Kearney Youth Rehabilitation and Training facilities; county juvenile detention centers, etc. 4. Provide "Lunch and Learn" sessions with community groups – seniors, new parents, parents with special needs children, etc. 5. Plan and implement some type of community awareness/education event 6. Assist with health fairs/health screenings, community assessments to determine gaps in health coverage or other unmet needs. 7. Provide community educational sessions on topics such as advanced directives, Medicare pharmacy benefit; qualifying for Medicaid; accessing services. 8. Provide in-service training with daycare providers—working with children with special needs. 9. Develop a directory of health resources in area 10. Work with preceptor in using the rural cultural competency tool
Coordination	Work with clinical coordinators in the various disciplines to increase visibility of SEARCH sites and opportunities. Priority will be placed on CHC, Indian Health and Rural Health clinics where there is a the greatest need.
List of Sites Students can/will be rotating through	CHC, I/HS, Rural Health Clinics, other community based training sites in rural, frontier and underserved communities.
Evaluation	Student - Likert scale and open ended questions to evaluate learning experience and project site. Preceptor and/or community site preceptor will also evaluate the student.
Are you a former SEARCH Program	Yes