



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

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Project Service Focus	Rural
Length of Rotation	2-3 days
Disciplines eligible for rotation	Medicine, nursing, nurse practitioner, physician assistant
Project Infrastructure Focus	Training
Stipend/Living Cost	\$300 per student for living expenses
General Description of Your Program	<p>In New Hampshire, CHCs provided care for 106,000 low-income individuals in 2008, approximately 40% of whom are uninsured. There are many more medically underserved residents still living without access to primary care, and a recent survey by the Bi-State Primary Care Association projects 67.5 vacancies in 2010-2011. Loan repayment plays an important role in recruiting and retaining providers in this state, but additional efforts to engage health providers in rural and underserved areas need to begin much earlier.</p> <p>The mission of SEARCH-NH is to support broad changes in the health care system by preparing students and preceptors alike to be leaders in the science of health care delivery built on the evaluative clinical sciences. We propose to accomplish this mission by reinforcing the existing collaborative network of training and education initiatives for health professions students in New Hampshire, and supporting a judicious expansion of activities within this network.</p>

<p>Activities undertaken by Students/Residents in Program</p>	<p>Engage faculty from each discipline in advisory group to plan and schedule a 2-3 day community-based immersion experience for students from multiple disciplines; Develop and market a curriculum designed specifically for the immersion experience; Place students in sites work in multidisciplinary teams; Provide support to on-campus rural health studies program for medical students; Prepare sites and preceptors for students, specifically vis-à-vis new findings from health services research into the delivery of primary care.</p>
<p>List of Sites Students can/will be rotating through</p>	<p>Ammonoosuc Community Health Center, Mid-State Health Center, Lamprey Health Center (all Federally Qualified Health Centers)</p>