



Annenberg

Physician Training Program

Addiction Treatment for the Future

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2008 Program Year

The Annenberg Physician Training Program in Addictions is a four week experiential program in which you will have the opportunity to be "admitted" to a substance use disorder treatment program.

Applications are being accepted now for the 2008 program year.



It has long been recognized that there is an insufficient supply of physicians trained in the field of addictive disease to meet the needs of the patient population. A

variety of certification programs have been formed, but they often go unfilled. Three years ago, the Annenberg Foundation funded our program to discover methods that could be used to develop greater understanding of, and greater interest in, addictive disease among physicians.

Our first approach is an experiential one in which medical students are exposed to the "epidemic" through participation in a treatment facility's patient milieu. Surveys of students are used as part of the research plan. The first summer program was set as a pilot project for 2006; the following year was our first fully operational year. As a participant in 2008, you'll be part of the patient milieu, eating with patients, participating in groups with patients, and so forth. You won't be emulating a physician, but rather

a patient so as to learn through the eyes of a patient. That being said, you will have a mentor who will be available to answer any questions that might arise or work through any issues that take place.

Program Sites

Where and when you participate is dependent upon your availability. Our program sites include locations in Brooklyn NY, Pueblo CO, Grand Rapids MI, and Gainesville FL. Most students participate in the summer, but the 2008 program year starts in January. We reimburse all travel expenses for each participant.

Stipend

Some schools will give elective credit; alternatively, we grant a stipend of \$1000 for four weeks of participation. We cover your room and board by directly reimbursing the participating facility for your stay. Don't forget that this is a 24/7 program. You don't have weekends or evenings "off" any more than the patients do at the program where you'll participate. It's a challenge and if you're interested, we'll share feedback from past participants and send you an application.

Write to drgitlow@aol.com for an application now. Questions by email or 212-731-0755.