

Summer Rural Externship Program  
Summer 2008

Expectations

1. Each student is required to fill out an application including requests for dates and places/preceptors (if known), and a one page essay of why they wish to participate.
2. Students are expected to spend three weeks living in the rural community. Only under special circumstances are students allowed to commute.
3. Students must contact their Preceptor a week before their rotation to confirm dates and time of place for their first report.
4. Students will spend most of their time observing and in consultation with a family medicine physician that has agreed to act as preceptor. The students will accompany the physician in his/her office, the hospital, nursing home, hospice, etc., and at community functions.
5. Students must always wear business casual clothing, OSU name tag, and lab coat; or scrubs and name tag while in clinic, hospital or other clinical setting.
6. Participate in a community activity such as a health fair, fund raising for health related issues, free clinic, health department activity, etc. Include a description of that activity in your report.
7. Participate in two (at least two hours each) interdisciplinary shadowing experiences. (Students spend time with health care professionals other than physicians in order to gain a better understanding of the role of those disciplines in the care of patients and gain experience in working with other disciplines.)
8. Each student will write a 6 to 10 page double spaced report of their experience and findings including, and not limited to, the following topics:
  - List and describe the local community resources, e.g. home health, hospice etc., that you learned of while you were working with patients. Are needed services available to support patient care outside of the clinic setting? What, if any, patient needs were unmet?
  - Discuss the availability of mental health services in the community? What are the issues and what are the concerns?
  - How has this experience influenced your decision to practice in a rural setting? Describe your perceptions of rural practice prior to this rotation, your experiences that influenced you, and make a statement of where you are now in that decision making process.

- In a separate section, write about your experience in a narrative format suitable for publication in the state AHEC newsletter.
  - Attach copy of your thank you letter to preceptor, those you shadowed, and the hospital administrator if applicable.
  - Visit local newspaper for article and photo.
9. Once all requirements and paper work is turned in, the student will be reimbursed \$750.00 for expenses incurred (meals, hotel, gas, and misc.)