

Summer Rural Externship

Course Description

This course is a three-week early clinical experience rotation in a **community-based rural setting with a Primary Care physician**. The student will spend 32 hours each week seeing patients with the preceptor. The rotation is also oriented toward community participation and service, and will provide the student with an opportunity to learn about community health networks, resources, the role of the physician in a rural community, and the benefits and challenges of practice in a rural community. The student will work closely with the AHEC Program Office and the regional AHEC coordinator who will facilitate the community activities throughout this OSU elective rotation.

OKAHEC offers an expense reimbursement to help with incidental expenses.

The student is required to submit a typewritten report summarizing the experience and how it contributed to his/her medical education, and/or how it affected his/her desire to practice in a rural area.

The student is also responsible for contacting the local newspaper concerning an article for publication.

Schedule

The student and the AHEC Program Office at OSU-CHS will work together to select a three-week period in May, June or July with an approved preceptor in a rural community. The student will see patients in a rural family practice setting a minimum of 32 hours each week and engage in community-oriented activities 6-8 hours each week, making a full 40-hour week.

Preceptor

Morgan Farquharson in the AHEC Program Office at OSU-CHS will work with the student to select a family practice preceptor and community in which to experience this rotation.

Living Arrangements

After the student has selected a preceptor and site, the AHEC coordinator in that region will work to find appropriate housing for the student during the rotation, or if you prefer, you may provide your own housing.

Site

The Summer Rural Externship may be served in any **rural** Oklahoma community, and may **NOT** be in Tulsa County, Oklahoma County or Cleveland County. However, the AHEC Program Office at OSU-CHS reserves the right to approve all preceptors and sites.

Application

Please submit a one page summary of why you want to participate in the Summer Rural Externship program and complete the application form Please return all to the **OKAHEC Program Office, 1111 West 17th Street, Tulsa, OK 74107, 918-584-4396 (fax)**. If you have questions, please contact **Morgan Farquharson at 918-584-4609**, email:morganf@okstate.edu, or stop by the OKAHEC Program Office in the Phoenix Building.

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Approval and Liability Form (Extracurricular Rotation Application)

Please fill in the applicable information at the top of the form. After the preceptor has been selected and approved by the AHEC Program Office, it is the student's responsibility to contact him/her to complete and sign the applicable portion (middle section) of the approval form. Morgan Farquharson in the OKAHEC office (584-4609) will be happy to assist in this process. After the preceptor has signed the form, Dr. Eddy's signature of approval must be acquired (bottom of form). **This form must be completed and submitted to the AHEC Program Office before the rotation begins.**

Evaluations

Student Evaluation: No grade will be given for the rotation. The student evaluation, completed by the preceptor, will be placed in the student's permanent file indicating participation and successful completion of the rotation. If the student fails to participate fully as agreed at the outset (e.g. less than 100% attendance), this may be noted in the evaluation.

Site/Program Evaluation: Each student is required to meet with the AHEC coordinator for the purpose of an exit interview, submission of his/her typewritten report and completion of the site/program evaluation form on the final day of the rotation.

Student Responsibilities

- ❑ Attend 100% of rotation. If the student must miss time or arrive late to a site, he/she is responsible for contacting his/her preceptor. Failure to do so may result in termination of the rotation.
- ❑ Attend scheduled orientations. Respect the policies of the host site.
- ❑ Complete required site/program evaluation and submit typewritten report.
- ❑ Dress appropriately. A white lab coat is to be worn unless otherwise noted. A name tag should also be worn.

For more information, please contact Morgan Farquharson at 584-4609
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