



**Rural Medicine
WSU-SOM**

RURAL MEDICINE SUMMER EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Wayne State University School of Medicine and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation

Through a generous grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation and collaboration with the Upper Peninsula Health Education Corps, the Family Medicine Department of WSU-SOM is pleased to offer this exciting opportunity.

Program Description:

Students selected to participate in the program will spend 4 weeks in either a rural-based hospital or a family physician's private clinic, living and observing the practice of medicine in a rural/small town community.

Selection Criteria:

- Preference will be given to students who are active members of the Rural Medicine Interest Group (RMIG)
- Applicants must be first year WSU-SOM students, in good standing, who will complete all Year I requirements by June 1, 2009.

Program Sites:

Students may select from a number of practice sites located throughout both upper and lower Michigan. Site information is on file in the Family Medicine office at 101 E. Alexandrine.

Compensation:

A stipend of \$1600 will be granted to offset the cost of housing, travel and living expenses

Application Process:

The program is limited to 2 students per year and is very competitive. Interested students are encouraged to apply early! Applications must be received February 2, 2009 at 5:00pm. Applications are available in the Student Affairs Office or they may be requested via email. Contact lblackwe@med.wayne.edu for more information.

Application Checklist

- Completed application
- A personal statement
- An official academic transcript



Family Medicine Department, Rural Medicine Curriculum Grant Project, 101 E. Alexandrine, 2nd Floor, Detroit, MI 48201

RURAL MEDICINE EXTERNSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Information:

Name

Address

Phone/Pager

Email Address

Professional Information:

- 1. Are you an RMIG Member Yes No
- 2. How many years of medical school have you completed? 1 2 3 4
- 3. Which specialty areas are you most interested in? List up to three

4. The scope of practice for a rural practitioner is very broad and not every physician offers the same services. Please describe in 500 words or less what your expectations are for this externship. What areas of rural medicine are you most interested in exploring? Please use the back of this page if you need more space.

Externship Information:

1. Each externship opportunity is designated as a 4-week time period, Block
#1 _____
please list the dates you are interested in. Block

- 2. If selected for an externship, will you have housing for the time period (s) chosen? Yes No, I will need assistance with this
- 3. If selected for an externship, will you have transportation to the site chosen? Yes No, I will need assistance with this
- 4. Is there a specific site or preceptor you are interested in? If yes, please list.

5. If you do not have a preceptor that is willing to host you for the externship experience, please rank 5 **Preferred cities:**

Terms of Externship:

Please read the following statement and mark the boxes provided to indicate your understanding and acceptance of the terms and responsibilities of the externship.

The Rural Medicine Curriculum Grant Project is designed specifically for WSU-SOM students to increase their awareness of and exposure to rural-based practice in the medically underserved areas of Michigan. In order to evaluate the success of the project, it will be necessary to obtain and analyze feedback from the project's participants. If I am selected to participate in this project, I agree to the following terms:

1) I understand that I am a representative of the WSU-SOM and as such, I will

- conduct myself with the highest degree of professionalism at all times during the externship experience. I Agree
- 2) Upon completion of the externship, I agree to meet with the primary investigator of the project to discuss my experiences and how this externship has influenced my interest in rural-based practice. I Agree
- 3) Upon completion of the externship, I agree to meet with the members of the Rural Medicine Interest Group (RMIG) for an informal discussion about my Rural Medicine experiences. I Agree

Application must be submitted to the Family Medicine Office by 5:00pm, February 2, 2009.