

Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved/Vulnerable

Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, in partnership with Synergy Medical Education Alliance, is pleased to offer a unique medical student clinical education program at the CHM Saginaw Campus. The program, Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved/Vulnerable will graduate a cohort of physicians who possess, in addition to the fundamentals of knowledge and skills for the medical degree, a special set of knowledge, skills and attitudes that will enable them to lead efforts to address the needs of medically underserved/vulnerable populations in the United States and global arenas.

Where can this special curriculum lead you? The short answer: anyplace you desire. Imagine leading a rural hospital to provide care to an underserved area. How about designing and starting a clinic in an urban inner city location where multiple disciplines provide care? Would you like the opportunity to go internationally to work in rainforest village clinics or refugee settings in Central America? What about Africa and its many people in need—Is there a place for you there? Wherever your imagination leads, the Leadership in Medicine for Underserved/Vulnerable program will help to prepare you for your future career.

This program has three components: rural, urban, and international. Students choose between all or some combination of these core areas in developing their skills in caring for underserved/vulnerable populations. While meeting the traditional medical student clinical requirements, experience in rural and urban healthcare is part of the clinical experience. Students have the opportunity to select either rural/urban or international medicine for their three required electives (**HM 621, MED 629, MED 631**) that comprise this program during the 3rd and 4th years. In addition to the regularly scheduled clerkship activities in the 3rd and 4th year, students will also participate in conversational medical Spanish courses that will enable them to interact in the clinical setting and in development of public health projects.

3rd Year Program for Saginaw CHM Student

The 3rd year students in the Saginaw “Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved/Vulnerable” will effectively be 14 months in duration, from July of one academic year through August of the next academic year (e.g. July 2007-August 2008). Students will rotate through clerkships as a group

July/August	Internal Medicine or Family Medicine
Sept/Oct	Family Medicine or Internal Medicine
Nov/Dec	Pediatrics or OB/GYN
January	Underserved/Vulnerable Leadership and Planning of Clerkship (HM 621). This course has been added to the third year schedule and includes a two week

	period of time to develop skills in travel medicine, cultural competency including history/economics/politics, clinical skills in the developing world, preparatory activities for underserved/urban health care and public health project planning. Students are then assigned to learning activities for the last 2 weeks of January to immerse them into the cultural/health arena associated with their assigned clinical community.
February	Underserved/Vulnerable Medicine Elective (MED 629). This elective has been added to the third year schedule. This includes a one month clinical and public health experience in Central America as assigned by the CHM family.
March/April	OB/GYN or Pediatrics
May/ June	Surgery or Psychiatry
July/August	Psychiatry or Surgery

4th Year Program for Saginaw CHM Students

September	Elective
October	Elective
November	Interviewing/Step 2 CK and CS
December	Senior Surgery
January	Advance Medicine
February	Advanced Underserved/Vulnerable Medicine Elective (MED 631).
March	Elective/Vacation
April	Elective/Vacation

This program is only open to MSU-CHM medical students who apply for and are accepted to complete their 3rd and 4th years of clinical training at Synergy Medical. The Medical Students selected for this program will receive program support and didactic education specific to rural, urban and international health.

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