GOAL

The AHEC rotation is designed to provide students the opportunity to synthesize the medical knowledge and practices learned in the 3rd year and utilize them to provide care to those in underserved rural and urban communities.

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of the AHEC rotation, students will be able to:

ALTRUIISM

- Recognize cultural and ethnic values of rural and underserved populations as important components to understanding and evaluating their health issues and concerns
- Demonstrate professional behavior as evidenced by direct observation by physician preceptor and office staff of patient evaluations or public health assignments given

KNOWLEDGE

- Define the mission and delineate the services available at the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) within the community it serves, Eastern Shore, Western Maryland, Southern Maryland, Baltimore City
- Identify the non-biological determinants of poor health and the specific needs of underserved and ethnically diverse populations in Maryland, the United States and internationally
- Identify the economic and cultural barriers to care
- Enhance knowledge and skills of primary care medicine
- Identify health care disparities and possible remedies
- Demonstrate knowledge of a particular topic chosen by the student which involves the medical profession, public health, and medical ethics, by presenting and writing a capstone essay

SKILLFUL

- Demonstrate the ability to work with other health professionals to gain a better understanding that health care cannot be performed by a physician alone
- Demonstrate cultural competency in a rural or urban underserved setting, in Maryland, the United States, and internationally

DUTIFUL

- Recognize the importance of a commitment to provide care to those patients in rural and urban communities unable to pay and served by Medically Underserved Communities (MUC’s) and Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)
- Demonstrate attendance at all community activities affiliated with preceptor’s practice and AHEC community outreach linkages and programs
- Demonstrate participation in a 2 day GAIT seminar that focuses on the interdisciplinary care of the geriatric patient (when scheduled)
- Complete all assignments given by the preceptor
- Demonstrate 100% attendance at clinical sessions with their physician preceptor.

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