

Rural ACE PCP

Rural Accelerated Competency-based Education in Primary Care and Psychiatry

About the Rural ACE PCP Program

In partnership with Shasta, Nevada, and Humboldt counties, the UC Davis School of Medicine launched this innovative program to address the critical shortage of primary care physicians and psychiatrists in rural Northern California by creating a fast-tracked, community-rooted medical education pathway. With support from a grant by the County Medical Services Program (CMSP), Rural ACE-PCP will recruit students from underserved County Medical Services Program (CMSP) regions, offering a three-year MD track that reduces both the time and cost of medical education—making it more accessible to low-income and first-generation students from these counties.

Program Eligibility

- Clinical experience in a primary care or behavioral health setting
- Demonstrated community health or leadership experience
- First-in-family to complete a bachelor's degree
- Fluency in a second language in addition to English
- Connection to Northern California, specifically those from Shasta County, Nevada County, and Humboldt County

Curriculum

The Rural ACE PCP curriculum immerses students in a longitudinal primary care practice as they complete their MD within a three-year curriculum. Students start 6 weeks early, continue learning during the summer after first year, and have less time dedicated to preparing for the Step exams. Rural ACE-PCP students will spend their clinical training at community sites in the target counties.

The third year is longitudinal integrated clerkship (LIC) which has been shown to prepare students as well as traditional block clerkships while increasing students' sense of patient-centeredness and confidence. LICs provide students a meaningful continuity of care experience and the opportunity to develop long-term relationships with preceptors, while simultaneously meeting the clinical competencies of multiple clerkships.

Highlights

- 3-year continuity clinic
- Intensive summer experience between Year 1 and Year 2
- Clinical reasoning seminars
- Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship
- Academic support and mentorship from primary care and psychiatry doctors
- Medical education curriculum linked to residency education expectations
- Dedicated staff and faculty at UC Davis School of Medicine

Application Process

- Applicants must apply to UC Davis School of Medicine (UCD SOM) through the AMCAS by October 1.
- Applicants invited to complete the UCD SOM Secondary Application can indicate their interest in Rural ACE-PCP.
- Applicants interviewed by UCD SOM will then be reviewed by the Rural ACE-PCP Program Directors on a rolling basis.
- Once accepted into the School of Medicine, qualified applicants will then be invited to an interview with program team members between January and April.



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