



The *California Student/Resident Experiences and Rotations in Community Health* (Cal-SEARCH) program is a partnership between the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), the California Area Health Education Center (AHEC), and the California Primary Care Association (CPCA). This program is funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Cal-SEARCH Expectations and Guidelines

Students and Residents who apply to the Cal-SEARCH program:

- Apply at least 6 weeks prior to desired start of rotation. Applications will be accepted up to June 30, 2012, however, students and residents are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to ensure consideration.
- Apply online at www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/Cal-SEARCH/.
- Provide the following supporting documents in addition to applying online. Documents should be sent to Donna Scheerer-Treleven, Cal-SEARCH Program Coordinator, CPCA, 1231 I Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814. You can also email them to Cal-SEARCH@oshpd.ca.gov or fax them to CPCA at 916-440-8172.
 - Biography or resume, including education and volunteer experience.
 - Two letters of recommendation from advisor and/or instructor.
 - Student Enrollment Form and Residency Confirmation Form.
- Be enrolled in one of the following programs:
 - Certified Nurse Midwives
 - Clinical Psychologists
 - Clinical Social Workers
 - Dental Hygienists
 - Dentistry
 - Family Medicine
 - Internal Medicine
 - Marriage and Family Therapists
 - Medicine
 - Nurse Practitioners
 - Ob/GYN
 - Pediatrics
 - Physician Assistant
 - Psychiatric Nurse Specialists
 - Psychiatry
- Priority is given to National Health Service Corps Scholars.
- Complete a 4 - 8 week rotation no later than August 31, 2012. A minimum of 80 hours is required.
- Complete a Community Project no later than August 31, 2012, outside the clinic setting either during or after rotation and complete a post-community project report. A minimum of 10 hours is required.
- Submit a 3 - 5 page Community Project report providing a complete overview and outcomes of the community project.
- Receive a \$700 stipend upon completion of rotation, community project and receipt of post-rotation documentation.
- Be required to submit a pre-and post-rotation survey.
- Agree to be contacted by Cal-SEARCH up to 5 years after your rotation.

For more information on Cal-SEARCH program, visit the website at:
www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/Cal-SEARCH/, or call (916) 326-3711 or email Cal-SEARCH@oshpd.state.ca.us

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Clinic sites:

- Apply no later than June 30, 2012. Clinic sites are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible in order to ensure consideration.
- Each clinic will receive \$1000 per student or resident.
- Identify staff who will function as a student and resident preceptor.
- Identify an individual who will function as a student and resident mentor.
- Accommodate a rotation period of 4 - 8 week and a minimum of 80 hours.
- Be notified if selected within 2 - 4 weeks of receipt of completed application.
- Provide rotation information via online survey.

Preceptors* will:

- Required to attend an introductory Cal-SEARCH Preceptor orientation.
- Preceptors must ensure that students and residents are exposed to delivering care to the underserved and working in multi-disciplinary teams.
- Preceptors will be expected to provide post-experience information.

Mentors* will:

- Although desirable, the mentor does not need to be a clinical professional nor located at the clinic site but will be responsible for providing support and encouragement to each student and resident and able to meet periodically with them during the rotation.
- Mentors need to be able to meet with their student or resident either by phone, email or in person at least weekly during the rotation and be available for additional consultations. Mentors will also be required to provide post-experience information.
- Mentors will work with each student or resident they are overseeing to ensure that the community project the student or resident selects is appropriate for the community and clinic. They should also review the final 3 - 5 page report, completed by the student and residents, prior to submission to ensure that the summary provides a complete overview and outcomes of the community project.

**If certain staff feel they can serve as both Mentor and Preceptor to students and residents, based on the outlined responsibilities, they can do so at their discretion.*