



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 Learning Objectives

The Cal-SEARCH student and resident learning objectives are intended to provide students and residents with opportunities for clinical experiences in community clinics and health centers, training with multidisciplinary primary health care teams, developing culturally competent and community focused primary care skills, and conducting a community project about a local population health concern.

The learning objectives below describe the competencies expected with regard to orientation to primary care programs and concepts, the rotation or clinical experience itself, and the community project. They are to be used by students and residents to guide their own learning during the community experience in collaboration with their preceptors and/or mentors and by preceptors and mentors to assist the students or residents in acquiring the knowledge, skills and experiences expected.

### **Learning Objectives: Orientation**

Overview of programs: students and residents will be able to

- Describe the purpose of the following agencies and programs:
  - Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD)
  - California Statewide Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
  - California Primary Care Association (CPCA)
  - National Health Service Corps (NHSC)
- Describe funding opportunities for NHSC Scholars and Loan Repayment programs
- Describe federal and state NHSC Scholar and Loan Repayment programs
- Describe other loan repayment opportunities for health professionals

Primary care and medically underserved: students and residents will be able to

- Define primary care and the primary care specialties
- State the role of primary care in health care delivery
- Discuss the role of primary care in the context of health care reform
- Describe the characteristics of patient centered care

Community Clinics and Health Centers (CCHCs): students and residents will be able to

- Describe the background and history of community health center movement
- Define medically underserved areas (MUAs) and populations (MUPs), and Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)
- Identify characteristics and requirements of a federally qualified health center (FQHC)
- Describe quality improvement processes in CCHCs

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### **Learning Objectives: Rotation (minimum skills)**

Clinical Skills: students and residents will be able to, based on discipline and level of training

- Elicit patient concerns and complaints through a relevant history
- Demonstrate good listening skills
- Practice appropriate patient confidentiality
- Take a focused medical history
- Discuss history and physical exam findings with preceptor and plan for appropriate care
- Carry out care plan depending on level of skills
- Summarize the individual's health problems in a manner that is cognizant of the patient's cultural beliefs and values
- Demonstrate relevant counseling and patient education activities
- Demonstrate ability to make appropriate patient referrals
- Describe how to access and use community mental health and social service resources
- Describe how to recognize signs of depression
- Describe the roles of the multidisciplinary health team
- Describe how the multidisciplinary team collaborates with patient care
- Describe the patient population served by the clinic in terms of demographics, morbidity, most common types of patients seen, most common types of patient encounters
- Describe health maintenance and prevention activities promoted at the clinic
- Describe the role of language skills for effectively serving a multi-cultural population and enumerate tools for working with multi-lingual groups.
- Describe technology advances that create more effective delivery of health care services
- Discuss the merits of electronic medical records

### **Learning Objectives: Community Project**

Understanding community health issues and needs: students will be able to

- Identify a community health need
- Demonstrate collaboration with community clinic and health center and their community partners in identifying this need
- Review and apply relevant literature
- Collaborate with clinic or community health center and their community partners in defining objectives to address this need
- Describe methods used to address objectives
- Develop a plan for sustainability of project
- Disseminate results of project to preceptor, mentor, and stakeholders
- Summarize the epidemiological background and policy issues associated with a population health issue
- Describe the major social determinants of health as related to the health need identified
- Define the term health disparities and discuss clinical measures to assess and reduce them
- Describe the elements of community assessment used to identify the health need

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