



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 Fact Sheet

### **Mission**

Cal-SEARCH is designed to increase the recruitment and retention of culturally competent, community oriented health professionals in California's community clinics and health centers (CCHCs).

### **Objectives**

Cal-SEARCH accomplishes its mission by implementing the following objectives:

- ❖ Place 62 primary care students and residents in community clinics and health centers (CCHCs) throughout California for experiences which incorporate community public health and mentoring.
  - Placing students and residents enrolled in 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 Assistants
    - Psychiatric Nurse Specialists
    - Psychiatry

- ❖ Establish and strengthen links between community sites and academic institutions through student placements within CCHC's.
- ❖ Develop and implement standardized learning objectives and evaluations outcomes for students and residents through their participation in clinical rotations and community experiences with guidance and engagement from preceptors and mentors.

### **Benefits**

Cal-SEARCH provides the following benefits:

- ❖ Improves primary health care recruitment efforts.
- ❖ Improves retention of primary health care providers in medically underserved areas (MUAs) and in health professional shortage areas (HPSA).
- ❖ Increases and improves partnerships and linkages with educational institutions.
- ❖ Provides opportunities for National Health Services Corp Scholars and other health professions students and residents to serve on multidisciplinary health care teams.

### **Requirements**

- ❖ **Students/Residents**
  - Participate in 4 - 8 week, 80 hour minimum, clinical rotation experiences and in community projects linked to preceptors and mentors.
  - Develop and complete a community project.
- ❖ **Community Clinics and Health Centers**
  - Host students and residents for clinical rotation experiences.
  - Provide preceptors and mentors.
- ❖ **Preceptors and Mentors**
  - Interact, engage, oversee and provide suggestions and guidance for the community project to students and residents.
  - Participate in orientation.

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

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