

Student/Resident Experiences And Rotations in Community Health (SEARCH) Program Summary

SEARCH Program	Arizona
Organization Type	Primary Care Association
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Project Service Focus	Urban/Central City, Rural
Length of Rotation	4-15 weeks
Disciplines eligible for rotation	MD/DO students, NP, PA, and Dental students
Project Infrastructure Focus	Training
Stipend/Living Cost	NA
General Description of Your Program	<p>The AZ SEARCH Program will provide opportunities for students and residents to implement their classroom experience in a primary health care setting, provide opportunities for students and residents to train on multidisciplinary health care teams; nurture the development of culturally competent, community-focused primary healthcare providers, and expand statewide partnerships by collaborating with state and community organizations. 17.5% of Arizona residents are uninsured, 24.54% served by Medicaid, and 15% are served by Medicare. Arizona's primarily rural composition, as well as the state's shared border with Mexico, number of tribal communities, and large percentage of underserved residents presents unique challenges in addressing primary healthcare needs throughout the state.</p>

Activities undertaken by Students/Residents in Program	Participants of the program will complete primary care clinical rotations in approved sites. Students and residents will have the option to participate in community projects such as the development of health education information, participation in health fairs, conducting community needs assessments/data gathering, and conducting presentations to younger students regarding health careers.
List of Sites Students can/will be rotating through	The training sites for students and residents include Federally Qualified Health Centers and private practice clinics located in rural/medically underserved areas with a designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score.