

RURAL HEALTH EXPERIENCES

"I felt I was really able to understand each specialty in the rural healthcare system and was able to witness how each department worked along with each other to treat patient needs. I also learned the benefits and some issues that rural healthcare providers face."

"I think this experience has really shown me what to expect in rural healthcare. I have realized after this experience that even though it may not be the most luxurious job, I am passionate about helping others and I would enjoy helping those in the rural communities especially coming from one."

"I've learned that rural healthcare professionals wear more hats than those that work in larger locations. This is more exciting because they aren't always doing the same thing over and over."

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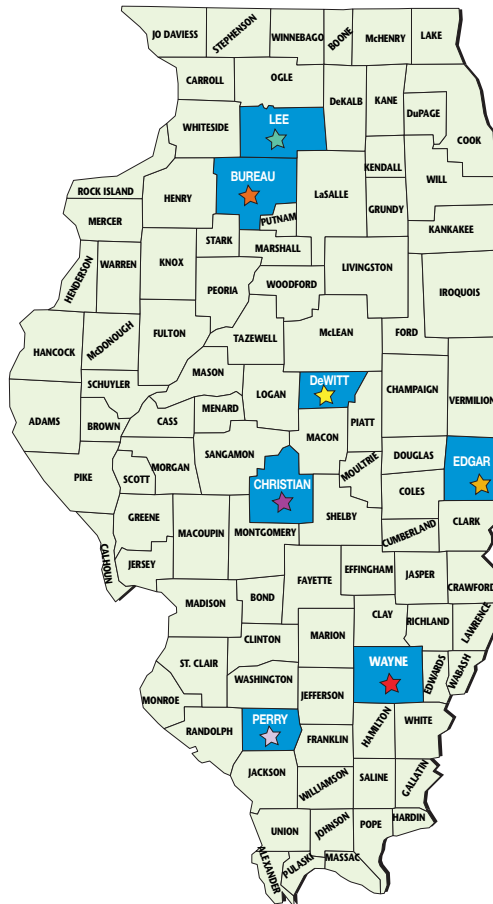


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PARTICIPATING SITES

The following hospitals will be participating as a RHE site in 2017:

- ★ Dr. John Warner Hospital, Clinton
- ★ Fairfield Memorial Hospital, Fairfield
- ★ Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital, Dixon
- ★ Perry Memorial Hospital, Princeton
- ★ Paris Community Hospital, Paris
- ★ Pinckneyville Community Hospital, Pinckneyville
- ★ Taylorville Memorial Hospital, Taylorville



*A Summer Rural Immersion
Experience for Health
Professions Students*



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The Rural Health Experience is a 3-5 day rural immersion experience for health professions students interested in learning about the delivery of healthcare in a particular rural community.

The RHE is designed to:

- Provide experience in rural healthcare settings;
- Acquaint students with rural lifestyle;
- Convey knowledge and appreciation for a variety of health professions disciplines;
- Create awareness of rural health needs;
- Provide an opportunity for students to learn and work in an environment that supports health professionals working together; and
- Encourage awareness and acceptance of different cultures and promote learning through active and organized participation in the community.

RHE Goals

- To learn about the social and health characteristics, needs and resources of a specific rural community.
- To understand the roles and responsibilities of different healthcare providers in a rural community.
- To reflect on a future career as a healthcare provider in a rural community and potential interest in this location as a future career location.



Who is eligible?

- The ideal candidate is from a rural community and currently enrolled in a health professions program.
- Students who possess a strong interest in rural healthcare.
- Minimum qualifications are students who will have completed their sophomore year of undergraduate schooling by the start of the RHE. Preference goes to upperclassmen students and those already in graduate or professional programs.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Day 1: Monday

- 8:30AM Meet and Greet with hospital CEO and staff. Complete paperwork and hospital tour/information.
- 9:30AM Student spends time with their preceptor (FNP, MD, PA).
- 12:00PM Lunch (provided for student at hospital)
- 1:00PM Care management meeting with hospital staff
- 1:30PM Hospital discharge planner observation
- 4:30PM Blogging/Journaling/End of Day 1

Day 2: Tuesday

- 8:30AM County health department programs explanation/observation (Mid-level)
- 12:00PM Lunch (provided for student at hospital)
- 1:00PM ER observation (Mid-level or higher)



- 4:30PM Blogging/Journaling
- 6:00PM Community event/attend fair with CEO
- 8:00PM End of Day 2

Day 3: Wednesday

- 8:30AM Student spends time with their preceptor
- 12:00PM Lunch with preceptor (provided for the student at the hospital)
- 1:00PM Rehabilitation department observation (Mid-level)
- 4:30PM Blogging/Journaling/End of Day 3

Day 4: Thursday

- 8:30AM Home health agency home visitations
- 12:00PM Lunch (provided for the student at the hospital)
- 1:00PM Nursing home or assisted living observation
- 3:00PM Student spends time with their preceptor
- 4:30PM Blogging/Journaling/End of Day 4

Day 5: Friday

- 8:30AM Hospice home visitations
- 10:30AM Rural health clinic observation (Mid-level)
- 12:00PM Farewell lunch with CEO and others
- 1:00PM Complete evaluation tools
- 1:30PM Goodbye

