



TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF POPULATION  
AND HEALTHCARE CHANGES, THE NUMBER  
OF PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS WILL NEED TO  
DOUBLE BY 2020.

Your future in rural and underserved medicine holds many rewards.

We're looking for dedicated students who are committed to a career in rural areas, focused on enhancing their academic training and concerned with the value of hands-on clinical experiences to prepare them for success.



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## SARAH GRAHAM KENAN RURAL & UNDERSERVED MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

An opportunity to pursue your passion for practicing medicine with rural or underserved populations.



IT ALL BEGINS WITH A SIX WEEK SUMMER INTERNSHIP  
IN BEAUTIFUL WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

## KEY COMPONENTS OF THE SARAH GRAHAM KENAN RURAL & UNDERSERVED MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Medicine (SOM) and MAHEC have collaborated to create this dynamic longitudinal program for focused students committed to their medical education.

- Six-week summer internship in Western North Carolina, working in a rural family practice and living in the community (stipend included).
- Guaranteed acceptance into the 3rd & 4th Year Longitudinal SOM Program in Asheville, NC. Opportunities to work and talk with current SOM Asheville students.
- Provide mentoring to accepted undergraduate interns interested in health careers.
- Monthly seminars starting in the spring after your acceptance into the program and running through year two of medical school in order to create a supportive rural scholars cohort.
- Exposure to MAHEC faculty, residents, and administration and opportunities to collaborate on community projects or research.

## PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the internship is to ultimately increase the number of UNC SOM students seeking rural health careers in North Carolina and to provide financial support and enrichment experiences to sustain their decisions. The rural scholars program provides participants the opportunity to commit to the Asheville longitudinal program and a mentoring experience with a rural preceptor.

The rural scholars summer component has a required "community" or small research project to be conducted at their practice site. Students will return to Asheville on a weekly basis during their initial summer for didactics on topic areas specific to rural medicine. Recreation and team building experiences will also be folded into the summer program.

During their 4th year, Asheville students are required to complete two rural rotations. For rural scholars, one of these will be with their original internship preceptor.

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Clinical co-directors:  
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## REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

Applicants must be in their first year of medical school at UNC-CH. Applicants should be prepared to spend six weeks in Western North Carolina during the summer months between their first and second year of medical school. The program will start mid-June and run through early August.

Interviews are conducted in Chapel Hill in January. Final selection/award notifications are sent in February.

Please submit all required materials to:  
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