



Getting a Start in Family Medicine

How We Connect Medical Students with a Future in Family Medicine

We understand medical students are faced with many considerations when choosing a specialty, with salary and hours often topping the list. Helping students realize the possibility of positively impacting patients and their families as a Family Medicine physician is a focus of the Center.

Through the Family Medicine Mentorship Program, the Center for Community-Based Primary Care and the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians is dedicated to helping interested students recognize the importance of Family Medicine.

Our goal is to ensure that all medical students interested in Family Medicine have an ongoing mentorship opportunity that connects them to practicing family physicians and family medicine leaders.

What does the Family Medicine Mentorship Program require?



COMMITMENT Each mentee must commit to the program for at least six months but can continue up to three years. The program length is determined by the mentors and the mentee, and can continue through the student's first year of residency if all parties agree.



CONNECTION Mentors and mentees are initially paired through shared interests and connect in person or by Zoom for one hour every 2-3 months. The meetings may be group or individual sessions to best accommodate mentees and mentor's schedules.



CANDOR This program is designed to provide interested medical students with a real-world glimpse into Family Medicine and a chance to work with a Family Medicine physician who can act as a sounding board, confidant, and career path guide.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Connects medical students interested in Family Medicine with 2-3 experienced Family Medicine mentors who counsel, provide resources, and share career guidance
- Provides ongoing mentorship over two to three years that mentees can use as a resource as they make their way through medical school and into residency
- Open to second, third- and fourth-year students and designed to be flexible enough to meet the needs of both the student and the mentors
- Exposes interested students to the positive attributes of Family Medicine through first-hand experiences and opportunities such as clinical rotations

Interested in learning more about our Family Medicine Mentorship Program?

Contact Mentorship@communitycarenc.org