

## **Exploring Careers**in Pediatrics

How We Connect Medical Students with a Future in Pediatrics

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

Through the Pediatric Medicine Mentorship Program, the Center for Community-Based Primary Care and the North Carolina Pediatric Society are dedicated to helping interested students recognize the importance of Primary Care.

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

## **Pediatric Medicine Mentorship Program Details**



**COMMITMENT** Each student 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 provides interested medical students with an honest, real-world glimpse into Pediatrics and a chance to work with a Pediatric Medicine physician who can act as a sounding board, confidant, and career path guide.

## **PROGRAM BENEFITS**

- Connects medical students interested in Pediatrics with 2-3 experienced Pediatrics 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 medical 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 Pediatrics

Interested in learning more about our Pediatrics Mentorship Program?

Contact mentorship@communitycarenc.org