

2024 Leroy A. Rodgers, MD, Preceptorship Program

Overview

The Preceptorship Program affords medical students the opportunity to explore the diverse and rewarding realities of family medicine under the guidance of a practicing family physician through a four-week rotation during the summer between the first and second year of medical school.

During these educational rotations students not only gain intensive exposure to family medicine's whole person orientation – witnessing the continuous, comprehensive, and collaborative patient-centered care provided by family physicians; but, also experience and observe the difference family physicians make in the lives of the people in their communities.

The Foundation will offer a flexible plan to complete the 2024 program. Students will have the ability to choose between the traditional experience, which includes a minimum of 128 hours during the four-week rotation, and a non-traditional experience, which includes a minimum of 40 hours during the four-week rotation. Both options may include in-person and/or virtual experiences, and each will have a different stipend amount associated with it.

Our hope is to offer flexibility to each student and preceptor in order to custom-design a valuable family medicine training that fits each timeframe and expectation.

Following are expectations and requirements for this year's participants, regardless of hours completed.

Student Eligibility

- Student participants must have been approved and submitted to the OAFP Foundation by one of Ohio's medical schools:
 - Case Western Reserve University SOM
 - University of Cincinnati COM
 - Northeast Ohio Medical University
 - The Ohio State University College of Medicine
 - Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
 - University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences
 - Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine)
- Student participants must be members of the AAFP and OAFP.

Program Components

Component 1: Preceptor Connection and Mentorship

The most valuable part of the Preceptorship Program is the student's connection to a family physician and the education and insight provided through that mentorship. Because practice protocols continue to change day-to-day and to offer flexibility in creating a custom-experience, two options to complete this component are available.

Option A: Traditional Preceptorship Program = \$1,500 stipend

This option requires students to spend a minimum of **32 hours per week or 128 hours total over the 4-week program**, working with their preceptors and/or practice team. These hours can also include virtual experiences and projects.

Option B: Non-Traditional Experience = \$600 stipend

If students are not able to fulfill traditional program hour requirements, either in-person or virtually, students can still participate by engaging with the preceptor and practice team (if applicable) a **minimum of 40 hours over the 4-week program**. These hours may include but are not limited to telehealth visits, Zoom meetings with preceptor, clinical research for case studies, and any in-person time.

Component 2: Family Medicine Education

To offer additional education on family medicine, the Foundation will host two, live webinars and provide a catalog of archived sessions for students. Students will be required to watch the new webinars, preferably live, but may also view a recorded version if there are schedule issues. Students will complete an evaluation for the webinars and overall program and submit it with final reports at the conclusion of their rotation.

Webinars Included (may change based on speaker availability):

1. How to Succeed this Summer
Date: TBD*
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
2. A Family Medicine Career
Date: TBD*
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
3. Additional sessions from previous program years will be available to view for extra education.

*Final dates and time for the live webinars will be sent to students prior to the start of the program.

Component 3: Group Engagement

An important part of this year's program will be connecting student participants with each other and to the OAFP and OAFP Foundation. Students:

- Will attend an initial welcome Zoom meeting with Foundation staff to give introductions, go over expectations and requirements, and answer any questions. We highly encourage everyone to attend this session regardless of when rotations begin. However, it will be recorded and shared with anyone not able to attend.
- Are encouraged to attend the OAFP's Family Medicine Celebration on Saturday, August 17 at COSI in Columbus. More information to come on this valuable opportunity to network and meet with family physicians across the state.

Final Requirements for Funding

In order to receive the stipend (amount based on hours completed), students will need to do the following:

- Join the AAFP/OAFP as a student member. Membership is free to all medical students. Join here: <https://www.aafp.org/membership/join/student.html>.
- Attend the welcome Zoom meeting
- Submit a final report detailing the experience and overall perspective of family medicine.
- Submit a log of activity with hours
 - a. 40 hour minimum engagement with preceptor and/or practice team for non-traditional rotation
 - b. 32 hour/week or 128 hour total with preceptor and/or practice team for traditional experience
 - c. Note: there is no in-between for payments and payments will not be prorated based on hours. For example, if a student completes more than 40 hours but less than 128, they will receive the \$600 stipend.

- Complete and return an evaluation for the webinar sessions and overall program.
- Optional (not required for funding but highly encouraged to participate in or submit):
 - a. Attend the Family Medicine Celebration on August 17.
 - b. Share a video sharing the three most important things learned throughout this family medicine experience.
 - c. Provide a photo of you and your preceptor.

FAQs

1. How do I apply to the Preceptorship Program?

Students should connect with their program coordinator at their respective medical school. (contacts listed below). The application process varies from school to school. Please contact your school's coordinator to determine the appropriate steps for applying to the program.

2. Do I need to find my own preceptor?

It depends. Preceptor and site location is determined by each medical school. Some schools require students to find preceptors, others place the students. The OAFP Foundation can assist in finding a preceptor as needed, especially if the student is looking to "go home" for the summer and work with a practice in Ohio not close to their medical school.

3. When can I complete my rotation?

In general, during the months between your first and second-year of medical school. You can choose a timeline based on your schedule and your preceptors (unless your school has a structured timeline to complete the program in).

4. Do I have to do my program hours consecutively?

Ideally, we encourage students to work with their preceptor and practice team over a consecutive 4-week timeframe but we understand that things come up, especially in the summer. If the weeks of your rotation need to be broken up, that is ok, just note the dates in your log of activities at the end of your rotation.

5. Can I include time spent on practice projects, research, etc. in my required hours?

Yes! Any activity, project, or research you do for your preceptor and practice can be included in your hours. If needed, you can also include time spent watching the Foundation's webinars.

6. Do I have to spend most of my time with a family physician?

The main preceptor that you work with should be a family medicine trained physician. However, students are encouraged to spend time learning from other members of the care team during the rotation. This can be with residents, nurses, office managers, other physicians, etc. Working with other members of the care team can help provide a full picture of a primary care office and give additional perspectives and ways of practicing medicine for you to learn from.

7. What does the stipend process look like for this program?

After each student per medical school submits their final materials required for participation to either the program coordinator or Foundation staff (Kaitlin McGuffie), the OAFP Foundation will send one check covering all stipend amounts to the University. It is up to the University to disperse the funds to the students. Please confirm this final process with your program coordinator. Some schools will set students up as employees for the summer and a stipend will be issued with a 1099, some schools will apply the stipend amount to the students' tuition, etc.

Program Questions

Please reach out to your program coordinator at each respective medical school or OAFP Foundation staff:

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