

**Rural Family Medicine Elective
FMP 616**



Prerequisite: Fourth year medical students who have successfully completed their Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN and Pediatric clerkships.

Objectives:

- Demonstrate an understanding of continuity of care in rural settings.
- Exhibit a familiarity with the evaluation and management of common primary care problems in rural setting.
- Understand the bio-psycho-social model in health care.
- Be able to apply basic principles of prevention.

This clerkship is designed to enhance the student's ability to integrate clinical medicine with experience in rural communities in the Upper Peninsula. The clerkship emphasizes patient care management by family physicians. Two separate settings are available for this clerkship: rural communities, or Native American communities. The location of the clerkship will be decided between the community administrator and medical student.

Community Involvement Aspect of Rural Clerkship:

An important aspect of the rural experience is gaining an overall understanding of the community. Students will be exposed to the community and culture in which they will be studying.

Administration in conjunction with our AHEC office will consult with an appropriate community link to identify activities that will enhance the student's rural clerkship. These activities will be classified into assignments. For example, the student may attend a powwow or other local cultural event, volunteer with a local organization, volunteer at a local organization or fund-raising event, or speak at a local school. The student will pick at least three experiences in the community and submit a report (three pages or less) of their experiences. This report would describe:

- Activities that they participated in.
- The experience and feeling for the activity.
- Recommendations to other students that will be practicing at that site in regard to what outside activities they should become familiar with.
- Identification of any unmet needs, particularly challenges for employment in the healthcare field.