

## Student Clerkships in Family Medicine

Offered by Lynchburg Family Medicine Residency  
A Part of Centra Health of Lynchburg, Virginia  
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The goal of our clerkships is to provide 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students with an opportunity to practice clinical skills in a realistic family medicine setting.

### Objectives:

- Sharpen history taking and physical diagnosis skills in an outpatient or inpatient setting
- Practice medical decision making utilizing PDA and desktop support
- Learn to present cases to attendings and utilize consultants appropriately
- Understand the role of family practice in the overall medical system
- Experience interaction and post-graduate medical education with family practice residents

### Organization of Clerkships:

#### Ambulatory

- The clerkship begins with an orientation and “shadowing” experience with faculty to become familiar with normal operations in the family medicine office
- The majority of the time is spent in one of our two family practice model offices, interviewing and working up patients presenting for care under faculty supervision.
- The student will attend scheduled didactic curricular offerings (3-4 hours/wk)
- Community service to the Lynchburg Free Medical Clinic once every 2 weeks
- May elect to take call with a senior family medicine resident
- Additional experiences may be scheduled in the nursing home, videotaping an interview, going on a home visit or working in the office lab.
- The clerkship may be done at Lynchburg Family Medicine Center or Big Island Medical Center (our rural office) depending on availability of the site
- Clerkships are 2 or 4 weeks in length

#### In-patient

- The clerkship begins with orientation and rounds with the FM inpatient team
- Students will receive patients for admission and treatment under the supervision of the senior resident and family medicine attending faculty on service
- Daily teaching rounds will be made with the rounding team
- The student will attend scheduled didactic curricular offerings (3-4 hours/wk)
- Community service to the Lynchburg Free Medical Clinic once every 2 weeks
- Student will take 4 calls with a senior family medicine resident on AC (acute care)
- In-patient clerkships are 4 weeks in length

### Requirements/Logistics for Either Clerkship

- Lodging may be available at no charge in the nurse dormitory on hospital grounds
- It is necessary to have use of a car for the clerkship experiences
- Fill out application (on line at [www.lynchburg-fp-residency.com](http://www.lynchburg-fp-residency.com) ) or ON REVERSE
- If out-of-area student, your medical school must provide:
  - *Letter of approval of clerkship and indicating you are a student in good standing*
  - *Proof of liability insurance carried by your medical school*
  - *Performance evaluation process requirements*

## APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL STUDENT CLERKSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Area Code (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

ZIP

Medical School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person in Dean's Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Area Code (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Expected Graduation from Medical School: \_\_\_\_\_

Elective Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Housing Needed: Yes    No            Will Have Car: Yes    No

Except for applicants from Virginia medical schools, the following must be provided:

- **Letter from Medical School approving clerkship and attesting to applicant being a student in good standing**
- **Proof of liability insurance carried by medical school to cover student**
- **Copy of performance evaluation process**
- **An up-to-date resume**
- **USMLE score(s)**

Return Application to: Terry J. Thompson, M.D.  
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Lynchburg, VA 24501  
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