

Core Values

Compassion

- Care with listening, empathy and love.
- Accompany and comfort those in need of healing.

Inclusion

- Celebrate each person's gifts and voice.
- Respect the dignity of all.

Integrity

- Inspire trust through honesty.
- Demonstrate courage in the face of inequity.

Excellence

- Serve with fullest passion, creativity and stewardship.
- Exceed expectations of others and ourselves.

Collaboration

- Commit to the power of working together.
- Build and nurture meaningful relationships.

For more information about our
Physician Mentoring Program
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Physician Mentoring Program

Inspiring Young Students
to Enter the
Medical Field



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Arroyo Grande Community Hospital,
French Hospital Medical Center and
Marian Regional Medical Center

The Physician Mentoring Program was conceived in 2001 by four local physicians, Dennis Blackburn, DO, Robert Moss, MD, Charles Merrill, MD and Michael Schrage, MD, in collaboration with Charles J. Cova, former President and CEO of Marian Regional Medical Center.

The ultimate goal of the program is to give local students an opportunity to see the variety and importance of the medical profession from the physician's perspective. The program is designed to inspire young students to enter into medicine and return to the central coast to practice.

Local students shadow physicians as they care for patients. Physicians from a variety of specialties volunteer their time, leading students in the office setting, on their rounds, in the emergency department, and in the operating room. Students are exposed to the complete medical process, from evaluation to the treatment of the patient and follow-up care.

The program is offered for seven weeks during the summer. Each week the student works with a different medical professional in a different specialty. This rotation exposes students to the many facets of medicine that they may not have seen before. By exposing the student to many specialties, they will have a more complete understanding of the diversity of jobs in the medical field.

Upon completion of the program, students will receive a certificate from the hospital.

How to Get Started

Applications will be available by the end of February. For details and application information please visit:

www.dignityhealth.org/marianregional/about-us/physician-mentoring-program

“The summer I spent learning what it was like to be a surgeon was an experience that changed my life dramatically and helped me shape my goals for the future.”

Timothy Barroca, former program participant.



Dress Code

Participation in the Physician Mentoring Program requires a professional appearance. Facility identification badges must be worn at all times on hospital grounds.

Women must dress in business attire and men are required to wear a collared shirt and tie with slacks or khaki pants. Closed-toe, comfortable business-attire shoes must be worn at all times.

Both men and women will be required to wear a lab coat (which will be provided) over your business attire. When scheduled to observe in operating room settings, participants will change into scrubs.

Visible tattoos, body piercings, multiple sets of earrings, unnatural hair color, artificial nails and conspicuous nail polish are not allowed.

For specific dress code questions, please consult program coordinators.

