

Medical Student Clerkship

Mercy Redding Family Practice Residency Program CLERKSHIPS

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Mercy Redding Family Practice Program Medical Student Clerkship Handbook

I. Overview

The Mercy Redding Family Practice Residency Program, an affiliate of UC Davis, is based at Mercy Medical Center, a 283-bed facility with over 259 active medical staff members. In addition to a complete range of community hospital services, Mercy also offers highly specialized care including a Level II Trauma Center, Regional Cancer Center, cardiac bypass service, and a Level II Neonatal ICU. It serves both the immediate Redding area as a community hospital and the 33,000 square miles of far northern California as a referral center. Family Practice Residents provide outpatient continuity care at Mercy Family Health Center. Mercy's primary goal has been to train its residents while serving a medically underserved patient population.

Our Family Practice Clerkship is designed to help the student develop clinical skills and experiences in family medicine through an active, hands-on experience with a variety of patients and medical problems. The clerkship allows the student considerable choice in its composition. We expect a minimum of two weeks to be spent in our family health center, but this can be expanded to all four weeks making the rotation entirely ambulatory family medicine. The rotation can also be a combination of two weeks in the health center plus two weeks on an in-patient service with our residents (Medicine, Pediatrics, or OB). Applicants will need to indicate their preference on the application form.

Students will see patients side by side with our family practice residents and faculty.

To qualify, the student must be in their fourth year, or be a third year having completed the core rotations in Pediatrics, Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics, from a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association.

Unfortunately there are no hospital quarters for medical students visiting the Mercy Redding Family Practice Residency Program. If you know people in the area, we encourage you to make arrangements to stay with them. If not, possibilities include staying with a resident or faculty member or renting a room. Mercy Medical Center will provide free meals to medical students.

You will need a car to get around Redding and your training sites and while you may be able to share a ride with other students and residents when schedules correspond, this is an unreliable means of transportation.

II. Application Process

Students should contact Kathy Waurig, our Residency Coordinator, at Mercy Medical to begin the application process (530) 225-6090, or kathy.waurig@dignityhealth.org. Kathy will answer any questions and send the Application for Family Practice Clerkship (see attached).

A completed Application (Sections I and 11) must be returned to Kathy Waurig. The Application will be promptly reviewed (see below) and, when approved, the student will be notified directly by Kathy. An acceptance letter will be sent to the student and their school.

m. Approval Process

The Administrative Assistant will

- a. Inform the program director of each request for clerkships.
- b. Keep the master schedule of students on rotation including dates, health center and inpatient rotation (Medicine, Pediatrics, and Obstetrics).
- c. Communicate to the student tentative approval pending the completed application from by the medicalschool.
- d. Confirm dates on service with the appropriate rotation supervisors.

Medicine -	Nena Perry, M.D.
Obstetrics -	Gregory Skipitis, M.D.
Pediatrics-	Sharon Joo, D.O.
MFHC-	Steve Namihias, M.D.
- e. Upon receipt of completed application, the administrative assistant will notify student and rotation supervisors.
- f. All involved residents, attendings and nursing units will be notified by Memo when the student begins his/her clerkship

IV. Orientation

- a. **Welcome:** On the first day of the clerkship, the student will report to the Residency office. A complete schedule will be emailed to you before your arrival. You will then meet Dr. Bland, the Residency Program Director. Then the student will be directed to the clinic or inpatient service orientation.
- b. **Health Center Orientation:** The appropriate health center director will provide an orientation of the clinic and introduce the staff as well as review schedules and expectations. A calendar will indicate duties and activities as well as the resident and/or faculty member working with the students. Students are reminded to wear the Mercy identification badge at all times while on duty.

- c. **In-Patient Services:** The student will report to the appropriate hospital area and will pair up with the senior resident on the service who will provide appropriate orientation and assign patients to be followed by the student. Patient care responsibilities, conferences, other duties and calls scheduled, as part of this rotation will also be reviewed.

V. **Conclusion**

On the last day of the clerkship, the student will be scheduled to meet with the administrative assistant to complete paperwork, and turn in pagers and keys. There will be an exit interview with the program director to review the experience and discuss how to make the clerkship better. If the evaluations are already in, the Director will discuss with the student.