Fourth Year Community Medicine Selective & Electives

The fourth year community medicine selective and electives are designed to immerse interested medical students into community health through a variety of experiences including patient contact, legislative opportunities, working with care teams, and learning about the economic parameters of a community medicine clinic.

“There are many wonderful things about the Keck School of Medicine Primary Care Program, but best of all are the people. Being a part of the program has allowed me to train alongside passionate and committed students and to receive excellent mentorship from preceptors. I would highly recommend the program to anyone interested in primary care medicine.”

-Past Student Participant
Mission Statement
The Keck School of Medicine of USC Primary Care initiative is designed to increase the number of Keck medical students who enter community-based primary care (family medicine, geriatrics, internal medicine and pediatrics) by providing them with multiple community and primary care experiences, in addition to faculty mentoring across the four years of medical school.

Keck School of Medicine Primary Care Program
The Keck School of Medicine Primary Care Program is a curriculum set to train primary care-focused medical students in community health settings. Students are chosen from an annual application process. They are then provided with opportunities to build longitudinal relationships with patients and primary care faculty throughout their four years of medical school. Under the supervision of faculty mentors, students become a part of a community-based care team, and learn about continuity of care, the patient-center medical home, primary care and community medicine.

The first-year Keck School of Medicine Primary Care Program includes nutrition and diabetes education training at the LAC+USC Wellness Center. During the second year, the program prepares students for team-based primary care during the Interprofessional Geriatrics Curriculum (IPGC) experience. The objective of the IPGC is to provide an interdisciplinary geriatric experience for teams of USC interprofessional students from medicine, dentistry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, pharmacy, social work, and physician assistant.

Student Interest Groups in Primary Care
Family Medicine Interest Group, Internal Medicine Interest Group, John Snow Public Health Society, Med-Peds Student Interest Group, OB/GYN Interest Group, Pediatric Student Interest Group, Student Physicians for Social Responsibility, USC Student Run Clinic

Community-Based Research
Primary care students have the opportunity to work on community-based education and research projects, quality improvement and health education research projects.

Community Medicine & Public Health Lecture Series
A monthly lecture series exposes students interested in primary care careers to a myriad of primary care practice models, leadership and legislative presentations.

Primary Care Student Website
Our website provides students with valuable information related to exploring careers in primary care. Resources include research opportunities, community resources, professional organizations, summer volunteer opportunities, fellowships, and scholarships and loan information.

Keck School of Medicine Primary Care Program applications available starting late May and are due in early July.

Visit http://primarycare.usc.edu to learn more.
Primary Care Program
2017-2018 Application Checklist

Application Deadline:

☐ Friday, July 14th 2017 by 5:00 pm.

☐ Please send application to Jose Perez Guerrero, Primary Care Coordinator at jperezgu@usc.edu and Jo Marie Reilly, M.D., Director, Primary Care Initiative at jmreilly@med.usc.edu.

☐ Skype Interview between July 17th and 21st.

Completed Application Includes:

☐ 2017-2018 KSOM PCP 2017-2018 Applicant Information

☐ Profile Picture

☐ Essay Questions

☐ CV/Resume

Instructions

☐ Save all documents with your full name in the header.
# Keck School of Medicine - Primary Care Program (KECK-PCP)

## 2017-2018 PCP APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Do you have reliable transportation to travel to a clinic in Los Angeles, CA?

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Do any of your family members work in a health care field? (If yes, write in their role)

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### BLS Certification

Do you have a current BLS Certification? (If yes, when does it expire?)

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**Education**

High School: __________________________

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REQUIRED ESSAY QUESTIONS:

Please respond to the following questions (3 pages max.). Please attach the application form to your questions and send by the application due date. Thank you.

Please address the following questions in your essay (3 pages max). You are welcome to answer each question individually or in an essay format.

1. Why are you interested in this program?

2. What is your understanding of primary care?

3. What experiences/interests do you have that draw you towards primary care and community work as a future career choice?

4. How do you see this experience supporting those interests?

5. Describe your vision of your ideal medical practice in 10 years.

***Applicants will be notified via email by late-July 2017. ***
KSOM Primary Care Program
Frequently Asked Questions

What are the advantages of participating in the Primary Care Program?

In the traditional required Introduction to Clinical Medicine (ICM) curriculum, medical students work with their ICM mentor and interview and/or exam patients generally weekly in a hospital based setting throughout their first two years at the KSOM. The Primary Care Program will offer the traditional ICM experience, but will also have the medical students participate with an off-site, primary care, community clinic based mentor, where they will see patients in a clinic setting monthly. Additionally, students will be required to participate in three inter-disciplinary team experiences with a nurse practitioners, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy and physician assistant student in an inter-disciplinary care setting.

What are the disadvantages of participating in the Primary Care Program?

The traditional ICM curriculum allows the medical students to work with their preceptor and choose 2-4 “focus” experiences. These focus experiences are optional, “field trip” clinical opportunities that are different from the ordinary ICM curriculum. The scheduling in this pilot does not allow for the participating students to choose focus experiences; rather; the community clinic and geriatric facility serve as their focus experiences. If the longitudinal curriculum students have outside ICM clinical interests, they would explore them in the many KSOM student interest groups and volunteer opportunities on campus.

Who should participate in the Primary Care Program?

This program is designed to enhance the clinical opportunities and interests of students who have a very strong interest in primary care, specifically, an interest in family medicine, general pediatrics, general internal medicine and well women’s health. Further, this program focuses on outpatient, community based training where they will see patients, physicians and office staff over time, in urban, inner city, underserved communities.

Will I have additional work to complete that is independent of my regular ICM time if I participate in the Primary Care Program?

No. This Primary Care Program is a track within ICM. Students meet the same times and days as the traditional ICM student Students who participate in this program are required to complete all the same milestones, write-ups and OSCA and OSCE’s. Because of the clinic and hospital work that are a part of this experience, students will need to keep close attention to efficiently studying their ICM work. Additionally, students will need to fill out evaluations that are specific to this experience at several times during the academic year.
Will my participation in this Primary Care Program obligate me to apply for a primary care residency in the future?

No, medical students are not obligated to apply for any specific residency program if they chose to participate in this program. Nonetheless, this experience is geared towards the students who have a desire to pursue a primary care residency, further stimulating their interests in primary care and the opportunities that exist for clinicians in these fields.

What opportunities may I have after ICM is completed in my second year to remain connected to my community clinic mentor, my community clinic and the patients that I have formed relationships with over two years?

KSOM students may choose to do their third year, family medicine clerkship in the same community clinic in which the medical students participated in their ICM year #1 and year #2 to further the relationships that they have made with their patients.

Will my participation in this program obligate me to choose my ICM community clinic in which I work in my first and second yeas as my family medicine clerkship site?

In their third year of training, the KSOM students spend 6 weeks in multiple medical specialty training sites. Family medicine is the only specialty which allows the medical students the opportunity to choose their clinical training site. While it is not obligatory, it is hoped that the student who participates in this program will continue on in this clinical site, fostering longitudinal relationships with their patients.

Will my participation in this program obligate me to choose a community medicine research project for my second year KSOM required scholarly project?

No, your participation in the Primary Care Program will not obligate you to do a community medicine research project; however, we anticipate that the students attracted to this program will be interested in community-based health. The community clinics offer a rich resource for clinical, community based research opportunities that the students may take advantage of studying further.
KSOM Primary Care Program (KSOM PCP)

Keck School of Medicine of USC

KSOM PCP offers student unparalleled opportunities to experience healthcare in underserved, socioeconomically disadvantaged, and otherwise at-risk populations. KSOM PCP allows students to become fully immersed in these and other populations by engaging with the primary care clinics that provide for these communities.

“I witnessed the importance of primary care firsthand as we caught our patient's conditions first, or developed deep long-term relationships, and wanted to apply that to my medical school experience and learn more about primary care career paths. KSOM PCP definitely fulfilled my desire to work in an outpatient, primary care setting. “

“One of the best aspects of the program is being connected with like-minded students who are passionate about primary care, global health, mental health, and social justice issues, aka the "humanities" side of medicine.”

“KSOM PCP is well-run, well-structured, challenging, effective, and a healthy experience.”

“My PCP mentor has been fantastic in guiding me through questions relating to primary care, medical school, residency programs, and life in general.”

“KSOM PCP does not take up that much extra time from school. I have plenty of time to participate in extracurricular activities and have as balanced of a lifestyle as I want.”

Apply Now: Primarycare.usc.edu

Application Deadline: Friday, July 14th 2017

For more information please contact Jose Perez Guerrero at jperezgu@usc.edu and Dr. Jo Marie Reilly at jmreilly@med.usc.edu.