



CLARKSON FAMILY MEDICINE

### **FAMILY MEDICINE CLERKSHIP**

#### **I. Course Description:**

The Clarkson Family Medicine clerkship is available for third or fourth year medical students. The clerkship consists of both inpatient medicine and obstetrical experiences along with time spent in the Clarkson Family Medicine clinic. Opportunities for home visits and nursing home visits are also available.

#### **II. Application Process:**

The following information is needed to apply for this elective:

1. Completed application form.
2. A personal statement that describes your interest in Family Medicine.
3. Curriculum Vitae.

If you are interested in a clerkship, please contact our Program Coordinator, Bev Hilburn at 402-552-2050 or [bhilburn@nebraskamed.com](mailto:bhilburn@nebraskamed.com)

#### **III. Family Practice Elective Objectives and Student Activities:**

- A.** To provide care to individuals and families as the physician who provides first contact, ongoing, and preventive care to all patients regardless of age, gender, culture, care setting, or type of problem.

##### **Student Activities:**

1. Demonstrate the unequivocal value of primary care as an integral part of any health care system.
2. Model the principles of family medicine care.
3. Gather information, formulate differential diagnoses, and propose plans for the diagnosis and management of common acute and chronic ambulatory problems.
4. Conduct a wellness visit for all ages and any gender developing an evidence-based health promotion/disease prevention plan.
5. Observe ongoing obstetrical care for patients in all stages of pregnancy including antepartum, labor, delivery, and postpartum.
6. Attend all didactic sessions.
7. Write complete, accurate, clear, and organized medical notes in clinic records.
8. Perform focused history and physical examinations on clinic/hospital patients.
9. Give oral patient presentations that are complete, accurate, clear, organized, and succinct, demonstrating critical thinking skills.

- B.** Assess and manage acute and chronic medical problems frequently encountered in the community.

##### **Student Activities for Inpatient Medicine:**

1. Attend hospital rounds, following assigned inpatients.
2. Perform a complete history and physical examination on assigned hospitalized patients.
3. Present orally succinct patient presentations that are complete, accurate, clear, and organized, demonstrating critical thinking skills.

4. Write complete, accurate, clear, and organized medical notes in hospital records of assigned patients.
  5. On-call responsibilities will be individualized based on student interest and on-call facilities in the hospital.
- C.** Provide anticipatory health care using education, risk reduction, and health enhancement strategies

**Student Activities:**

1. Identify health risks in patients seen in clinic and in hospital.
  2. Use basic protocols for screening and health maintenance in pediatrics, adolescence, adulthood, and elderly.
  3. Use screening protocols for high risk populations, e.g., cancer, cardiovascular, pulmonary.
  4. Conduct patient teaching sessions as documented by clinic chart and preceptor evaluation (e.g., nutrition, exercise, smoking cessation).
- D.** Provide continuous as well as episodic health care, not limited by a specific disease, patient characteristics, or setting of the patient encounter.
- E.** Provide and coordinate comprehensive care of complex and severe problems using biomedical, psychosocial, personal, economic, and community resources, including consultation and referral.

**Student Activities:**

1. Order lab or radiographic tests etc., interpret the results, conduct patient education, and arrange appropriate treatment and follow-up.
2. Observe cost-effective quality measures that are expected in an ambulatory health care.
3. Assist with outpatient procedures such as minor surgical procedures, endoscopy, gynecologic and obstetrical procedures.

**IV. Evaluation**

A written evaluation will be completed with input from clinic physicians and staff, residents, and other faculty who have had contact with the medical student. This evaluation will be sent to the appropriate faculty at the medical student's school for verification of successful completion of this elective.