

Destination Medical School

Maine's Guide for Medical Education



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Introduction

The Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) has compiled this booklet for Maine residents* who have an interest in pursuing medical education. This publication contains information pertaining to the medical school application process and sources of financial aid for students pursuing medical education, including the State of Maine's two medical education programs: the Maine Access to Medical Education Program and the Maine Health Professions Loan Program, which FAME administers.

The Maine Access to Medical Education Program is designed to help Maine residents secure entry into medical school. FAME contracts with three medical schools: Dartmouth Medical School (DMS); the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM); and the University of Vermont College of Medicine (UVM), to reserve seats for up to twenty Maine residents.

The Maine Health Professions Loan Program provides need-based loans to Maine students pursuing postgraduate health professions education. Medical students participating in the Maine Access to Medical Education Program are given preference for these loans. Participants in the Maine Access to Medical Education Program are also eligible to borrow larger amounts from the Maine Health Professions Program. Students who are not participants of the Maine Access to Medical Education Program are also eligible to apply and receive funding from the Maine Health Professions Loan Program.

This publication takes a general approach to admissions and financial aid. Therefore, specific information related to aid opportunities and packaging at individual medical schools, including DMS, UNECOM, and UVM, are not discussed. However, such information is published in the catalog of each medical school. Applicants to medical school are encouraged to talk with the director of financial aid at any of the schools where they plan to apply. Applicants should check for possible funding sources from their undergraduate school, as scholarships, grants or low interest loans may be available.

The Internet can also be used to locate scholarships, grants and additional loans. Financial planning for medical students can be found at www.aamc.org and www.aacom.org.

*"Maine resident" means (for purposes of the Maine Access to Medical Education and Health Professionals Program) a person who has been a resident of the state for a minimum of one year for purposes other than education at the time of matriculation at medical school. In determining whether an applicant is a Maine resident, the Authority may consider: (1) the secondary school the applicant attended; (2) the legal residence of the applicant's parents, if the applicant is a dependent for tax purposes; (3) where the applicant is registered to vote; (4) where the applicant files tax returns; (5) where the applicant is licensed to drive; and (6) such other information as determined necessary or relevant in the opinion of the chief executive officer.

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I. Pre-Med Planning

The following criteria are generally recommended for medical school planning purposes:

High School

- Obtain college information
- Take biology (1 year minimum)
- Take chemistry (1 year minimum)
- Take advanced science course (1 year minimum)
- Take physics (1 year minimum)
- Take foreign language (3 year minimum)
- Take 4 years of mathematics
- Take 4 years of English
- Take computer science
- Take public speaking or speech
- Take psychology/sociology
- Do volunteer community service
- Plan to job shadow a physician
- Apply to colleges
- Obtain medical school accelerated program information and apply, if interested
- Take SAT or ACT exam
- Participate in pre-med club if possible

College: Freshman Year

- Meet with pre-med advisor to obtain information on pre-med requirements
- Think about a major and minor course of study
- Plan a tentative schedule for the next 3 years
- Review medical school admission requirements
- Develop a pre-med course of study
- Develop study skills
- Maintain excellent Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Begin extracurricular activities and participate in pre-med club
- Get AAMC's MCAT Student Manual for subject outlines
- Work/volunteer in medical area
- Subscribe to medical student journals
- Apply to Accelerated Program, if interested
- Apply to MMEP (minorities only)
- Contact senior year medical students or residents and ask to "shadow" them for a shift

College : Sophomore Year

- Work/volunteer in medical area
- Meet with pre-med advisor to discuss your program
- Select your major and minor courses of study
- Maintain excellent GPA
- Determine entry requirements for medical school
- Consider participating in research
- Apply to MMEP (minorities only)
- Study for MCAT (summer before junior year if you will take the MCAT early)
- Apply for MCAT (if you will take it early)

College: Junior

- Study for MCAT (if not yet taken)
- Apply for MCAT (if not yet taken)
- Take MCAT:
 1. August before junior year
 2. April of junior year
 3. August after junior year
- Meet with pre-med advisor
- Meet with minority premed advisor, if applicable
- Maintain excellent GPA
- Gather information about medical schools
- Obtain AMCAS/AACOMAS/other applications
- Begin preparing AMCAS/AACOMAS essay
- Work/volunteer in medical area
- Meet with pre-med committee
- Request reference letters
- Obtain, review and send transcripts
- Complete AMCAS, AACOMAS & other applications
- Apply for early Acceptance Program (optional)

College: Senior Year

- Work or volunteer in medical area
- Take MCAT in August to improve scores or if not yet taken
- Confirm that schools have received your application materials & letters
- Maintain excellent GPA
- Complete secondary medical school applications
- Interview at medical schools
- Complete GAPS/FAS financial aid form & FAFSA form
- If wait-listed, send letter confirming interest
- ACCEPT OFFER and withdraw previous acceptances
- Write to thank references and tell them of your success
- Thank pre-med advisor for all of his/her help

II. Applying to Medical School

The Application Process

The application process for medical school should begin a year and a half before you plan to enter medical school. You will be required to take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) (see page 7), and to apply to medical school using one of the two following service companies:

American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS)
 2450 N Street NW
 Washington, D.C. 20037-1123
 Tel: (202) 828-0600
 E-mail: amcas@aamc.org
www.aamc.org/students/amcas/start.htm

American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
 Application Services (AACOMAS)
 5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 310
 Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7231
 Tel: (301) 968-4100
 E-mail: aacomas@aacom.org
www.aacom.org

These service companies will collate materials, verify transcripts and transmit standardized information to the medical schools you select. They do not participate in the schools' evaluation or selection process.

If you are selected for further consideration, the medical school will send you a secondary application to complete and return. This secondary application will require letters of recommendation and a non-refundable fee.

Early Admissions Program (EAP) applicants agree to apply to just one medical school and attend there if accepted. EAP applicants may not apply to any other medical school until after the acceptance decision is rendered.

If you are applying to fill one of the seats secured for Maine residents under the Maine Access to Medical Education Program, you should complete the FAME application that will be provided to Maine applicants directly from the medical schools. **The Maine Access to Medical Education Program application must be post-marked on or before November 1 each year.** Seats will be offered by medical schools that participate in the Maine Access to Medical Education Program between February and August. No Maine Access seats will be offered until the schools are notified of FAME's recommendations. **FAME's recommendations for Maine Access seats do not guarantee that you will be selected for admission; however, you will be competing in a much smaller pool of applicants and the probability of acceptance is increased.**

General Qualifications and Prerequisites

Applicants need to check for specific prerequisite requirements of each medical school. Students may be admitted with 3 years of undergraduate course work completed; however, schools may favor an undergraduate degree. In addition to completing pre-medical requirements, students who have health care or clinical experience (paid or volunteer) may receive preference.

General Class Requirements

- 8 semester hours of Biology and Labs
- 8 semester hours of General Physics and Labs
- 16 semester hours of Chemistry and Organic Chemistry Labs

Acceptable Undergraduate Majors

Undergraduate majors are not limited to science majors as long as the general science requirements have been satisfactorily completed. A strong academic showing in science courses is beneficial. Most medical schools look favorably upon students who have taken a broad and balanced undergraduate educational program.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Variation in minimum requirements and scores between schools and disciplines may exist. Most medical schools do not publish an absolute minimum GPA as a requirement for acceptance. However, it is unusual for an applicant to be invited to interview at a medical school unless the applicant's GPA is higher than 3.2. Students who are invited for interviews typically have GPAs that range from 3.0 to 4.0, with an average of 3.3.

Most schools prefer the required science courses be taken under a full and demanding academic load, since that is the reality of the medical school curriculum.

Personal Qualities

Personal qualities are considered when applying for medical school. Schools look for:

- Maturity
- Integrity
- Personal Insight
- Empathy
- Strong Motivation
- Compassion
- Respect for Others' Choices and Rights

Demonstrating these qualities through academic work, extracurricular involvement, and sustained community service activities is critical.

Critical Abilities and Skills

- Observation
- Communication
- Motor
- Behavioral & Social
- Conceptual, Integrative & Quantitative

Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)

The Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) is required at most medical schools in the United States. MCAT scores and GPAs are preliminary admissions screening tools used by many medical schools. Some schools emphasize MCAT scores and others emphasize undergraduate performance under conditions of a full academic load. Low GPA and MCAT scores will hamper chances of being accepted into medical school.

The MCAT may be taken in April or August. Most allopathic schools prefer that MCATs be taken no later than April of the year of application; some osteopathic schools, such as the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM), have a September deadline. August scores will not reach medical schools until October or November; schools will not take action on applications until scores are received. MCAT will forward test results to AMCAS and AACOMAS. You can request the MCAT registration packet from your college's pre-med office or contact the MCAT Program Office at **202-828-0690** or www.aamc.org/students/mcat.

There are four sub-tests:

- Physical Sciences
- Verbal Reasoning
- Biological Sciences
- Writing Sample

Results are reported as numerical values for the verbal, physical science, and biological science sub-tests and as a letter grade for the writing sample. The average scores on the MCAT sub-tests are approximately 8 among the national pool of applicants. A verbal score of less than 7 on a 15-point scale usually eliminates an applicant from further competition. In the past few years, 9-10 has been the average score for matriculating students.

Fast Track to Osteopathic Medicine

You can complete your medical training in seven years with a new program, The Accelerated Binary Degree Program, developed by the University of Maine and the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM). This program accelerates a student's undergraduate and medical studies.

Students must major in Biology, Biochemistry or Microbiology. Students must complete a specific curriculum over three years and one summer of coursework at the University of Maine (including general education requirements). You will receive a baccalaureate degree from the University of Maine upon successful completion of the first year curriculum at UNECOM. There are specific entrance requirements for admission to this program at the University of Maine. In addition, you will need to meet the academic and admissions criteria for UNECOM.

For this program, you must indicate your intent to participate by the end of your sophomore year to the Health Professions Office and your academic advisor at the University of Maine. **You must take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) no later than August preceding your junior year and you must apply to UNECOM by September 15 of your junior year.**

For more information contact:

University of Maine
Health Professions Office
Room 308 Memorial Union
Orono, ME 04469
Tel: (207) 581-2587
www.umaine.edu/healthcareers

III. Maine Access to Medical Education Program

The Maine Access to Medical Education Program maximizes educational opportunities for Maine residents pursuing medical education. The program's goal is to increase the number of primary care physicians practicing in medically underserved areas of Maine. This goal is accomplished by assuring that a minimum number of seats at selected medical schools are available to qualified applicants from Maine each year. For purposes of this program, primary care physicians include practitioners of family medicine, general pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, and general internal medicine.

The Maine Access to Medical Education Program is designed to help Maine students gain preferred access to a medical school that has agreed to:

- Help keep medical students connected to Maine's medical education community;
- Expose medical students to specific needs of rural or medically underserved areas in Maine;
- Provide positive primary care role models so that the probability of choosing a primary care residency is increased.

As a result of the students' experiences in medical school and their association with Maine's medical education community, the program aims to have participating students return to Maine to practice as primary care physicians in medically underserved areas.

Eligibility Requirements

Only applicants who have been Maine residents, for other than educational purposes, for at least one year prior to matriculating in medical school are eligible to apply. FAME reviews each application for Maine residency eligibility.

Participating Medical Schools

University of Vermont
College of Medicine
Office of Admissions
E-215 Given
89 Beaumont Avenue
Burlington, VT 05405
Tel: (802) 656-2154
www.med.uvm.edu

Dartmouth Medical School
Office of Admissions
3 Rope Ferry Road
Hanover, NH 03755
Tel: (603) 650-1505
www.dartmouth.edu/dms/admissions

University of New England
College of Osteopathic Medicine
Office of Admissions
11 Hills Beach Road
Biddeford, ME 04005
Tel: (207) 283-0171
www.une.edu/com

A total of 20 seats have been reserved at these schools. Five are allocated to the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the other 15 are shared by the University of Vermont College of Medicine (10) and Dartmouth Medical School (5).

Benefits of the Program

Students applying through the Maine Access to Medical Education Program have an increased chance of being interviewed by a medical school. As a result, the probability of being accepted also increases. Medical school applicants who apply without any type of preferred access compete as part of a very large national pool. Students participating in this program also have priority for need-based Maine Health Professions Loan Program loans of up to \$25,000 provided through FAME.

Application Process

Upon application for admission to one of the participating medical schools, indicate Maine residency. The medical school will provide necessary application materials for the Maine Access to Medical Education Program. **The deadline for applying to the Maine Access to Medical Education Program is November 1 for the following academic year.**

Selection Process

The Advisory Committee on Medical Education, established to advise FAME on medical education issues, reviews applications. Criteria include, but are not limited to: the applicant's interest in primary care; interest in practicing in a medically underserved area; personal, volunteer and paid work experiences that demonstrate a commitment to primary care; and the applicant's ties to rural or underserved areas or population groups. Medical schools are notified of which candidates appear to be most appropriate for participation in the Maine Access to Medical Education Program. **Please note: each medical school makes its own admissions determination.**

Contractual Requirements

Upon acceptance to medical school as a Maine Access to Medical Education Program participant, a contract will be signed with FAME agreeing to complete a clinical rotation at a Maine Primary Care Residency Program and a primary care rotation at an ambulatory care site in rural Maine. Primary care mentors from Maine may also be assigned. An annual report will need to be completed by each program participant during school, professional training, and through the first year of practice. If the program participant also holds a Maine Health Profession Loan, the annual report is required until the loan obligation is paid in full.

For more information contact:

Maine Health Professions Programs
Finance Authority of Maine
5 Community Drive
PO Box 949
Augusta, ME 04332-0949
Tel: 1-800-228-3734 or (207) 623-3263
www.famemaine.com

IV. Maine Health Professions Loan Program

The goal of the Maine Health Professions Loan Program is to provide need-based forgivable loans to Maine students pursuing medical, dental, veterinary and optometry education at the doctoral level at any accredited institution. Loan recipients who practice primary care in the State of Maine upon graduation are eligible to have their loans forgiven. Individuals in non-primary care or out-of-state practices must repay the loan, plus interest. For purposes of this program, primary care is defined as family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must have been Maine residents for one year for purposes other than education, and must demonstrate financial need while pursuing a doctoral degree in medicine (M.D. or D.O.), dentistry, optometry or veterinary medicine.

Benefits of the Program

Priority is given to participants in the Maine Access to Medical Education Program. Maine Access to Medical Education Program participants may be eligible to borrow as much as \$25,000 per year, providing they demonstrate financial need. Medical students not participating in the Maine Access to Medical Education Program may borrow up to \$10,000 per year. Dental, optometry or veterinary students may borrow the lesser of \$10,000 per year or 60% of an institution's tuition cost.

Demonstrating Financial Need

Applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. All applicants for the Maine Health Professions Loan Program must also file financial aid forms as required by the medical school they plan to attend. From these financial aid forms, an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is determined based upon a federal financial aid formula. Students under 30 years of age will be required to include financial information about their parents' income, which may be considered in determining loan eligibility. FAME will use EFC information to determine applicant loan eligibility each year.

Program Requirements

Uses: Loans under the Maine Health Professions Loan Program cannot be used to replace subsidized Federal Stafford or Perkins Loans, institutional aid, or any other aid available from your undergraduate college or any professional medical association. However, loans from the Maine Health Professions Loan Program can be used to replace other types of higher interest loans.

Requirements: Borrowers are required to sign a promissory note to receive a loan under the Maine Health Professions Loan Program. If the borrower does not fulfill the requirements for loan forgiveness, the borrower must repay this loan to FAME.

Interest: Interest on loans made under the Maine Health Professions Loan Program does not accrue until after the student completes professional training (including residency and/or fellowship) and any national service obligation. The loan will be placed in repayment and monthly principal and interest payments will be required for borrowers who do not qualify for forgiveness.

Loan Award Priority

First priority: Students enrolled in the Maine Access to Medical Education Program who wish to renew loans and who continue to demonstrate financial need.

Second priority: Incoming students participating in the Maine Access to Medical Education Program who demonstrate financial need.

Third priority: Students who previously received loans under the Maine Health Professions Loan Program who continue to demonstrate financial need.

Fourth priority: Other incoming medical students who demonstrate financial need.

Fifth priority: Other previously enrolled medical students who may not have had financial need in the prior year, but who now demonstrate financial need.

Sixth priority: Students studying dentistry, optometry or veterinary medicine who demonstrate financial need.

Where to Obtain Applications

Applications for the Maine Health Professions Loan Program can be obtained directly from FAME online at www.famemaine.com or by calling **1-800-228-3734**.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) applications are available at college financial aid offices or can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Medical, Dental, Veterinary, and Optometry applications and financial aid forms will vary from school to school. Contact the health professions advisor at your school to determine what applications are needed.

Loan Repayment and/or Loan Forgiveness

Maine Health Professions Loan Program recipients practicing primary care in Maine may be granted loan forgiveness. The rate of forgiveness is based on location of practice and/or population served.

Maine Health Professions Loans, plus interest, must be repaid if a loan recipient is not a primary care physician or practices outside of Maine. If the loan recipient returns to Maine but does not enter a primary care practice, the loan will have to be paid at 1.5% below the Stafford Loan Rate over a ten-year period. If the loan recipient does not return to Maine to practice, the loan will have to be paid at 1.5% above the Stafford Loan rate over a ten-year period.

Maine Health Professions Loan Program Forgiveness and Repayment

Complete a Maine primary care residency and practice primary care in a designated underserved area in Maine.	50% forgiveness for each year of practice in an underserved area of Maine.
Complete a Maine primary care residency and practice primary care anywhere in Maine.	25% forgiveness for each year of practice in Maine.
Primary care practice in a designated underserved area in Maine.	Greater of 25% of original total loan amount or \$7,500 for each year of practice in underserved area of Maine.
Primary care practice in Maine.	Greater of 12.5% of original total loan amount or \$3,750 for each year of practice in Maine.
Non-primary care practice in Maine.	10-year repayment period with interest accruing. Interest rate is 1.5% below Stafford Loan Rate in effect at time of first loan approval.
Out-of-state practice.	10-year repayment period with interest accruing. Interest rate is 1.5% above Stafford Loan Rate in effect at time of first loan approval.

For more information contact:

Maine Health Professions Programs
 Finance Authority of Maine
 5 Community Drive
 PO Box 949
 Augusta, Maine 04332-0949
 Tel: 1-800-228-3734 or (207) 623-3263
www.famemaine.com

V. Calendar

Review this checklist and make note of the various deadlines and recommended steps.

January	Register for the April Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT).
March	The registration due dates occur in early March (for the April test) and early July (for the August test). Additional fees may be assessed for late registration. Registration may be completed online at www.aamc.org/students/mcat .
April	MCAT is administered at most schools. (Alternate date for MCAT is August. Check your schools' deadlines.)
June 19	Obtain early admissions application (if applicable).
June to October	File application and materials required by AMCAS or AACOMAS.
September to March	Medical school applications being given further consideration may be invited for interviews.
October 1	Maine residents interested in seeking preferred access to medical school should complete and submit the Maine Access to Medical Education Program application to FAME by November 1.
November 1	Maine Access to Medical Education Program application deadline.
January 30	Maine Access to Medical Education Program recommendation results are reported to medical schools.
January to July of Following Year	Maine Access to Medical Education seats offered to Maine applicants by one of the participating medical schools.

VI. Financial Aid Information

Ability to Pay

The admissions process at U.S. medical schools is "need blind." Admissions departments and admissions committees have no knowledge of an applicant's financial status; thus, ability to pay is not a consideration in the admissions process. **With the exception of Federal Stafford Loans, schools may continue to assess the family's ability to pay in determining "need", regardless of a student's age.** Although primary responsibility for financing medical education rests with the student and family, financial aid is available to students primarily in the form of need-based loans. Therefore, ability to pay should not be viewed as an insurmountable barrier to attaining medical education.

Independent Student Status

Statements of parental income may be required of all applicants who wish to apply for need-based loans and scholarships. This policy helps to insure that students are able to study medicine at most medical schools, regardless of their social and economic background. Individuals who have been independent of their family, but whose family resources are sizeable, may find a formal borrowing program from parents, with scheduled repayment at a later date, a viable method of financing.

Contact the financial aid office at your college or university to determine sources of financial aid for which you may qualify.

Federal

VII. Scholarships & Loans

National Health Service Corps Scholarship

This scholarship pays full tuition and fees, a monthly stipend, and expenses for required books and supplies. Participants must serve one year of duty for each year of scholarship assistance (exception: one year scholarship requires a two-year service commitment). For more information contact: **National Health Service Corps Scholarship Office** at **1-800-221-9393** or online at: nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/.

Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan Program

Federally subsidized loans are available to applicants who demonstrate financial need. The maximum loan amount is \$8,500 annually, with an aggregate limit of \$65,500, including undergraduate borrowing.

Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program

The Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program is designed for student borrowers who do not qualify or who only partially qualify for federal interest subsidies under the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan Program. The same terms and conditions apply as the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan Program, except that the borrower is responsible for interest that accrues while in school and during deferment periods. A medical student's aggregate federal loans may not exceed \$189,125.

Indian Health Service Scholarship

This program is available only to American Indians and Alaska natives. This scholarship may pay full tuition, additional costs of medical education, and a monthly stipend. Recipients must serve one year for each year of scholarship assistance they receive. Interested students should contact: **Indian Health Service Scholarship Program, 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 120, Rockville, MD 20852, Tel: (301) 443-6197** or online at www.ihs.gov.

Primary Care Loan

The Primary Care Loan is based on need. In addition, the borrower must agree upon signing a loan agreement to enter and complete a primary care residency and practice in a primary care field until the loan is repaid in full. The borrower must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or U.S. permanent resident.

The Primary Care Loan interest rate is 5%. If the borrower fails to fulfill the primary care service obligation, the outstanding loan balance will be computed annually at an interest rate of 18% from the date of noncompliance. There is a one-year grace period after graduation. Deferments are allowed. Check with your lending institution for current deferment categories. Borrowers are not able to consolidate this loan and there are no prepayment penalties. For more information, contact the student financial aid office where you intend to apply for admission or visit: bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/pcl.htm.

VIII. Federal Military Medical Programs

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)

Congress established the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine in 1972 in order to provide the nation with career physicians dedicated to service in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service. USUHS is a tuition-free, four-year medical school. Students receive a salary as a medical student. Additional military service is required after completion of medical training.

For more information contact:

Office of Admissions
F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine
USUHS
4301 Jones Bridge Road, Room A1041
Bethesda, MD 20814-4799
Tel: 1-800-772-1743
E-mail: admissions@mx.usuhs.mil
www.usuhs.mil

Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program

In exchange for a later active duty service obligation, this scholarship program will pay full tuition, fees, the cost of required textbooks and equipment, and a monthly stipend. The financial aid office at each medical school has a listing of the Armed Forces Recruiters who can provide additional information regarding these programs.

IX. Federal and State Loan Repayment Programs

State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

The State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) intends to encourage health care providers to practice in underserved areas of the state by repaying practitioner student loans. Both Maine residents and non-residents are eligible to apply for the State Loan Repayment Program.

The State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) is administered by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care. Matching funds for SLRP are provided by the Finance Authority of Maine and the National Health Service Corps. Funds are used to match federal funds provided for the purpose of repaying the student loans of providers practicing in federally-designated health professional shortage areas.

Maine sites in health professional shortage areas experiencing extreme difficulty recruiting primary care providers such as physicians, physician extenders, and dentists may apply to the State Office of Rural Health and Primary Care for SLRP funding. Practice sites eligible to recruit primary care providers are selected annually by the Health Personnel Planning Committee according to criteria related to need. Physicians and dentists are eligible for up to \$25,000 per year for the repayment of educational loans; physician extenders are eligible for up to \$12,500 per year toward their educational loans. Monies are paid directly to lending institutions on behalf of the health providers. Providers must sign a two-year service contract and are encouraged to renew their contracts for a third and fourth year.

For more information contact:

State Loan Repayment Program
Office of Rural Health and Primary Care
Bureau of Health, Department of Health and Human Services
11 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0011
Tel: (207) 287-5524
www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohodr/slrpsumm.htm

National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program

The National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program is a federal program that repays the educational loans of specific categories of health professionals who agree to provide primary care health service in areas of the country that are designated health professional shortage areas.

Fully trained Allopathic (MD) and Osteopathic (DO) physicians with specialties of Family Medicine, General Pediatrics, General Internal Medicine, General Psychiatry, or Obstetrics/Gynecology, Primary Care Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse Midwives, Dentists and Dental Hygienists, Clinical Psychologists, Clinical Social Workers, Psychiatric Nurse Specialists, and Marriage and Family Therapists, are eligible to apply.

Loan repayment recipients must agree to provide primary care services in a priority health professional shortage area for a minimum of two years. Participants in the repayment program may extend the obligation beyond two years for one year at a time. You must be a U.S. resident with a valid, unrestricted license and/or certificate to practice in the state where you plan to serve. Loan repayment may be up to \$50,000 for a 2-year commitment.

For more information contact:

National Health Service Corps
Loan Repayment Program
2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450
Vienna, VA 22182
Tel: 1-800-221-9393
nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Loan Repayment Program

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking applications for its Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Researchers. The program provides for the repayment of up to \$35,000 of educational loan debt of qualified health professionals who agree to conduct clinical research for at least two years. For more information visit: www.lrp.nih.gov.

X. Maine Professional Associations

Maine Osteopathic Association (MOA)

The mission of the association is to serve the osteopathic profession of the State of Maine through a coordinated effort of professional education, professional advocacy and member services in order to ensure the availability of quality osteopathic health care to the people of this state.

MOA represents the profession and all of its specialties at the State Capitol, the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Insurance, and other regulatory agencies and commissions that make decisions affecting the osteopathic profession. MOA builds one-on-one personal and professional relationships with Maine and national political leadership to establish a network of contacts to more effectively promote, advance and protect the interests of Osteopathic physicians, residents and students. MOA advocates for the rights and privileges of Osteopathic practices and principles in a rapidly changing health care environment to enable osteopathic medical students a full range of opportunities when entering into practice.

MOA provides support that includes travel to attend various osteopathic medical leadership opportunities, links with practicing osteopathic physicians throughout Maine, legislative leadership during sessions of the Maine Legislature, and liaison to the American Osteopathic Association in guiding osteopathic medical student-friendly policies at the federal level. MOA promotes membership by waiving association fees for students. In addition, being a member of MOA provides excellent professional growth and development opportunities through contemporary, quality CME programs, with meaningful interaction between practicing osteopathic physicians and osteopathic students.

Maine Osteopathic Association Scholarship Programs

MOA offers four scholarships to entering and continuing osteopathic medical students attending Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine on a yearly basis. Scholarship applicants must be Maine residents for 3 years for other than educational purposes. The deadline for all applications is May 1st.

- **Maine Osteopathic Association Scholarship:** for first year students.
- **Andrew M Longley, Jr., D.O. Scholarship:** for students entering or attending UNE interested in primary care.
- **Maine Osteopathic Association Memorial Scholarship:** for second, third or fourth-year students.
- **Beale Family Memorial Scholarship:** for second, third or fourth-year students interested in returning to Maine to practice or New England to teach (Bangor-area applicants receive preference).

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www.mainedo.org

Maine Medical Association

A voluntary association of more than 3000 Maine physicians serving the profession and the public since 1853. The mission of the Maine Medical Association is to promote the health of Maine citizens, the quality of medicine in Maine, and the physicians' role as advocates for their patients.

The Maine Medical Association maintains a full complement of staff to serve the diverse needs of a growing membership. Students who are Maine residents, attending medical school in Maine, or attending school under the Maine Higher Education Assistance Program, are eligible for student membership upon joining a component medical society. As a student, you will be exempt from dues and assessments and will have all the same rights and privileges as the active members. Among the services and benefits provided are the following:

- A monthly news bulletin and regular educational programs for professional development.
- A voice for Maine physicians at the Maine Legislature and in Maine's regulatory process.
- Professional legal counsel on practice issues; publication of the *Physician's Guide to Maine Law*.
- Group health, disability, and term life insurance.
- Free reimbursement and coding advice from experts in the field.
- Discounts on a variety of office and personal services.

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www.mainemed.com

Maine Medical Education Foundation Loan (MMEF)

The MMEF loan was established by the Maine Medical Association to make loans to Maine residents enrolled in or accepted to approved medical schools. This loan can fill the gap between federal loan programs and the full cost of education.

Maine residents' applications are due May 1. Loan amounts range from \$2,000 to the cost of education. Interest does not accrue while the student is in school. The loan principal may be deferred for up to 60 months following graduation. Loan recipients may opt to pay interest-only payments during the principal deferment period.

For more information contact:

MES Foundation
131 Presumpscot Street
Portland, Maine 04103
Tel: 1-800-922-6352
www.mesfoundation.com

XI. Managing Your Education Debt

Medical school costs can exceed \$50,000 per year and represent a tremendous financial investment. In order to prepare you for the financial and emotional concern of borrowing such large amounts of money, the following information should be kept in mind.

Loans to help finance medical education may include: Federal Stafford Loan Program (subsidized and unsubsidized), institutional, alternative, private, and state loans. Though the borrower is ultimately responsible for paying back this debt, there may be options available to ease the transition from residency training to practice. Most importantly, know who your lenders are and where you can find your loan information. Familiarize yourself with the conditions and terms of each loan, including undergraduate debt that may be accruing interest while you attend medical school.

Federal Stafford Loans may be deferred, consolidated, or placed in forbearance during residency training. Graduated or income contingent payment schedules for Stafford Loans may be available after completing medical school. Some loans may be forgiven or repaid through specific service obligations. See page 13 for information on forgivable loans and loan repayment information. Know the interest rate on your loans. A responsible borrower should ask the following questions:

- When does repayment begin?
- When does interest begin to accrue?
- Does accrued interest get capitalized and become part of the principal balance?
- What is the maximum interest rate that can be charged on this loan?

Medical schools conduct loan Entrance/Exit Interviews. Always participate in the interview as your financial aid office can help you with your loan information, rights and responsibilities.

Without exception, make sure you keep in close contact with your lenders and that you complete and return any forms that your lenders may send you.

Although a certain amount of worry surrounding the level of debt is common, it should not preclude you from achieving your goals.

Remember!!!

Only borrow what you need and you will be taking one of the most important steps in financing your education.

XII. Medical Education Resources

The Maine Primary Care Association

The Maine Primary Care Association (MPCA) is a non-profit organization that has been working to promote access to healthcare and eliminate health disparities since 1981. MPCA's work efforts – programs that promote access to comprehensive primary care with its emphasis on prevention, technical assistance and support to MPCA members – all support their mission, “to advance the strength and sustainability of its membership of safety net primary care providers and facilitate access to primary care for the medically underserved or uninsured in Maine.”

MPCA's member community health providers include Maine's grant-funded federally qualified health centers, tribal health centers, an island-based community health center, and the Maine Migrant Health Program. As Maine is a mostly rural state, MPCA's challenge is to build and sustain a healthcare safety net that is equipped to serve even the most remote areas. Their programs include:

Covering Kids and Families: A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded collaboration between the Maine Primary Care Association, Consumers for Affordable Health Care, and the Maine Equal Justice Partners, aimed at decreasing barriers to enrollment in MaineCare.

Mapping MaineCare: A parallel effort aimed at increasing enrollment and retention of seniors and disabled people eligible for MaineCare programs.

Health Disparities Collaboratives: Team-based, patient-centered clinical models of improvement that work to address health disparities through continuous quality improvement at health centers.

MIS Network: A new UNIX and NT-based practice management software implemented at nine health centers and supported by a CIO located at MPCA.

Intimate Partner Violence Prevention: MPCA is the lead agency for Maine's Rural Response to Intimate Partner Violence, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Recruitment and Retention: MPCA's Health Resources and Professional Development Manager works with members and allied safety net sites to match talented and dedicated providers with practice opportunities.

SEARCH/ Bingham Scholars Program: Since 1993, MPCA has operated the Student/Resident Experiences and Rotations in Community Health Program (SEARCH), funded through the National Health Service Corps. SEARCH places medical, nurse practitioner, and physician assistant students in community health centers and other primary care safety net sites. The Bingham Scholars' Program (BSP) is supported by the Bingham Fund and is designed to build upon our SEARCH success by increasing both the variety of eligible sites and the number of medical students placed by partnering with Maine's five residency programs. SEARCH and BSP give priority status to students participating in the Maine Access to Medical Education Program. SEARCH typically arranges clinical placements for many UVMCOM and DMS students seeking to fulfill their Maine-based rural ambulatory obligation.

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MPCA
73 Winthrop St.
Augusta, ME 04330
Tel: (207) 621-0677
www.mepca.org

The Maine AHEC Network

Maine's Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network has been working since 1985 to address the health professional workforce shortage, especially for primary care providers, in Maine's rural and underserved areas. AHEC supports that effort by working with academic and community partners to:

- Provide rural, community-based clinical training experiences for medical and other health professions students.
- Encourage Maine youth to explore health careers.
- Support practicing health professionals with continuing education and distance learning opportunities.

The Maine AHEC Network consists of a Program Office at the University of New England (UNE) and three AHEC Centers located throughout the state. The Maine AHEC Network is supported by funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), UNE, FAME, and the Maine Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (Maine Center for Disease Control).

For more information contact:

AHEC Program Office
University of New England
www.une.edu/com/ahec

Maine Recruitment Center (MRC)

The day will arrive when the years of study and hard work culminate in the completion of your residency training. Then comes the exciting, exhilarating and often stressful experience of finding the “right” job. One of the reasons the job hunt can be stressful is the intrusive and demanding methods used by professional recruiters (headhunters). You will receive calls at night, and during the daytime when you are working, from strangers trying to entice you to places of little interest to you. The job search process should and can be pleasant.

The Maine Recruitment Center is a non-profit service of the Maine Hospital Association. Its sole purpose is to assist hospitals and medical groups around the state in finding qualified physicians and mid-level practitioners to fill vacant positions.

Finding the right match often means finding the right community to meet family needs, as well as the right practice situation to meet the physician’s requirements. The Maine Recruitment Center wants physicians to stay in Maine. This requires time and effort. MRC staff will listen and think about the recommendations made to you. You will not find high-pressure tactics. MRC staff strive to assist physicians who want to live and work in Maine in finding the best possible opportunity.

If you plan a career in Maine, the Maine Recruitment Center staff would like to get to know you before you begin your job search to ensure the process flows smoothly. Call at any time to find out about jobs in Maine. MRC staff can assist you in preparing for interviews and provide you with salary guidelines.

For more information contact:

Maine Recruitment Center
33 Fuller Road
Augusta, Maine 04330
Tel: 1-800-546-4090
www.themrc.org

Maine Academy of Family Physicians

The mission of the Maine Academy of Family Physicians is to support the practice concepts and precepts of Family Medicine in the State of Maine; to promote excellence in health care; the prevention of disease; and the betterment of the health of the citizens of Maine. Purposes in support of this mission are:

1. To provide responsible advocacy for and education of patients and the public in all health-related matters;
2. To preserve and promote high quality health care;
3. To practice cost effective health care in the patient’s best interest;
4. To promote the science and art of family medicine and to promote an optimal supply of well- trained family physicians;
5. To promote and maintain high standards among physicians who practice family medicine;
6. To preserve the right of family physicians to engage in medical and surgical procedures for which they are qualified by training and experience;

7. To provide advocacy, representation and leadership for the specialty of family practice;
8. To maintain and provide an organization with high standards to fulfill the above purposes and to represent the needs of its members.

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Maine-Dartmouth Family Practice Residency

The Maine-Dartmouth Family Practice Residency offers an academically rigorous, supportive and stimulating family medicine training program. Special emphasis is placed on community medicine and training for rural practice. The program hopes to attract physicians to practice in underserved areas by providing a comprehensive educational program.

The residency program began as a joint project of community hospitals in the Kennebec Valley region, the Veterans' Administration Hospital of Togus, Maine, and a rural research and development organization, Medical Care Development, Inc. The program was first accredited in 1973 and is the oldest family practice residency program in New England. The residency program affiliated with Dartmouth Medical School in 1979 and was incorporated as the Maine-Dartmouth Family Practice Residency (MDFPR) in 1980. A second medical school affiliation agreement was signed with the University of New England in 1994. The residency is a non-profit corporation financed primarily by its sponsoring hospitals.

MDFPR is a twenty-seven resident program with nine residents in each year's class. Since 1980, support has been provided primarily by Kennebec Valley Medical Center (KVMC) in Augusta, and Mid-Maine Medical Center (MMMC) in Waterville, two hospitals which merged to become MaineGeneral Medical Center in July 1997. There are two family practice centers. The larger center is in Augusta and the second practice is located in Waterville. The goal is to produce family practitioners who are concerned with and thoroughly schooled in the effective delivery of comprehensive medical care to rural communities.

Faculty includes MD and DO physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, a medical sociologist, a psychologist, and an administrator. All are involved in teaching, caring for patients and helping to coordinate educational programs. Faculty physician certifications include family medicine, internal medicine, geriatrics, obstetrics and gynecology.

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Maine Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program

The Maine Medical Center Family Practice Residency Program will:

1. Promote a scholarly environment;
2. Foster a balance of personal and professional growth;
3. Enhance patient and family health;
4. Honor diversity while maintaining unity.

The Maine Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program is devoted to providing a superior educational experience for family practice residents and students, as well as comprehensive, high quality health care to patients, families and community. In fulfilling its mission, the Maine Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program is committed to continuous quality improvement.

The goal is to train tomorrow's caregivers to be lifelong learners, well versed in evidence-based medicine. A formal curriculum responsive to ever-changing educational needs is the backbone of this residency program. In addition, on-going faculty and staff development and department-wide research activities are vital components of the program.

Health care practitioners who care for themselves are better able to care for others. A nurturing and supportive environment that fosters a balance of personal and professional growth is essential to the health and well-being of residents, students, faculty and staff.

Family practice emphasizes the influence of family and community on an individual's health. The Maine Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program strives to anticipate and respond to each patient's health care needs in a manner that enhances continuity through the coordinated delivery of clinical services, patient and family education, and appropriate use of community services.

Family practice is a specialty that honors a core group of knowledge, attitudes and skills. As the program continually diversifies, it will strive to maintain a connection to the core principles of family practice, to patients, and to each other.

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Central Maine Medical Center Family Practice Residency Program

The Central Maine Medical Center Family Practice Residency Program (CMMC FPRP) prepares physicians to practice rural family medicine. The versatility of a rural educational plan allows graduates to practice in communities from 500 to 500,000 residents.

Since its inception in 1978, the CMMC FPRP has graduated over 100 family physicians who practice from Maine to California, Hawaii, Alaska and New Zealand. The program enjoys a full five-year accreditation status through the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and a full three-year accreditation status (also the highest) through the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). CMMC FPRP has active affiliations with Boston University School of Medicine and the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. Medical students from both institutions complete family practice and internal medicine MSIII clerkships; students from all over the country complete SMIV electives in a number of areas. For more information visit the Web site at www.cmmcfmrp.org.

Eastern Maine Medical Center Family Practice Residency Program

The Eastern Maine Medical Center Family Practice Residency Program offers a strong educational environment with a focus on rural family practice. The program is a twenty-seven resident program with nine residents per year. The program was initially accredited in 1975 with AOA credentialing in 1990. Eastern Maine Medical Center is a tertiary hospital, serving the northern two-thirds of Maine (450,000 patients). The Family Practice Residency Program is the only residency program located at the hospital.

The program prides itself in providing a curriculum that is flexible for individual learning needs. Residents are encouraged to provide input on the direction of the residency program. Faculty and residents work together very closely on a number of clinical rotations.

The Family Practice Center is a very modern, large model office system. The office has utilized an Electronic Medical Record since 1989. The Family Practice Center sees over 34,000 visits per year.

This program includes a strong osteopathic component. This residency is now credentialed for all three years of family practice residency training by the AOA, plus a fellowship in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. For more information, visit the Web site at www.emmcfprp.org.

Maine Medical Center Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program

The Combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program at the Maine Medical Center offers a four-year program combining two outstanding departments. It is the intent of both the Department of Pediatrics and the Department of Medicine to offer this new dimension in its training programs, enriching the medical community with dually-trained physicians. Our program received approval from the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) and the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) in November 1999. In addition, we have received full accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in 2007. After 4 years of training, residents become board eligible in both Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. The mission of the Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program is to provide scientific and humanistic training of the highest quality in preparing physicians for a broad array of career options ranging from primary care, to subspecialty fellowships, to research in health services or clinical medicine. Graduates from the program have the ability to care for patients of all ages in a wide variety of practice settings, including an office or clinic, inpatient floors, intensive care units and nursing homes. Other unique niches that graduates fill include adolescent care and care of adults with chronic pediatric health issues such as congenital heart disease, cystic fibrosis, spina bifida, diabetes, obesity, cerebral palsy and childhood cancers. After training in an Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program, the resident becomes a pluripotent medical professional.

The goals of the curriculum include:

- Allow residents to pursue diverse training opportunities in either ambulatory-based primary care, traditional subspecialty medicine or hospital medicine.
- Provide balanced exposure to acute and chronic outpatient and inpatient conditions typically encountered in internal medicine and pediatrics.
- Foster an adult learning model, with time to address individual learning needs and interests, while fulfilling requirements for the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Pediatrics.
- Support the continued improvement of the teaching and learning climate for medical students, residents, and faculty members.

The strengths of the residency program lie in the teamwork between the faculty members, the program leadership and the residents. The faculty is enthusiastic and dedicated to teaching and patient care in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. Attendings include academic generalists and subspecialists, as well as a large cadre of urban and rural practitioners. The Chiefs of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, program administrators, and staff continuously strive to improve the breadth and quality of resident activities and opportunities. Additionally, residents play an active role in shaping the program and helping to guide residency policy. The size and structure of our program provides ideal resident involvement, as well as flexibility in achieving individual resident training goals.

For more information contact:

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Maine Medical Center Internal Medicine Residency Program

The Internal Medicine Residency Program at Maine Medical Center (MMC) provides an outstanding training environment to prepare residents for a career in general internal medicine or subspecialty medicine. MMC, a 606-bed non-profit hospital, is the largest medical center and teaching hospital in northern New England. The institution serves as a community hospital for the Greater Portland area, as the largest source of tertiary care in northern New England, and as a center for medical research and education.

We take pride in the high caliber of our teaching that effectively balances resident supervision with independent decision-making in all clinical venues. The size and structure of our program provides optimal resident involvement, as well as flexibility in achieving individual resident training goals. Residents provide continuity care for their own panel of patients in the Adult Medicine Clinic, care for seriously ill adults on the inpatient services and critical care units at Maine Medical Center, and learn specialty medicine in cardiology, pulmonary medicine, gastroenterology, nephrology, hematology and oncology, endocrinology, rheumatology, infectious diseases, and geriatrics through inpatient and outpatient training experiences with specialists at the Medical Center. A dedicated faculty with outstanding teaching and research training provides a comprehensive learning environment.

Our program prepares future internists for a broad range of career pathways. Graduates pursue medical subspecialty training, join primary care practices, become hospitalists, join the public health sector, and build nationally recognized research careers. Our residents are accepted into competitive subspecialty fellowships at prestigious hospitals nationwide. The 3-year ACGME-accredited training program includes 12 categorical residents per year. An optional 4th year may be added for pursuit of an MPH or MSc in cooperation with Dartmouth's Center for the Evaluative Clinical Sciences.

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The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center - Pediatric Residency Program

The Pediatric Residency Program at Maine Medical Center is an ACGME-certified training site for physicians interested in practicing general or sub-specialty pediatrics. Started in 1959, the program has produced multiple generations of pediatricians serving communities in the state and elsewhere.

The goals of the training program are to provide a superior educational experience for pediatric residents and to provide comprehensive high quality health care to patients, families and community. A formal curriculum based on the most current ACGME competencies is continually updated as medical education evolves.

As the only children's hospital in the State of Maine, our residents are exposed to both primary and tertiary care pediatrics under the guidance of experienced general pediatricians and sub-specialists. Residents not only have the chance to provide well child care and routine illness management, but also the unique opportunity to care for children with complex cardiac disease, childhood cancers, and intensive care needs to name a few.

Residents experience a balance of outpatient and inpatient opportunities throughout their three years of training. This includes a longitudinal continuity clinic experience, ample opportunity for community advocacy via adolescent and developmental/behavioral clinics, and the opportunity to manage patients with the most critical needs in the inpatient units of The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center.

Residents enjoy a nurturing and supportive environment that fosters a balance of personal and professional growth in one of the Northeast's most livable cities.

For more information contact:

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University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM) Family Practice Residency Program

The Family Practice Residency Program at UNECOM is approved by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP).

The residency is a 24-month program following successful completion of an AOA-approved rotating internship. Residents completing their training at UNE will develop a solid base in primary and preventative care.

Residents completing the UNE program will be eligible to sit for the ACOFP Boards. Residents also have an opportunity to establish a familiarity with financial, legal, and business management practice issues in developing a family practice office. Residents will also develop an awareness of community needs and skills in managing interdisciplinary resources such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and social services as they relate to health care maintenance of their patients.

UNECOM also offers a Combined Residency Program. The program is approved by the AOA, AAO (American Academy of Osteopathy), and the ACFP. Residents choosing this highly demanding but rewarding program will complete the requirements of both the Family Practice and the Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (NMM) Residency Program in three years.

The resident will be presented opportunities to provide acute and consultative-level neuromusculoskeletal medicine care under supervision in the inpatient setting at the hospital. The resident will be presented opportunities to provide continuity of care to NNM patients and family practice patients at outpatient facilities. A single certificate denoting the integrated program will be issued after completion of the residency. The program will provide the necessary prerequisites to sit for the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians and the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine.

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