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**Rural Health Programs Application**

6-week Rural Interprofessional Preceptorship

Rural Health Experience

**Six-Week Rural Interprofessional Preceptorship application deadline:** Sunday, March 14, 2021

A paid, full-time, rural immersion experience that promotes interprofessional collaboration and organized community participation.

**Site Locations:**

* Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services- Gibson City, IL
  + May 24 - July 8, 2021
* Katherine Shaw Bethea (KSB) Hospital- Dixon, IL
  + May 24 – July 7, 2021
* SSM Health St. Mary’s Hospital- Centralia, IL
  + June 9 - July 20, 2021

**Rural Health Experience (RHE) application deadline:** Sunday, March 28, 2021

One-week or two-week opportunities in which students shadow multiple healthcare professionals within a rural Illinois community. Students are matched individually to sites, which are available statewide.

Program dates are based upon the availability of the students and the site.

**Application Requirements**

1. Completed application (below)
2. Personal Statement (2 pages, double-spaced): must reflect why you are interested in learning about:
   1. Rural Communities
   2. Rural Healthcare
   3. Interprofessional collaboration
3. Current resume or CV
4. Letter of recommendation from a faculty instructor or academic adviser
5. A non-refundable $25 application fee. Checks must be made out to the University of Illinois and sent by mail

**APPLICATION**

Please check the program for which you are applying:

6-week Rural Interprofessional Preceptorship

Rural Health Experience

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| Name: | |
| Phone: | Email: |
| Permanent/Hometown Address: | |
| City, state: | Zip code: |
| Current Address: | |
| City, state: | Zip code: |
| College/University: | |
| Year in school: | |
| Current degree program(s): | |
| GPA: | |
| Career goal: | |
| Anticipated graduation (month, year): | |
| Previous degree(s) if applicable: | |
| How did you hear about this opportunity? | |

If you are not selected to participate in the program for which you applied, are you interested in being considered for the other program on this application?

Yes

No

**Please indicate the following demographic information. This information is used for program reporting purposes only.**

Please select the category by which you identify:

Female Male

Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Yes No Prefer not to answer

Please select the category that most accurately describes you:

White

Black or African American

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Multiracial

Other:

Prefer not to answer

**Please answer the following application questions:**

Students must have their own method of transportation to the community and for some rotations, which may be a 30 - 45min drive from housing. Will you have reliable transportation during the program?

Yes  No

Please indicate any allergies for consideration when arranging housing and meals:

Our host sites have preceptors from a variety of professions, including physicians, surgeons, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, behavioral health specialists, public health professionals, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, and others. Keeping in mind that these are interprofessional opportunities, what areas of healthcare would you like to learn more about? Provide as much detail as you’d like- this will be used to develop schedules.

**6-Week Rural Interprofessional Preceptorship Site Selection**

The following sites are participating in 2021. Please indicate your first (1), second (2), and third (3) choice site location by numbering each option.

**Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services** **Choice**:

Gibson City, IL

May 25 – July 8, 2021

**Katherine Shaw Bethea (KSB) Hospital**  **Choice**:

Dixon, IL

May 25 – July 7, 2021

**SSM Health St. Mary’s Hospital** **Choice**:

Centralia & Mt. Vernon, IL

June 9 – July 20, 2021

**RHE Site Selection**

Please rank the following regions for RHE site placement. “1” indicates your first choice site.

**Northwest Illinois Choice:**

*Past sites include Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital and Perry Memorial Hospital*

**Central Illinois Choice:**

*Past sites include Taylorville Memorial Hospital, Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services, Paris Community Hospital, and Warner Hospital and Health Services*

**Southern Illinois Choice:**

*Past sites include Pinckneyville Community Hospital, Harrisburg Medical Center, and SSM Health St. Mary’s- Centralia*

**Please indicate if you are interested in a one-week (3-5 days) or two week (7-9 days) RHE:**

One-week  Two-week

**-Continue-**

**Application materials should be addressed to Vicky Rhine and sent through mail or email:\***

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*\*At this time, checks and money orders are the only available payment options for the application fee. Payment should be sent by mail and* ***MUST*** *be made out to the “University of Illinois” in order to be received. Checks may be mailed separately from other application materials but the name of the applicant should be noted.*

**Note:** These programs may be subject to change to ensure the safety of participants and those providing the educational experience. Notifications of change to the structure of the program will be announced to students/participants as these decisions are made. Student expectations remain unchanged unless otherwise specified.

Sites may require immunization paperwork and other proof of recent vaccinations (including flu shot). It is recommended that students plan for this accordingly in anticipation of acceptance to a program.

-End of application-