

Rural Health Programs Application

Rural Health Experience

Rural Health Experience (RHE) application deadline: Sunday, March 27, 2022

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:
 - a. Rural Communities
 - b. Rural Healthcare
 - c. Interprofessional collaboration
3. Current resume or CV
4. Letter of recommendation from a faculty instructor or academic advisor

APPLICATION

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 accepted into the Rural Health Experience at this time, are you interested in being considered for the 6-Week Rural Interprofessional Preceptorship?

- 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 _____ Prefer Not to Answer

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.

RHE Site Selection

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

Northwest Illinois

Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital, Dixon, IL

Choice:

Central Illinois

Memorial Hospital, Carthage, IL; Warner Hospital & Health Services, Clinton, IL

Choice:

Southern Illinois

Fairfield Memorial Hospital, Fairfield, IL; Memorial Hospital, Chester, IL; Pinckneyville Community Hospital, Pinckneyville, IL

Choice:

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

One-week Two-week

Application materials should be addressed to Beth Squires and sent through mail or email:*

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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 will 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.