



Heritage College Of Osteopathic Medicine

You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as a candidate for an exciting clerkship opportunity in your third year - **Continuity in Primary Care: Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (Course Catalog 8202)**

This clerkship is an introduction into real medical practice allowing you to develop continuity with a preceptor, a practice, and with a panel of patients over one academic year – a longitudinal integrated clerkship (LIC). The elective begins with your required one month third year family medicine clerkship in your LIC office site in August 2021. You will then begin your normal clerkship block rotations as assigned. For the remainder of the year you will spend one half day per week in your LIC office site. You are excused one half day from your regular clerkship rotation in addition to your allotted normal half day of self-education time. Over time you will develop your own “mini-practice,” acquiring 50-75 patients that you will follow both in the inpatient and outpatient arenas, across the age, gender, diagnostic spectrum of family medicine. You will have your own schedule in the office and also have at least one home visit patient you will follow. During the year you will have the opportunity to identify a quality improvement item in the practice site, develop an improvement strategy, and implement the changes. You will also spend your required two-week family medicine clerkship at the same LIC site.

As the LIC Director, I am currently working on aligning preceptors and site locations at all campuses. I would like to identify interested preceptors and students by the end of October. If you are interested in participating in this program please forward a 1-2 paragraph introduction of yourself and why you would like to be part of this program. We hope to place students who are committed to making this a success, especially those students who have an interest in rural or underserved urban primary care. Previous students have come away from this clerkship with a greater understanding of providing medical care in these settings and you will experience the same. I look forward to working with you in enhancing your medical education experience.

The selection process will preference your degree of interest in primary care, but students with any specialty interest are encouraged to apply. It will also be dictated by preceptor/site availability. Forward your letters of interest (prior to your campus assignment)to myself and to [Dawn Mollica](#) in the Office of Rural and Underserved Programs by October 15, 2020.

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