

**\*Special Permission Required\***

<p><b>Course Description</b></p>	<p>The Community Oriented Primary Care selective offers activities at the Greenville Community Shelter Clinic and the Pitt County Care Clinic for students who have previously been in a leadership role at either GCSC or PCCC. This elective requires that students complete all clinical, administrative, and reading assignments from the Greenville Community Shelter Clinic and Pitt County Care Clinic components of the curriculum. Students are also required to complete a project from one of the site components (student's choice) under the direction of the Course Director.</p> <p><b>Community Oriented Primary Care/Greenville Community Shelter Clinic</b> To provide students with experience in community medicine, particularly focusing on the unique medical and social problems encountered in the homeless population of Eastern North Carolina.</p> <p><b>Community Oriented Primary Care/ Pitt County Care Clinic</b> To offer an opportunity for fourth year medical students to learn patient-oriented medicine in an environment of volunteerism, where the student is exposed to a variety of medical problems and the socio-economic factors influencing them. This program will place special emphasis on the health problems affecting Hispanic farm workers and promote a better understanding of the community's needs.</p>
<p><b>Course Objectives</b></p>	<p><b>Community Oriented Primary Care/Greenville Community Shelter Clinic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe and discuss the epidemiology of homelessness</li> <li>• Identify and provide treatment for illnesses commonly encountered in the homeless population</li> <li>• Demonstrate counseling and patient education skills to reduce high risk behaviors identified in the clinic's population</li> <li>• Create and execute a student designed project that addresses a distinct need of the clinic population (Requires Course Director approval)</li> <li>• Describe and discuss the funding sources and organizational structure of the Greenville Community Shelter and Clinic</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Oriented Primary Care/ Pitt County Care Clinic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss health care delivery provided in a community-based environment</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify common medical conditions encountered in Hispanic farm workers</li> <li>• Describe and discuss the benefits of senior physician mentoring at the Pitt County Care Clinic</li> <li>• Create and execute a student designed project that addresses a distinct need of the clinic population (Requires Course Director approval)</li> <li>• Describe and discuss the funding sources and organizational structure of the PCC Clinic</li> </ul>
<b>Course Activities</b>	<p><b>Community Oriented Primary Care/Greenville Community Shelter Clinic</b>  The student will see patients at the Greenville Community Shelter Clinic during scheduled clinic nights for the month: each Monday evening and the first and third Thursday evenings. The student will perform focused H&amp;P's, phlebotomy, specimen acquisition, PPD placement, minor surgical procedures, and patient counseling as necessary under the supervision of the faculty preceptor. The student will also review current literature on community oriented primary care, the epidemiology of homelessness, medical problems encountered in the homeless population, and techniques in risk-reduction counseling. Students will meet with administrative officers of the Greenville Community Shelter and Clinic to learn the governance and finances that support the Shelter and the Clinic. Under the advisement of the course director, the student will identify a specific need of the clinic population and perform a project focused on addressing that need. Lastly, the student and course director will meet weekly to discuss the course experience and an article of the student's choosing that deals with a relevant topic.</p> <p><b>Community Oriented Primary Care/ Pitt County Care Clinic</b>  Each student is expected to spend four hours/week at the clinic; the clinic is open every Sunday afternoon. Home visits for patients may be needed in some cases. Medical students will evaluate patients with a variety of medical problems. Supervision will be provided by mentors/senior physicians who will assume responsibility for the overall quality of care. Since a large number of patients speak only Spanish, translators will be provided. The students will have an opportunity to deal with a culturally different population. Students will meet with an administrative officer of the Pitt County Care Clinic for one afternoon to learn the governance and finances that support the Clinic. During the rotation students may select a research project that reflects the needs of this unique population.</p>
<b>Course Schedule Requirements</b>	No on-call requirement. Student is present during usual clinical hours (7:00am – 6:00pm, Monday – Friday, excluding holidays as determined by the ECU calendar), evening and weekend hours as assigned.

<b>Duration</b>	4 weeks	<b>Location</b>	Greenville Community Shelter Clinic/Pitt County
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