

Special Permission Required

<p>Course Description</p>	<p>Our practice is a full-spectrum direct primary care (DPC) practice. We care for our patients in the office, at the hospital, at home, at the local nursing facility, and even on hospice. We still deliver babies and we manage the local health department's obstetrical patients. Our Physicians do an additional pediatric/newborn/OB call 1 week out of the month and serve on various community boards and hospital committees. Being a small-town doctor is a lot different than working in a more urbanized area and we're constantly problem solving and pushing our limits. As a DPC practice, we fill a significant need for affordable healthcare for our patients and are afforded the time to really get to know them with 30 to 60 minute appointments. At our practice, you'll learn how integral the role of the family doc is to a small rural community while at the same time practicing full spectrum family medicine the way we feel it was meant to be practiced. You'll also get a sense for the way a DPC practice operates from a business perspective.</p>
<p>Course Objectives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learner will assess and develop treatment plans for the management of a variety of chronic conditions in the out-patient and in-patient settings • Learner will participate in office and hospital-based procedures and recognize the role that a broad scope of family medicine practice plays in caring for patients in a resource-poor community • Learner will take responsibility for patients and develop their own plans for patient care, with the oversight of the attending physician, utilizing their basic sciences knowledge, clinical experiences, and understanding of current practice guidelines and standards of care in family medicine. • Learners will utilize deductive reasoning to formulate and then prune differential diagnoses using applicable history, exam, laboratory test information in order to guide patient treatment plans. • Learners will rely on effective communication with health professionals to quickly join the various teams they will be a part of during their short time with our practice. • Learners will utilize self-directed learning skills to broaden the scope of their clinical knowledge to guide patient plans as well as to review the required and recommended reading materials for the rotation. • Learners will dress and act professionally, arriving on time, and following through on patient orders and assigned tasks. • Learners will recognize the autonomy of the patient and work to develop plans of care which partner with them and work within the paradigm of the patient's cultural background and socioeconomic constraints.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learners will recognize the major expense drivers in medical care and the ways that direct primary care practices work to alleviate these while remaining financially viable. • Learners will recognize the role that a physician plays in a small community in meeting the needs of that community by tailoring scope of practice and filling gaps in available services or with specific populations.
Course Activities	Typical clinic hours are M-Th 8:00-4:30 and F 8:00-12:00 with Health Department clinics held at the Ashe and Alleghany Health Centers, alternating weeks, on F 1:00-5:00. Additional activities such as hospital rounding, community board meetings, speaking events, and medical screenings may fall at other times and will be added to schedules. In addition, learners may participate in newborn/pediatric/obstetric call activities, which occur one week per month for each physician. This rotation should be considered a primarily outpatient rotation with the clinic hours noted above most days.
Course Schedule Requirements	Typical clinic hours are M-Th 8:00-4:30 and F 8:00-12:00 with Health Department clinics held at the Ashe and Alleghany Health Centers, alternating weeks, on F 1:00-5:00. This rotation should be considered a primarily outpatient rotation with the clinic hours noted above most days.

Duration	2 weeks	Location	West Jefferson, NC
Designation	Primary Care, Elective	Revised	04.27.2020



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