Courses for Family, Internal and Rural Medicine

RCH230 Medical Shadowing
Hours 2
This course will match each student with a physician at University Medical Center or one of our community partners. Students will shadow a physician for one half day per week throughout the semester. Students will gain firsthand knowledge of the practice of medicine in a primary care setting, have frequent opportunities to observe the physician-patient relationship, and explore medicine as a career path. Students will be directed to readings relevant to the patient care matters that they encounter and will document their observations via written reflections. Thirty-five (35) hours of shadowing are required over the course of the semester.

RCH400 Rural Envir/Occup Health
Hours 3
Designed to help the student recognize environmental and occupational health hazards in the rural setting, the effects of exposure to these hazards, and preventive measures that should be taken to avoid them.

RCH422 Community Clinical Process I
Hours 3
A combination of scheduled sessions and fieldwork activities. The fieldwork will consist of visiting with an assigned rural advisor, completing a rural community assessment, and assisting with community health screenings and education programs.

RCH423 Independent Study Community Medicine
Hours 1-6
This independent study course is designed to allow students to pursue independent exploration of a particular field or topical area, under the guidance of an advisor. Material covered will be of an advanced nature aimed at providing students with an understanding of current developments within the field. Discussion and advisor guidance will be focused on issues related to rural healthcare, primary care, etc. to encourage a better understanding of the multifaceted role of a rural, primary care physician.

RCH432 Community Clinical Process II
Hours 3
A combination of scheduled sessions and fieldwork activities. The fieldwork will consist of visiting with an assigned rural advisor, completing a rural community assessment, and assisting with community health screenings and education programs.