Frequently Asked Questions

When does the Rural Interprofessional Health Professions Summer Preceptorship take place?
The summer preceptorship experience at Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) in Gibson City will take place from June 14 – July 24, 2019.

Where will I be staying?
This is an immersion experience, so it is expected that students reside in the community for the full 6 weeks. GAHHS provides apartment-style housing for students at no cost. The apartments are furnished – including dishes and silverware. Each student will have his or her own bedroom and two students will share each unit. Basic bed linens are provided. Students will need to bring their own towels and wash cloths. There is a washing machine and dryer in each unit.

Is this a paid preceptorship?
Yes. The stipend for this preceptorship is $1,500. Half of this stipend ($750) is disbursed to students at week 3, and the rest ($750) at week 6 (preceptorship end).

What will my days be like during the preceptorship?
Each week 3-4 days are spent individually shadowing a variety of health professionals in the hospital and/or surrounding community. These shadowing experiences include those of the students’ disciplines and those that are not. This provides an opportunity to witness how interprofessional teams work together in a rural facility as well as how healthcare is delivered at multiple levels.

Students will meet once a week with Dr. Stephen Notaro, PhD, Faculty Advisor from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, who will lead group discussions on rural health care practice and theory. Students are asked to keep weekly journal reflections related to their shadowing experiences.
Additional time each week is scheduled to provide students the opportunity to work on the Community Service Learning (CSL) project.

A typical week day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m., although some adjustments may be made (for example, students shadowing a procedure in surgery may need to start earlier in the morning).

This preceptorship is a rural immersion experience – students are expected to reside in the community for 6 weeks. Full participation is required, except in emergency or illness situations. Any exceptions or special circumstances must be requested during the application process. The majority of weekends will be free, although we request students stay in the community to get the most benefit from the experience. No experiences will be scheduled during the 4th of July holiday.

Where will the preceptorship take place?
Students will shadow health professionals at the GAHHS main hospital as well as related health professionals’ offices in the GAHHS service area. Students may be expected to travel to outlying clinics or health department sites, so personal transportation is required.

Where will I get my meals?
Costs for meals at the GAHHS Harvest Café are included. The Café is located within the hospital and is open 7 days a week, although there are limited options for dinner and on weekends. Other food costs are covered by the student.

Will I have access to Computer/Internet?
Access to computers is limited but can be coordinated with AHEC staff. Internet is available via guest access at the hospital. There is also access in the apartments.

What should I wear?
Dress for your experience depends on the work environment. Plan to wear business casual attire unless notified otherwise. An example of business casual attire for men would include khakis/dress pants, a button-up or collared shirt, and clean dress shoes. An example of business casual attire for women would include a knee-length skirt or dress, dress pants, a modest blouse/top, and clean closed-toed dress shoes. No jeans, shorts, open-toed shoes, short dresses/skirts, tank tops, t-shirts. Body tattoos must be covered and jewelry worn at a minimum. A GAHHS identification badge is provided and must be worn at all times during your experience.
Contact information
The below staff are available to answer questions and assist with any needs for the preceptorship:

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