

Integrating Community Health throughout the Primary Care Curriculum

Morehouse School of Medicine

- New: founded 1975
- Small: 64 students/class (but aiming for 100)
- Historically black institution (student body ~ 80% black)

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- Mission emphasizes
 - Primary care
 - Care for underserved communities
 - Minority health
 - Diverse workforce

Year One: Community Health Course

GOAL I

Prepare medical students to work with diverse and underserved communities.

GOAL II

Demonstrate an approach to integrating public health and primary care.

GOAL III

Provide medical students with the skills to assess, analyze, and address the health problems of the community.

COURSE DESIGN

- Required course for first year medical students
- Year long course, meets weekly
- Small group, community based
- Few introductory lectures
- 12-15 students, 2 faculty, community representative,
- Group meets in community

First Semester: Community Needs Assessment

- Windshield survey
- Key informant interviews
- Focus groups
- Written surveys
- Other assessment methods (eg anthropometry)

Second Semester: Health Promotion Intervention

- Responds to one or more of the needs identified in first semester
- Most often health education
- Includes evaluation







Service-Learning

- Preparation
- Action
- Reflection
- Celebration
- Evaluation

Honors in Community Service

- Honors track offered to students who receive an “A” in Community Health
 - requires a faculty recommendation
- Year 2: 40 hours of community service
- Year 3: Develop a project plan
- Year 4: Execute project; write and defend a scholarly paper

Service-Learning Elective

4-week block in fourth year

Outline similar to Community Health course

Student Mini-grants

- \$300-\$500
- Students learn grant proposal-writing skills
- Available to students at any level
- Students apply individually or in groups

Center for
*Community Health &
Service-Learning*



Morehouse School of Medicine
Annual *Public Health Day* Mini-Grant
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

*All MSM Students & Residents
are encouraged to apply!*

Deadline November 30, 2010

Application will be sent via msm email. For more
information contact Catha Smith at (404) 756-5023 or
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STUDENT MINI-GRANTS

- **HIV/AIDS TESTING & COUNSELING:** at a Men's STD clinic. Working with non-profit organization AID Atlanta
- **HIV/AIDS, TEEN PREGNANCY, & STD PREVENTION:** Four session, sexual health education program for African-American adolescents at a YMCA.
- **FEMALE ATHLETE ACL INJURY PREVENTION:** targeting high school female athletes to educate them on ACL injury, knee anatomy, and agility/strengthening exercises.
- **HEALTH FESTIVAL AT LA AMISTAD AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM:** Afterschool program for Latino children, grades K – 8. The children hosted stations covering various health topics of their choice, which they researched with the assistance of MSM students

Some Other Features of Curriculum

Preceptorship program -- first year
Required rural clerkship – third year
Popular rural elective – fourth year
Learning communities

Some Outcomes

- Over 50% of graduates in primary care
- About 75% in underserved communities
- MSM ranked number one in US in pursuing the social mission of medical schools