

Group Health Cooperative

Spokane WA

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Site Details:

The Group Health Spokane clerkship will take place at one of three clinics: Riverfront, Lidgerwood, or Veradale Medical Centers. The student will spend time with two or three family physicians in a busy outpatient practice. Our physicians provide the full range of family medicine services, including obstetrics, procedures, and newborn to geriatric care. The majority of the rotation will be in the outpatient clinic, but will also include exposure to after hours urgent care and hospital medicine. GHC Spokane is structured slightly differently than the GHC clinics in western Washington. All of our clinics are staffed with primary care physicians. For consultant services and hospital care, we use the same specialty groups and hospitals as our non Group Health colleagues in the community.

An exciting feature of our practice is that since 2008 we have been incorporating the medical home model into our patient care. Features of the medical home include techniques for improved physician-patient communication, better coordination of care, improved self management for patients with chronic conditions, and developing close working relationships between physicians and other health professionals.

The student will be actively involved working with other members of our team, including nurses, pharmacists, social workers and physician assistants. You will truly experience working on an interprofessional team.

Satellite Sites:

Riverfront, Lidgerwood, or Verdale Medical Centers.

Community:

Spokane's motto is "Near Nature, Near Perfect", and we think that's true. There is an abundance of four season outdoor recreation activities, including the 37 mile long Centennial trail within a block of Riverfront clinic. In addition, there are four universities, several near the GHC clinics, and a diverse and rich cultural scene including contemporary and classical music and arts. Explore historic neighborhoods in a city that is becoming very bike friendly. Bloomsday, Hoopfest, and Spokefest are also recreational high points.

Common Clinic Patients:

Our GHC clinics serve a diverse patient population. In addition to providing care for urban Spokane residents, we serve patients from outlying rural communities, including a large Russian immigrant population, and have an innovative program for providing obstetric and pediatric care to low-income families.

On-Call Duties:

The focus of the clerkship is on outpatient medicine and continuity of care. One Saturday is spent working in our urgent care clinic. The student has the option of taking an OB night call with one of their preceptors.

Housing/Transportation:

Two bedroom apartment. Housing for students with spouses or partners is available but limited. At least six weeks notice is required. Children cannot be accommodated. No pets. Car required.

Other: