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**Details**



The Kaiser Permanente Spokane clerkship will take place at one of three clinics: Riverfront, Lidgerwood, Veradale or South Regal Medical Centers. The student will spend time with 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 sports medicine, occupational medicine, after hours urgent care and hospital medicine. Kaiser Permanente Spokane is structured slightly differently than the Kaiser Permanente 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-Kaiser Permanente 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. Students truly experience working on an interprofessional team.

**Satellites**

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 very bike friendly. Bloomsday, Hoopfest, and Spokefest are also recreational high points.

**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 OB night call with one of their preceptors.

**Patients** Our Kaiser Permanente 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 a number of innovative programs working with specific patient populations.



**Housing**

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**

**Some facts about the weather in Spokane**

* On average, the warmest month is July.
* The highest recorded temperature was 108°F in 1928.
* December is the average coolest month.
* The lowest recorded temperature was -30°F in 1888.
* The most precipitation on average occurs in December.

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