General Internal Medicine Statewide Preceptorship Program (GIMSPP)

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What is the GIMSPP Program?

The General Internal Medicine Statewide Preceptorship Program (GIMSPP) is a mentorship program offered by the Texas Chapter of the American College of Physicians. The Preceptorship Program gives medical students enrolled in Texas medical schools an opportunity to spend time with an internist practicing in a community based hospital or clinic for a two, three or four week period. Students observe the daily routine of the internist, experiencing the variety that the practice of internal medicine provides.

The Texas Chapter of the ACP operates the General Internal Medicine Statewide Preceptorship Program. Historically, traditional medical education provided few opportunities for students to experience the delivery of medical care in the community setting during the pre-clinical years. Therefore, the preceptorship program was established in 1992 to enhance the medical school curriculum. The Texas Society of Internal Medicine initiated and self-funded the program, and in 1995, received the state contract for trusted funds through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to implement the program until 2011. In May 2011, the Senate and House conferees cut the 2012-2013 funding for the program. Currently, GIMSPP will continue to be run by the Texas Chapter of the ACP, but at this time, no stipends will be offered to students that complete the program.

The program’s aim is to interest medical students in a career in general internal medicine in medically underserved areas. Preceptorship program placements are two, three or four weeks in length, and are spent observing a community-based general internist in clinical practice. Placements are made in all regions of Texas with an emphasis on rural areas, Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs) and Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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