



Driving Interest & Improving Access to Primary Care

Programs, Supports, and Best Practices Developed to Improve Access to Primary Care

The goal of the Center for Community-Based Primary Care is to improve access to quality primary care for all North Carolinians. Before access can be improved, we must increase the number of Family Medicine, Pediatric, and Primary Care physicians.

To increase interest and drive recruitment efforts in these specialties, the Center has developed programs and initiatives to help increase medical students' commitment to primary care through formal mentorship programs and robust, innovative teaching practices.

Our goal is to help guide medical students down primary care workforce pathways, so they are prepared and equipped to provide the highest levels of care within Family Medicine, Pediatrics, and other Primary Care specialties.

OUR PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

Curriculum Development: The Business of Primary Care Practices

Physician leader or mentor tools and resources created for webinar, workshop, or mentorship presentations and information sharing

CCPN Practices as Select Teaching Practices

High performing practices are matched with students interested in primary care. Students have meaningful experiences in independent practices. Practices are able to teach enthusiastic students who contribute to care and receive enhanced reimbursement

Mentorship Programs for Students interested in Family Medicine and Pediatrics

A mentorship program dedicated to pairing medical students interested in Family Medicine and Pediatric Primary Care with practicing physicians in a two-to-three-year program

Primary Care Venture Mentoring Service

A free mentorship program developed to help new residents and practicing physicians start or enhance their own primary care practice in North Carolina

The Primary Care Funnel is Not Working

Number of 2003 NC SOM graduates working in 2013	354
Initial residency in primary care	209 (54%)
Primary Care in NC in 2013	65 (18%)
Primary Care in Rural NC	12 (3%)

How the Center is Improving the Primary Care Funnel

- Recruit the **Right Students**
- Provide the **Right Mentorship**
- Provide the **Right Experience**

The Center is constantly creating and evolving programs and initiatives to ensure the primary care funnel provides a steady stream of physicians dedicated to elevating the level of primary care in North Carolina. As new programs are introduced, communications will be shared by the Center regarding program details.

Interested in learning more about our Primary Care Workforce Pathway Programs?

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Primary Care Workforce Pathway is a program of the Center for Community-Based Primary Care