

Saint Vincent Health Center Family Practice Residency Program Erie, PA

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MEALS: Meals are at the expense of the student. Full kitchen access is in housing units provided to prepare meals.
HOUSING: Provided with internet access.
COMMENTS: Personal vehicle is required.

Our goal is to provide each medical student with an introduction to the specialty of Family Medicine. The educational experience requires students to directly participate in the care of our patients in the outpatient office. Students will see patients first, then discuss and review physical exam findings and treatment plans with upper level Family Medicine residents or attending physicians. A glimpse of "real-life" practice is provided by scheduling each student to spend two half days per week with one of several private practice sites. These practices may be urban, suburban, or rural. During this rotation students will gain experience in the outpatient treatment of a wide variety of medical problems including: pediatrics, obstetrics, geriatrics, sports medicine, preventative care, and behavioral medicine. Time is also spent learning about community health care by working with visiting nurses and rounding at a nursing home with a geriatrician. Students spend time working in our office laboratory, and are expected to give vaccinations, TB tests, and perform other common outpatient procedures. Didactic sessions are plentiful and include morning reports, lunchtime resident lectures, and ½ day core lectures designed specifically for medical students.

Erie is a small city on the shore of Lake Erie. Outdoor activities abound on Presque Isle State Park's beaches, hiking trails, and bike/walking paths. Canoeing, kayaking, boating, and fishing are easily accessible on Presque Isle bay. Depending on the season, skiing is close by at Peak n Peak resort. Erie has several live theater groups as well as several colleges that provide a wide variety of more cultural entertainment. The cost of living in Erie is inexpensive and traveling within the city is quite easy.