

## Abstracts Details

### SEARCH

<b>SEARCH Program</b>	Illinois SEARCH Program
<b>Contractor Organization Type</b>	Primary Care Association
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<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.iphca.org">www.iphca.org</a>
<b>Project Service Focus</b>	Illinois CHCs (Urban/Central City, Rural)
<b>Length of Rotation</b>	Varies
<b>Disciplines eligible for rotation</b>	MD/DO, APN/CNM, PA, DDS/DMD, RDH, LCPC, LCSW, MSW, primary care residents
<b>Project Infrastructure Focus</b>	Clinical and pre-clinical training/rotations, summer pre-clinical experiences
<b>Products and Dissemination</b>	SEARCH Brochure, Student Testimonials, IL SEARCH Curriculum Tools, IL SEARCH Newsletter
<b>Stipend/Living Cost</b>	The Program pays \$100 for each participating student with an additional \$100 for each student that completes a community project. Housing/travel stipends may also be available.
<b>General Description of Your Program</b>	The Illinois SEARCH Program offers training opportunities for health professions students and primary care residents at 19 Community Health Centers, many with multiple sites. NHSC scholars will be given preference in placement. Each student will be assigned to a preceptor at the CHC site, and complete the IL SEARCH curriculum which includes a half-day orientation and completion of community and cultural assessment projects. In addition, students can complete an optional community-oriented project that addresses an aspect of CHC practice.
<b>Goals and Objectives</b>	IL SEARCH assists HRSA and the Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Services (BCRS) with recruitment and retention of health care professionals for primary health care service by providing training opportunities in community health centers, in order that students may later choose to practice in these settings to address the primary care workforce shortage and increase access to quality health care for the underserved. The Program also works to enhance the teaching capacity of CHCs, facilitating and strengthening community/academic linkages, and provides mentoring opportunities for students.

<b>Activities undertaken by Students/Residents in Program</b>	Students will provide patient care as a member of a multidisciplinary team, complete community and cultural assessment tools, and can choose to do a community-oriented project. At the CHC site and via the IL SEARCH Curriculum, students will gain knowledge of issues relating to health professional shortage areas, quality improvement, electronic health records, and the medical home concept. Students will also attend an orientation session to obtain additional background on community health centers, NHSC scholarship and loan repayment programs, community oriented primary care, and cultural competency.
<b>Coordination</b>	Students/residents will be assigned to a community health center that will provide a primary care clinical experience in a block rotation completed in either a full- or part-time schedule determined by the academic program. The goal is to increase students/residents understanding of major health problems, public health needs, health practices and social support systems of the community; exposing them to various quality improvement initiatives, electronic health records and registries, the patient centered medical home model, and pay-for-performance measures; and increasing their knowledge of the community's major cultural groups and their health needs, perceptions, and practices.
<b>List of Sites Students can/will be rotating through</b>	See website for complete listing (iphca.org, Services, SEARCH)
<b>Evaluation</b>	<p>At the end of their rotation, each student will complete an "Exit Questionnaire" which will solicit feedback from students on preceptors, CHC sites, curriculum, and other aspects of the program. In addition, the questionnaire will query students on future career plans, including intent to pursue primary care and a career within a CHC site.</p> <p>The SEARCH "Graduation Questionnaire" is fielded upon graduation and at regular intervals in order to assess former SEARCH participants' career choices and practice location sites.</p>
<b>Are you a former SEARCH Program</b>	Yes