



SCHOLARLY PATHWAYS: THE PHYSICIAN IN THE COMMUNITY

All MCW students complete a Scholarly Pathway as part of the curriculum. Scholarly Pathways include both group and individual learning and enrichment experiences. The Scholarly Pathway provides time for exposure and exploration of topics of interest to the students allowing them to individualize some elements of their medical school experience.

THE PHYSICIAN IN THE COMMUNITY PATHWAY

The Physician in the Community Pathway will link education with Northeast Wisconsin community needs and assets. It will provide knowledge, skills, and the attitudes required to develop the medical student into an effective community and patient-centered physician upon completion of training.

The Pathway's classroom sessions and work in the community will enhance their MCW medical education experience. The Pathway will be a key element in each student's preparation and will provide practical knowledge and skills in incorporating effective, participatory strategies to promote well-being in individuals and communities.

The Pathway supports students as they grow the skills and experience to fulfill the roles of a physician, including prevention, disease treatment, and population health strategies incorporating the surrounding community as a classroom.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED PRIMARY CARE PROJECTS

The Pathway will guide students toward completing a Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) project. The course work, support for structured independent learning, and mentorship time will enable students to complete their project. The COPC framework is a well-respected approach which community-based physicians in many countries use to practically and effectively impact community health priorities.

HIGHLIGHTS



Opportunities to partner with a variety of public health or community-based agencies focusing on local health-related issues



Opportunities to collaborate with other professionals and students while pursuing an area of individual interest



Introduces students to the role of physician as a health teacher in the community



Structured to help students apply what they learn in all courses to a real-world setting and to complete a scholarly project

Grow the skills and experience to fulfill the roles of a physician in the community where you practice.