



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Department of Family Medicine

Family Medicine Career Track

Promoting primary care scholarship and practice in Western New York



DO YOU WANT TO BE SOMEONE'S FAMILY DOCTOR?

In communities with a high ratio of primary care physicians to population, health outcomes are better, healthcare expenditures are lower, healthcare disparities are fewer, and patients are more satisfied with their care. Patients must have a long-term relationship with a primary care doctor in order to coordinate access to the right care, in the right place, and at the right time.



With healthcare reform a major focus of national policy in the U.S., the added value of primary care physicians coordinating “medical homes” for patients and their families will be realized. The national shortage of primary care physicians has put New York on the verge of a healthcare crisis. At the University at Buffalo (UB) we are committed to preparing students for success in a career that will focus on the needs of patients, their families, and their communities.

If you think that you may want to take on the challenge of being someone’s “Family Doctor”, and particularly if you have roots in Western New York, then we want to offer you this opportunity to “jump start” your exploration of Family Medicine at UB.



The Family Medicine Career Track is a comprehensive four-year program designed to assist medical students interested in primary care. Students will have increased opportunities to interact with family physicians and learn about clinical, personal and business aspects of Family Medicine.



Program Goals:

1. To encourage highly qualified students interested in Family Medicine to apply to UB.
2. To provide students with continuity experience in Family Medicine.
3. To prepare future leaders in clinical and academic Family Medicine.

Students interested in applying for the Family Medicine Career Track should:

1. have already been accepted to medical school at UB (though inquiries prior to acceptance are encouraged)
2. have roots in Western New York or have a clear desire to explore options for living in Western New York
3. have a strong interest in providing quality primary care for patients, their families, and their communities

Students in the Family Medicine Career Track will be offered opportunities including:

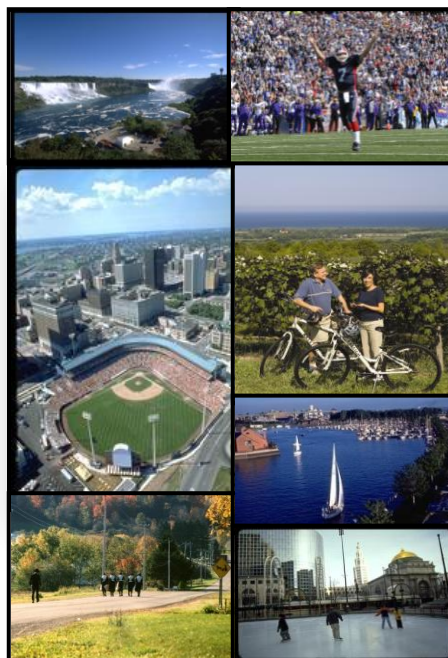
- priority consideration for the Generalist Honors program in the fourth year of medical school leading to assured placement in the UB Family Medicine Residency Program and mentored research experience
- scholarship funds
- enhanced clinical placements
- long-term research opportunity leading to graduation and research honors
- mentorship with a family physician who has demonstrated leadership in the field
- annual attendance at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine North East Regional Conference
- regular meetings with faculty and community family physicians
- leadership in the Family Medicine Interest Group
- trips to Western New York communities focusing on rural healthcare delivery
- paid summer clinical and/or research externships in Family Medicine
- enhanced experience in care for the underserved with a focus on refugee care and/or the student-run outreach clinics



Application Process:

If you are interested in receiving more information about the program, please call the Department of Family Medicine, Office of Medical Student Education at (716) 829-3800 or email: ubfammed-info@buffalo.edu.

For the final application process, you will need a current CV or resume, a brief personal statement as to your interest in the program, and a letter of reference.





“It is much more important to know what sort of patient has a disease than what sort of disease has a patient.”
Sir William Osler



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