

FAMILY MEDICINE



THE FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM AT WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (WMed) IS A FULLY ACCREDITED, THREE-YEAR PROGRAM PREPARING PHYSICIANS FOR BOARD CERTIFICATION IN FAMILY MEDICINE.

Osteopathic residents graduating from our dually accredited (AOA/ACGME) program are eligible for both ABOFM and ABFM certification.

While focusing on the broad-based skills essential to effectively manage the practical aspects of primary care, our curriculum is flexible to the individual needs and plans of each resident. At WMed you will:

- › Experience the majority of your education and training in the outpatient setting.
- › Find the teaching by our excellent faculty to be remarkably personalized and hands-on.
- › Attend Friday morning four-hour educational sessions with all of the Family Medicine residents every week and practice critical assessment of the literature during our monthly journal club.
- › Work with an outstanding group of colleagues who are family-minded and supportive of their fellow residents.
- › Perform many office procedures including colposcopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, circumcision, and other office surgeries.
- › Follow your own panel of OB patients in addition to training during your three Ob/Gyn months.
- › Keep track of patient records on our state-of-the-art electronic medical record.
- › Have the option to do some of your rotations at rural hospitals and office practices.
- › Have the opportunity to teach WMed medical students, as well as visiting students.

Residents have private call rooms. You will be on call one–two days per month, and much of the call in years two and three is from home.

We also invite third- and fourth-year osteopathic medical students to apply for elective rotations.

In addition to WMed’s educational offerings, you will find the city of Kalamazoo to be one of the most desirable cities in the Midwest. Home to several colleges and a major university, Kalamazoo offers a large selection of cultural and recreational activities.

EXCELLENCE IN FAMILY MEDICINE

THE CURRICULUM

Our goal at Western Michigan University School of Medicine is to provide practical experiences to educate you. The curriculum consists of required and elective rotations designed so that you can learn and practice all facets of Family Medicine. Aimed at reflecting the realities of contemporary practice, 65 percent of your education will occur in the outpatient setting, primarily in one of our two ambulatory clinics. Every week, you will see your panel of continuity patients two half-days during your first year, three half-days your second year, and five half-days your third year. Almost all of your rotations in year two and three will be outpatient, typically in the office of a specialty group. At first, the attendings and your senior residents will closely instruct and supervise you but as your skill and confidence grow you will be trusted with progressively more responsibility.

Many procedures and a host of office surgeries will become part of your repertoire of clinical skills. Procedures are performed one-on-one with faculty supervision until you are experienced and proficient enough to perform them on your own.

You will find the teaching at WMed to be remarkably personalized and hands-on. Inpatient instruction occurs in small groups. You will be one of four to six residents and medical students with the faculty member conducting teaching rounds. You will participate in the daily morning report on the Family Medicine inpatient service. Many of our residents feel the informal teaching that occurs among the various programs is what sets WMed apart from other residencies. You will benefit from close working relationships with many of the residents in our nine different WMed residency programs.

FAMILY MEDICINE CORE CURRICULUM BY TRAINING YEAR

1st YEAR	2nd YEAR	3rd YEAR
Orientation/Community Medicine	Cardiology	Dermatology/ENT
Emergency Medicine	Hospice	FMS Chief
Emergency Medicine	Emergency Medicine	FMS Chief
FMS	FMS	Geriatrics
ICU	FMS	Gyn/Ob
Inpatient Pediatrics	FMS	Ophthalmology/Urology
Inpatient Pediatrics	Nursery	Public Health
Outpatient Pediatrics	Outpatient Pediatrics	Sports Medicine
Ob/Gyn	Outpatient Surgery	Urgent Care
Ob/Gyn	Practice Management	Elective
Orthopaedics	Elective	Elective
Surgery	Elective	Elective

ELECTIVES: Allergy, Bronson Family Practice, Behavioral Science, Diabetic Care, Emergency Medicine–Hastings, Endocrinology Adult/Pediatrics, Endoscopy, Geriatrics, GI–Gastroenterology, Gynecology, Hematology, Infectious Disease, Mackinac Island Medical Center, Nephrology, Neurology, Obstetrics–High Volume, Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, Podiatry, Practice Audition, Pulmonary Medicine, Rheumatology, Rural Family Medicine, Woodbridge Immediate Care Center



CONFERENCES

Participation in the didactic curriculum of the residency is an important part of your Family Medicine education. Our residency feels strongly that Family Medicine residents be allowed to participate. We accomplish this by scheduling all conferences as a block on Friday morning.

You will attend educational sessions for four hours every Friday morning. Monthly topics include Sports Medicine, Geriatrics, Pediatrics, Ob/Gyn, Balint Training, Women's Health Issues, Office Procedures, Pharmacy, Behavioral Science, Practice Management, Interesting Cases from our Inpatient Service, and many others pertinent to Family Medicine. You will practice critical assessment of the literature during our monthly Journal Club.



Our program emphasizes physician compassion, versatility, and responsiveness. We will help you reach your goal, whether it's in group practice, managed care, or a continuing fellowship.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All candidates should submit applications and the following documents through ERAS (Electronic Residency Application Service):

- › USMLE results or COMLEX results
- › Three letters of recommendation
- › Personal statement
- › Medical school transcript
- › Dean's letter
- › Recent photo (optional)
- › Curriculum vitae (optional)
- › ECFMG status report (if applicable)

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

At WMed, you will be challenged clinically and academically in an environment that emphasizes education and learning rather than service coverage. You will be treated as a colleague while being inspired to become an outstanding family physician.

Please visit us on the web for comprehensive, current details on our faculty, residents, conferences, the curriculum, application, and interview information at med.wmich.edu or contact us by telephone or email.

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You will closely interact with our faculty members who have many years of experience and expertise, each one specializing in a different area essential to a comprehensive family medical education. Community physicians with clinical faculty appointments will also be part of your daily experience, whether you are managing their patients in the hospital or learning from them during weekly didactic conferences. All are board-certified family physicians committed to preparing you for successful practice.

You and your fellow residents need to balance the hard work with time spent together having fun and of course time to enjoy your own family and friends. We intend to provide a residency experience that balances all the learning with time for camaraderie and celebration.