

Additional information for Preventive Medicine Residency Applicants

Choosing your degree

- The UNC SPH recently made big changes to the MPH degree curriculum. Because of this, and until the dust settles, we strongly recommend that PM residents choose EITHER the MPH concentration Population Health for Clinicians or the MSCR degree (which includes more research methods suitable for a subset of PM residents). If you have any questions about which degree or MPH concentration is right for you, please discuss with Dr. Aymes prior to applying.

Tuition

- Information about SPH tuition can be found at <https://cashier.unc.edu/tuition-fees/>. Your tuition will be paid by the UNC PMR (out-of-state or in-state Year 1; only in-state Year 2).
- Even if you have been a resident of NC your entire life, you must apply for in-state status. To receive in-state status and in-state tuition rates, you must apply to the Registrar as soon as you decide to enroll. <https://www.unc.edu/academics/digital-and-lifelong-learning/>.
- If you are clearly out of state when you enroll, the UNC PMR requires that you **establish residency** in your first year in order to qualify for in-state tuition rates for your 2nd year (same website as above). There is a cap on the amount per resident that the training grant will pay; the UNC PMR will only pay **in-state tuition** your 2nd year. **You need to identify and perform all activities necessary for residency (e.g., registering your car and obtaining a driver's license).**

Benefits

- See <http://www.uncmedicalcenter.org/uncmc/professional-education-services/office-of-graduate-medical-education/benefits-for-residents/> for a description of benefits.
- Professional liability insurance (resident-level coverage) is provided by the hospital through the GME office.

Vacation leave and other policies

- Our residency follows the UNC housestaff policies on vacation, family and medical, and other leave. You will be provided with 3 weeks (15 weekdays) paid vacation leave. Parental leave is 6 weeks of paid leave (3 weeks PTO plus 3 weeks FMLA leave) and up to 6 weeks of unpaid leave. PTO must be exhausted prior to using FMLA leave or unpaid leave. The FMLA program for residents is administered by Sedgwick Claims Management—full details can be found through the GME website.
 - To be Preventive Medicine board-eligible, you must work 48 weeks (or 46 weeks if taking parental leave) in each academic year. Extended periods of medical or family leave will necessitate extending the residency beyond the two academic years in order for you to be board eligible.
- Please see the webpage of the GME Office for a list of UNC-H policies. <http://www.uncmedicalcenter.org/uncmc/professional-education-services/office-of-graduate-medical-education/gme-policies/>

- Please ask during the interview day or subsequently if you have any specific questions about UNC policies.

Library Facilities

- The Health Sciences Library at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is the primary library for the UNC-CH Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Public Health and the University of North Carolina Hospitals. It also serves the health information needs of the entire university. The library serves the state's health professionals through the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Library and Information Services Network.
- The library is open to the public and users have free access to the open collections. Access to the Internet, online catalog, CR-ROMs, and other databases and information sources (print, non-print, electronic) are provided.
- The library is open from 7:30 am to 11:00 pm weekdays and 11:00 am to 7:00 pm or 11:00 pm on weekends and is available electronically 24 hours a day. The library's staff of 24 FTE faculty and 32 FTE support staff are available for reference questions and consultations. Training programs in use of library resources are provided.

Computer Access and Office Space

- Residents are provided shared office space in MacNider Hall, in the School of Medicine. Space for residents includes a desktop area, open workspace, and lockable storage cabinets. Printer/copier are also available.
- Residents are provided access to computers for their individual use. These computers, which are updated and replaced regularly, include software for word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, email access and internet access. Most residents also use a personal laptop and connect wirelessly while on campus to the UNC secure system.
- Residents may also opt to borrow a laptop owned by the Preventive Medicine program for any duration during their residency.
- In the Department of Family Medicine, you will be able to connect wirelessly to the internet. You may use workstations in MacNider or use your personal computer anywhere with proper set up.
- A small collection of textbooks on preventive medicine and other preventive medicine resources, including board exam study guides, is available in the small lending library at the Family Medicine Center.