It was the first time I was able to see a physician practicing in a rural center and my preceptor has become a role model for me and how I would like to practice in the future. --Anna McKinsey

Explore practicing medicine with rural underserved populations

It was kind of a test for me to make sure that this was something that really fit my lifestyle. It was really special to see this tiny town just adopt me. --Margo Pray

There’s a large beauty to what [the Program] is doing... I won’t feel pressured to go into a specialty strictly for financial reasons. It it the freedom to pursue whatever calling in medicine that I want. --Joe Gitt
The Kenan Primary Care Medical Scholars Program

ASHEVILLE CAMPUS RURAL EXPERIENCE

Learn alongside mentors who compassionately serve communities with the greatest need across Western North Carolina.

Our mission is to increase the number of UNC SOM students choosing rural health careers in Western North Carolina by creating an innovative learning environment in a small vibrant rural community.

We provide enriching experiences in an intimate and ideal educational setting in which students actively participate in addressing the challenging issues facing rural populations.

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**Applications accepted**

**Interviews conducted in Chapel Hill**

**Selection notifications sent**

**Monthly seminars begin, creating a supportive Primary Care Scholars cohort**

**Six-week summer internship in Western North Carolina, working in a rural practice and living in the community (stipend included)**

**Monthly seminars continue**

**Guaranteed acceptance into the 3rd Year Longitudinal SOM Program in Asheville**

**2nd YEAR**

**3rd YEAR**

**4th YEAR**

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**It’s not all work...**

Students return to Asheville weekly for didactics specific to rural medicine and for recreation.

During 4th year, one of two rural rotations with your summer internship preceptor

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A rural community creating a rural pathway:
- Flexible learner-centric curriculum
- Hands-on experiential learning
- Enhanced local community opportunities
- Housing provided
- Renowned LIC curriculum