UNC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ASHEVILLE CAMPUS



Application Phase Site Directors



RHODA BROSNAN, MD

Cardiology Site Director | rhodab@avlcard.com

The Cardiology rotation in Asheville is designed to get you comfortable evaluating common cardiovascular conditions, some of the most commonly encountered conditions in medicine no matter what specialty you ultimately pursue. In addition to clinical experiences, we have dedicated Cardiology focused didactics and everyone's favorite, ECG reading sessions.



ELAINE CHAN, MD

Surgery Site Director | elaine.chan005@gmail.com

Welcome to Asheville! As a trauma and emergency general surgeon as well as a hospice physician, I am grateful for the opportunity to provide compassionate care on both ends of the spectrum. For me, there is no greater privilege than being a surgeon and there is so much more to surgery than what I can do with a scalpel. Going into medical school, I had no idea that I would end up where I am today and I am beyond excited to work with the next generation of budding physicians to help give them a

glimpse into the magical world of surgery.



RONGRONG FAN, MD

Ob/Gyn Site Director | rongrong.fan@mahec.net

Hello! I came to Asheville for residency in 2009 and am still so grateful to work and live here. I hope the major clinical year is both challenging and rewarding for all of you, and that you remember to take time to breathe a little. I don't expect all of you to want to go into Ob/Gyn (that would be an incredible year!), but I hope we can help you build a foundation for providing evidence-based care that meets patients where they are.



TAYLOR FIE, MD

Internal Medicine Site Director | taylor.fie@mahec.net

Welcome to Asheville! Third year of medical school is a time for curiosity and growth, both as learners and clinicians. Your Internal Medicine rotation will give you the opportunity to form close relationships with your patients and to manage a multitude of complex medical conditions both in the clinic and hospital setting. Speaking as an Asheville campus alum, I can say your time here will fly by but will also be one of the most rewarding (and fun!) years of your training.



KATHERINE MEACHAM, PHD

Ethics and Humanism Site Co-Director | KRMeacham@gmail.com

In Ethics and Humanism, we'll engage your moral imagination and encourage you as you and your colleagues encounter unfinished stories, uncomfortable questions, and uncertain encounters. We'll also pay attention and celebrate the moments that remind you why you chose this path. This course is a deep dive into the stories of meaning in medicine and into yourself as a medical learner.



SUMNER MITCHELL, MD

Emergency Medicine Site Director | sumnermitchellmd@gmail.com

Emergency medicine (EM) is a unique specialty. Anyone, Anything, Anytime. We are one of the few specialties who sees everyone. We see newborns seconds old and we see the elderly who might be 105. We see you if you have no insurance, if you are rich, old, poor, in a crisis, homeless, held tight by addiction, or a victim of a random tragedy. We see you at 3:00 am on Christmas Eve. We are here to alleviate concerns, stabilize, treat, and fill in the gaps when patients can't get medical care. We try and provide

compassionate care to all patients at all times whether it is guiding a family through end-of-life decisions for a critical patient or reassuring a mom that her child is fine after a minor bump on the head. We are here for everyone at any time. Everyone at some point in their life will end up in the ED.



GINGER POULTON, MD, MSED, DIPABLM

Family Medicine Site Director | ginger.poulton@mahec.net

You will love the Asheville campus, and the uniqueness that a longitudinal curriculum will afford you to be more autonomous, more engaged with your patients, and more proximate to your preceptors and community. It is an amazing time to learn and take ownership of your patient panels in a way you may never have anticipated. As faculty, we are highly motivated to teach you as much as possible, because you will be our partners for a year!



CHELSEA RAGLAND, MD

Pediatric Site Director | chelsea.ragland@hcahealthcare.com

I know these are challenging times with limited gatherings among your peers and an exceeding number of your educational experiences "going virtual." Now, more than ever, the personal contact of the third-year rotations is critical to receiving a full, well-rounded medical education. As William Osler once said, "He who studies medicine without books sails an uncharted sea, but he who studies medicine without patients does not go to sea at all." Here in Asheville, we are committed to weathering these

(currently stormy) seas with you! We seek to train well-rounded physicians with a variety of educational experiences. Our unique, longitudinal curriculum provides a much-needed personal touch to the clinical experience in an era of social-distancing. We hope you'll join us in Asheville!



IRA SLOAN, MD

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Although the 3rd year is officially the Application Phase, consider thinking of it as the Discovery Phase. You will begin the Discovery of the self you and others will call Doctor.



SARAH WELLS, MD

Psychiatry Site Director | swells@pisgahinstitute.com

I look forward to meeting you all during your journey to becoming physicians. This is such an exciting time! My goal as a psychiatrist is to help students approach patients in a holistic way, with attention to the body, the mind, and the environment.