**Hopi Health Care Center**

**Rotation and Employment Opportunities**

Indian Health Services, Polacca, AZ

The Hopi Health Care Center is a critical access hospital providing emergency, inpatient, outpatient, and some obstetric services for a population of approximately 7,000 Hopi and Navajo people in northern Arizona. Work cross-culturally with communities who experience some of the same hardships seen abroad (lack of electricity and running water, indoor air pollution, and significant health disparities), but also maintain the strength of their cultural traditions, languages, and ways of life. Opportunities currently available include:

**Fulltime positions:**

* **Medical Officer** (ideal for full-spectrum Family Physicians to practice outpatient, ER, inpatient, and OB)
* **Deputy Clinical Director** (50% clinical, 50% administrative including supervision of staff, peer review, policy/procedure development)

**Part-time or locums**:

* Area of need currently is in the Emergency Department (12h nighttime or daytime shifts in a mostly low-acuity, low-volume ER with occasional very sick medical or trauma patients requiring stabilization and transport)

**Rotations:**

* Available to both medical students and residents and involve working alongside our full-spectrum Family Physicians in all aspects of the hospital (outpatient, ER, inpatient, OB)
* 4-weeks required for medical students
* 4-weeks preferred for residents, but 2-week rotations also available
* Housing provided
* Requires securing a Collaboration Agreement with your program and availability of dates, so plan ahead 4-12months

**Details of fulltime opportunities:**

* Scope of practice:
* Outpatient panel including peds, prenatal, adults, and geriatrics
* Inpatient+OB: during call weeks, round on our 4-bed inpatient unit and handle OB triages with an occasional delivery
* ER: as much or as little time in our 8-bed critical access ER as you choose
* Teaching: supervise medical students and residents rotating in all these settings
* Schedule:
  + flexible schedule with average 4-day work week allowing for frequent 3,4,5, and even 6-day weekends
* Community:
  + Learn and adapt to traditional Hopi and Navajo culture and health beliefs in caring for your patients
  + Use interpreters on a daily basis with many of the Hopi and Navajo elders
  + Strong opportunities for community involvement (local radio, home visits, community runs and dances)
  + Close community among providers and other staff at the hospital
* Location:
  + High desert of northern Arizona around 6,500 ft elevation
  + See the sunrise and sunset every day with incredible views of mesas, buttes and mountains
  + Just under two hours from Flagstaff, a college town and hub for outdoor activities in the surrounding mountains/forest, as well as the nearby Grand Canyon.
  + Financial:
* Competitive salary, low cost of living, and loan repayment opportunities available with I.H.S. or NHSC

If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, please contact me at [Kendra.Johnson@ihs.gov](mailto:Kendra.Johnson@ihs.gov). If you are considering part or full-time employment, we can arrange to pay for your travel expenses to come for a site visit.