



### Fourth Year Community Medicine Selective & Electives

These rotations are designed to immerse interested students into community health in an area that is of interest to them, for example:

- Addiction medicine
- Advanced nutrition
- Hospital medicine
- Maternity care
- Older adult care
- Primary care clinic
- Street medicine
- Student health
- Women’s health

Students may also apply for an additional 5th year and pursue a masters in public health.



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“There are many wonderful things about the Keck School of Medicine Primary Care Program, but best of all are the people. Being a part of the program has allowed me to train alongside passionate and committed students and to receive excellent mentorship from preceptors. I would highly recommend the program to anyone interested in primary care medicine.”

-Past Student Participant

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<http://primarycare.usc.edu>



### What is the Keck School of Medicine Primary Care Initiative (PCI)?

The PCI educates the campus community—students, faculty, residents and staff—about primary care through lectures, workshops, service, leadership, advocacy, and research.

Any interested Keck student may participate in PCI-sponsored activities, selectives, and electives.

### What is the Keck School of Medicine Primary Care Program (PCP)?

The PCP is an educational track designed to increase the number of Keck medical students who enter community-based primary care—family medicine, geriatrics, internal medicine, ob/gyn, and pediatrics. Once they are accepted to the medical school, interested students can apply to the PCP.

The PCP offers accepted students:

- Longitudinal community clinic experiences that allow students to develop meaningful relationships with patients and preceptors
- Primary care-focused curriculum to complement the standard medical school curriculum
- Opportunities for research, advocacy and leadership in primary care
- Mentorship from primary care faculty
- A community of like-minded peers

#### Curriculum Highlights

First and second year PCP students participate in:

- Teaching nutrition and exercise classes in the community
- Working with an interprofessional team of students to learn about care for older adults

Additional opportunities include experiences in:

- Lactation
- Needle exchange programs
- Tattoo removal clinic
- Pain management

### What Opportunities and Resources are Available for Students Interested in Primary Care?

#### Student Interest Groups

- Family Medicine Interest Group
- Geriatric Interest Group
- Internal Medicine Interest Group
- John Snow Public Health Society
- Med-Peds Student Interest Group
- OB/GYN Interest Group
- Pediatric Student Interest Group
- Primary Care Coalition
- Primary Care Progress Chapter
- Student Physicians for Social Responsibility
- USC Student Run Clinic

#### Community-Based Research

Students may work on community-based education, quality improvement, and health education research projects. A primary care research and travel grant is available.

#### Primary Care, Community Medicine, and Public Health Lecture Series

Monthly lectures expose students to primary care practice models, leadership positions, and legislative opportunities.

#### Primary Care Initiative Website

Our website provides information on:

- Careers in primary care
- Research opportunities
- Community resources
- Professional organizations
- Summer volunteer opportunities
- Fellowships
- Scholarships and loan information

Visit <http://primarycare.usc.edu> for PCP application, FAQ's, and to learn more.