APRN Rotation Opportunities

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Addressing the Nation’s Primary Care Shortage: Advanced Practice Clinicians and Innovative Care Delivery Models

Primary care is the foundation of the U.S. health care system. It includes the treatment of common conditions, illnesses, and accidents, as well as preventive services and the ongoing treatment of individuals with chronic disease. Effective primary care is the patient’s entry point to the care delivery system. It improves quality, outcomes, and patient experience, while coordinating care, containing costs, reducing unnecessary utilization, and promoting use of the proper site of service and efficient use of health care resources.

Gaps in Primary Care Access

Access to primary care is a challenge for many individuals with health coverage, as well as the uninsured.

- Thirteen percent of U.S. residents (44 million) live in a county with a primary care physician shortage, defined as less than one primary care physician per 2,000 people.1

- Of note, the primary care access challenge impacts rural as well as urban and suburban communities.

  - Rural residents are almost five times as likely to live in a county with a primary care physician shortage compared to urban and suburban residents (36 percent vs. 8 percent).2
  - Yet, nearly as many urban and suburban residents live in a county with a primary care physician shortage as rural residents (21 percent).3
78% of Nurse Practitioners Practice in Primary Care

Family

Adult/Gerontology

Women's Health

Pediatric
• About 30% of Emory students are HRSA NURSE Corps Scholars
• Committed to work 2 years in community health centers or critical shortage facilities
Preceptor Role

- Create shared goals for the rotation
- Identify milestones and check-in times
- Coach, guide, mentor
- Allow learner room to practice with supervision
- Provide detailed constructive feedback on performance
- Complete written (quantitative and qualitative) evaluation