MCW-CENTRAL WISCONSIN SCHOLARLY PATHWAYS: THE PHYSICIAN IN THE COMMUNITY

**SCHOLARLY PATHWAYS**

All MCW students complete a Scholarly Pathway as part of the curriculum. Scholarly Pathways includes both group and individual learning and enrichment experiences. Designed to allow you to individualize some elements of your medical school experience, the Pathway provides time for exposure to and exploration of topics of interest to you as a physician.

**THE PHYSICIAN IN THE COMMUNITY PATHWAY**

The Physician in the Community Pathway links education with Central Wisconsin community needs and assets. It provides the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to develop the medical student into an effective community- and patient-centered physician upon completion of training.

The Pathway’s hallmark workshops, classroom sessions, and field-work in the community enhances your MCW medical education experience. The Pathway is a key element of your preparation and provides practical knowledge and skills in incorporating effective, participatory strategies to promote well-being in individuals and communities. These skills are directly applicable to your future practice as a physician.

The Pathway will support you as you grow the skills and experience to fulfill the roles of a physician, including prevention, disease treatment, and population health strategies incorporating the surrounding community as a classroom.

**SERVICE LEARNING ORIENTED PRIMARY CARE**

The Pathway experiences guide you towards completing your scholarly project in partnership with a community agency. Course work, structured and independent learning, and mentorship are emphasized to develop the assessment and intervention skills needed to impact the health of the community.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Opportunities to partner with a variety of public health or community-based agencies working to help ameliorate health-related issues of local relevance
- Opportunities to collaborate with other professionals and students while pursuing an area of individual interest
- Introduces you to the role of physician as health teacher to the community
- Structured to help you apply what you learn in all courses to a real-world setting and to complete a scholarly project

*Grow the skills and experience to fulfill the roles of a physician in the community where you will practice*