Clinical Rural Immersion
Summer 2021 | Sedalia, Missouri

Students will prepare for the experience with background readings about rural health care, rural health disparities, and social determinants of health.

Students will be expected to participate in a group session to orient them to the community and the program.

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About CRI:

The MU School of Medicine Rural Track Pipeline Program, in collaboration with the Sinclair School of Nursing and UMKC School of Pharmacy at MU, will offer Rural Scholars a unique opportunity to complete a two week clinical immersion program in a rural and interprofessional setting.

Students will spend approximately 50% of their time working with a rural physician(s) in Sedalia, 25% of their time working in interprofessional pairs or triads exploring other clinical disciplines, and 25% of their formal learning time undertaking experiential or interprofessional projects.
In addition to clinical preceptorships, students will explore social determinants of health, rural health disparities, interprofessional collaborative practice, and quality and safety concerns in a rural setting, through a variety of hands-on activities. Students are guaranteed to gain clinical experience through telehealth or in-person by participating in CRI.

### Student Expectations

- Explore the roles, activities and skills of different health care professionals
- Understand the roles of interprofessional teams in rural health care
- Build a network of friends from other health professions schools
- Experience day-to-day activities in a rural town
- Participate in discipline-specific clinical placements
- Develop an interprofessional team-based community education project
- Participate in interprofessional clinical placements
- Identify barriers to care in rural areas
- Explore what works well in rural health care

After Clinical Rural Immersion medical students will be able to:

- Assess environmental safety hazards unique to a rural setting
- Apply methods to assess social determinants of health in a rural setting
- Describe how social determinants of health impact rural residents
- Describe the health disparities and unique characteristics of rural communities
- Identify the strengths and limitations for rural residents to overcome existing health disparities
- Apply knowledge learned in a clinical setting
- Explain the role of the health care team and its impact on delivery of care
- Identify how a rural setting impacts the patient-provider relationship