

The Rural Engagement Program is committed to improving health care access for rural Texans, ensuring quality care reaches every community, regardless of location or resources.

Student Receives Valuable Insight During Rotation in Rural Community

As part of my P4 rotations, I took an elective in rural medicine in Clifton, Texas where I had the opportunity to rotate between three different sites: Albrecht's Pharmacy, Goodall-Witcher Hospital and Lutheran Sunset.

At Albrecht's Pharmacy, I gained hands-on experience in medication therapy management and patient counseling. Goodall-Witcher Hospital provided exposure to medication verifications and the duties of a clinical pharmacist in a rural setting.

Lastly, my rotation at Lutheran Sunset allowed me to work closely with geriatric patients in a long-term care setting and futher develop my skills in medication reconciliation and geriatric pharmacotherapy.

The most rewarding part about this experience was the transition of care aspect, as I tended to see the same patients at more than one of my sites. I was able to participate in a patient's continuity care from the hospital to the long-term care facility and took part in chart review of these patients to ensure proper medication management and address any potential drug-related issues.

During this rotation, one of the most important lessons I took away was that, given the facilities available, rural institutions can offer the same high-quality care as larger ones.

As a provider, it is a rewarding experience to be able to provide care in these

regions that may not have as many resources as urban areas, but still have dedicated healthcare professionals working tirelessly to meet the needs of their patients.

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