Want to be a family physician or general surgeon in rural North Dakota?

RuralMed: a state sponsored program

**Purpose**
RuralMed is a state sponsored program designed to:
- encourage medical students to select careers in family medicine
- increase the number of family medicine providers for rural North Dakota

**How to Apply**
A medical student who wants to apply should submit the following materials to the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions:
1. Complete the RuralMed application; this gives written permission for the RuralMed selection committee to review the student's complete medical school application.
2. A one to two page essay addressing why the student wants to participate in, and is a good choice for RuralMed

**Benefits**
Students accepted for RuralMed will have the cost of tuition paid for, through a forgivable student loan, in return for practicing in rural North Dakota.

**Eligibility**
This program accepts applications from first year medical students enrolled at the UNDSMHS.
- Eight (8) students will be accepted each year

**Requirements**
RuralMed is open to students pursuing a career in family medicine or general surgery. Priority consideration is given to students pursuing family medicine.

The student must:
- enroll as a medical student at UNDSMHS
- maintain status in good standing throughout four years of education
- enter a graduate residency in family medicine or general surgery*
- establish a full-time family medicine or general surgery* practice in rural North Dakota within six (6) months of completing their graduate residency
- practice family medicine or general surgery* in rural North Dakota for five (5) calendar years.

*General surgery is only for those who signed a RuralMed contract in general surgery.

**Definitions**
- **Rural** is defined as all locations (see map for eligible sites) except:
  - Bismarck-Mandan
  - Fargo-West Fargo-Moorhead
  - Grand Forks-East Grand Forks
  - Minot
- **Family Medicine** means entering a practice as a licensed physician certified by the American Board of Family Medicine
- **Tuition** is the amount of money published in the official UND catalog or bulletin for the academic term in which the tuition is incurred (for in state students)
- **Full-time practice** is a minimum of forty hours per work week in which 32 hours must be spent providing direct patient care. This does not include time spent 'on call'.
- **General Surgery** means entering a practice as a licensed surgeon certified by the American College of Surgeons.

**Eligible rural practice locations**

For more information:
Student Affairs Financial Aid
University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences
1301 N. Columbia Road, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9037
701.777.2849, Fax: 701.777.4942
www.med.und.edu/student-affairs-admissions/financial-aid

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