

RURAL OPPORTUNITIES IN MEDICAL EDUCATION (ROME)

20-28 Week Interdisciplinary Experience in a Rural Primary Care Setting

ROME provides medical students with a comprehensive, broad-based primary care medical education and gives students an opportunity to experience the lifestyle of rural physicians.

SITES

Dickinson, ND • Devils Lake, ND • Hettinger, ND • Jamestown, ND • Ortonville, MN • Benson, MN

LONGITUDINAL CLERKSHIPS & ELECTIVE

- 8 Weeks: Family Medicine
 - 4 Weeks: Internal Medicine • Obstetrics & Gynecology • Surgery*
 - 3 Weeks: Pediatrics
 - 1 Week: Targeted Rural Health Education project (required elective)
- *8 Weeks of Surgery available at one site*

HOME CAMPUS CLERKSHIPS

- 2 Weeks: Neurology
 - 3 Weeks: Pediatrics
 - 4 Weeks: Internal Medicine • Obstetrics & Gynecology • Surgery*
 - 6 Weeks: Psychiatry
- *If applicable*

ADVANTAGES

- Continuity of learning, not changing sites allows better integration into the health care system, and more opportunities for learning
- Better understanding of the continuity of care needed by patients, and comprehensive care given in rural locations
- More opportunities to practice hands on skills and be involved with direct patient care
- Usually students are better able to work independently and are better prepared for residency
- Student housing may be provided by the host community, depending on availability

DISADVANTAGES

- Limited sites, 6 sites for 2022-2023
- Site selection: Opportunity for 10 students with a single student site in Ortonville, MN, and Benson, MN

APPLICATION

- Needs to be filled out and submitted for review – 8 questions
- Review of Application and educational records will be done
- Home campus options: Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, using lottery system
- <https://med.und.edu/rome/application-file.html>
- If selected for ROME, not able to revert back into the year-long 3rd year site pool

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & CONTACTS

- ROME: <https://med.und.edu/rome/> • ROME Co-Directors: [Kamille Sherman, M.D.](#) & [Bryan Delage, M.D.](#)
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