



**Physicianship Program**  
*Student Continuity  
Experience*

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**An  
Invitation**



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***How to Volunteer***

If you are interested in enriching a student's education through your participation in the *Student Continuity Experience*, please fill out the enclosed enrollment form and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

If you have any questions or concerns, please visit our web site, under the Rush Medical College, at:

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## Program Description



The *Student Continuity Experience (SCE)* is a two-year, longitudinal curriculum that provides medical students with an opportunity to develop an understanding of the context of medical care through exposure in a community based ambulatory practice early in their medical school training. In the SCE, students are placed in a community based, continuity of care clinical practice under the direction of a physician - mentor. During this experience, the students acquire an understanding of the role of the physician in the community setting while developing skills in interviewing, physical exam, problem – solving, medical ethics and clinical reasoning. The preceptor helps students develop their own abilities as medical professionals by providing a real-world setting in which to apply theoretical classroom concepts. The SCE also helps to foster a collegial relationship with a physician – mentor while providing exposure to issues inherent in medical education and practice necessary for professional and personal growth. The program helps students think about how they want to practice medicine - from the very first office visit. It is a critical component of their medical training, cultivating the connection between doctor and patient as part of the formal medical education process and helping to train physicians who are poised to meet the future challenges in health care delivery.

## Objectives

Through the continuity experience, the student will:

- Observe and participate in the direct patient care activities of the preceptor.
- Appreciate the special nature of the doctor patient relationship.
- Gain experience in a continuity of care practice.
- Practice interviewing and history taking skills.
- Develop physical diagnosis skills.
- Learn to integrate the basic science content of coursework with clinical experiences.
- Practice self-directed learning.
- Be exposed to the psychosocial and ethical aspects of patient care.
- Learn methods of information management.
- Gain knowledge of available community resources.
- Become familiar with medical decision making.
- Understand the appropriate use of laboratory testing.
- Understand the cost of the U.S. Health Care System.
- Obtain useful career guidance.
- Develop mentoring relationships between students and community physicians.
- Develop a professional identity and demeanor.

## Preceptor Requirements

The program provides a setting and a longitudinal opportunity for a medical student to work with real patients in a continuity of care practice. Preceptors must be willing: a) to mentor students for two half-days per month, for a period of two years; b) to work directly with students to achieve the program objectives; c) to assess and evaluate student attendance, motivation, interpersonal skills, effort, and commitment; d) to provide feedback regarding the program.

## Professional Advantages

### Faculty Appointment:

All physician preceptors may apply for a faculty appointment at Rush Medical College in the Department of Internal Medicine, the Department of Family Medicine, or the Department of Pediatrics.

### Continuing Medical Education Credit:

Participating physician preceptors will receive documentation of teaching, eligible for Category 2 Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association (AMA PRA) or Prescribed Credit from the American Academy of Family Physicians.

### Rush Library Privileges:

All physician preceptors with faculty status are entitled to traditional borrowing services at the RUMC library, as well as a full spectrum of electronic media including MedLine and OVID literature retrieval services.

### Personal Satisfaction:

Most importantly, as a Preceptor in this program, you have the opportunity to participate in, and influence the medical training of a future physician colleague.