

The Community Oriented Primary Care “COPC” Summer Assistantship

**Sponsored by UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Department of Family Medicine**

What is the COPC Summer Assistantship?

An opportunity to make a difference in the health of an underserved community and to develop the skills needed to work on community health interventions in the future.

“An outstanding experience. I gained exposure to COPC and community service. It sparked my interest in public health. Anyone interested in serving the community should participate in this program.”—former student participant

Program Components:

- Implement community-based health intervention (flexible, full-time commitment; specific hours/time of day will vary by site/project).
- Specific project is identified in advance by community site; students have opportunity to be involved in site placement.
- Trainings including workshops, field trips, faculty advising, and socializing.
- Final brief project report and poster presentation at appreciation dinner.

Timeframe: June 1 – July 17, 2009, 7 weeks full-time

Stipend: To be determined

Eligibility: Priority given to RWJMS students in the class of 2012 in good academic standing.

Spanish-speaking students are encouraged to apply - many opportunities exist to use your language skills!

Program Director:

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Application Deadline: March 1, 2009

*Return attached application, with resume, to Lisa Dooley, Department of Family Medicine,
UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 675 Hoes Lane, Room N106, Piscataway, NJ
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Questions: call or e-mail Lisa Dooley at 732-235-4200, dooleylc@umdnj.edu

More about the Community Oriented Primary Care “COPC” Summer Assistantship

Types of Community Projects previously implemented:

- ◆ Developing health education curricula/teaching workshops
- ◆ Conducting needs assessments through focus groups/and or surveys
- ◆ Developing community resource directories
- ◆ Assessing/adapting patient education literature
- ◆ Preparing and implementing training program for lay health workers, caregivers
- ◆ Researching need for/interest in new patient services
- ◆ Conducting patient satisfaction surveys

“I truly enjoyed the COPC experience – group meetings, guest speakers and field trips were incredibly relevant – I learned so much from the speakers and my peers. Any participating students will grow tremendously in their ability to ascertain the problems of a community” – former student participant

Community Sites that took COPC students for Summer 2008:

Central NJ: Elijah’s Promise Soup Kitchen ◆ Plainfield Health Center ◆ Chandler Health Center ◆ South Brunswick Health Department ◆ Dorothy B. Hersh Regional Child Protection Center ◆ St. John’s Family Health Center ◆ Jersey Shore Medical Center (HIV team) ◆ Monmouth Family Health Center ◆ Suydam St. Reformed Church

North Jersey: Broadway House for Continuing Care ◆ New Jersey Food Bank ◆ New Community Corporation

The list of 2009 sites is being developed!

SUMMER COPC ASSISTANTSHIP APPLICATION
Department of Family Medicine

Name: _____ ID# (A#) _____ Date: _____

School: _____ Degree program(s): _____

Year in Program: (e.g. 1st) _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Current address: _____

Summer address if different from above: _____

Phone: _____ Preferred E-mail address: _____

Permanent Address/phone: _____

Where will you be living this summer? current address permanent/summer address flexible

(For the following, feel free to use the back or attach a type-written sheet)

1. What community health experience do you have, if any? Please briefly describe.

2. What skills or personal attributes do you possess that would help you succeed in this program?

3. What do you hope to learn by participating in this program?

4. In what settings or with what populations would you be interested in working through this experience?

5. Languages spoken fluently in addition to English: _____

6. Do you expect to have any scheduling conflicts or special circumstances during the timeframe of this program (6/1-7/17/09)? No Yes, please specify _____

Attach a resume and return to Lisa Dooley, Department of Family Medicine, UMDNJ-RWJMS,
Rm. N106, 675 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854 by March 1, 2009