



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

COMMUNITY SERVICE

As a medical student you will have many opportunities to develop the competence to provide outstanding care to diverse, underserved patients in clinics throughout Columbus.

Columbus Free Clinic

Many Ohio State medical students volunteer to use their learning and skills to serve patients through the Columbus Free Clinic, a free primary and urgent care walk-in clinic serving more than 1,200 underserved patients in the greater Columbus community annually for more than 20 years. Managed by Ohio State medical students under the supervision of volunteer physicians, the clinic offers primary care services, including diagnosis of and treatment for conditions such as colds and flu, chronic diseases such as diabetes or asthma, minor injuries, as well as immunizations, STD testing, TB testing, dental care, prenatal care, and general and chronic care for senior citizens. Specialty care, including gynecology, orthopedics and dermatology may be scheduled with the approval of one of the clinic's primary care physicians.

Clinics Serving Specific Populations

Ohio State medical students also volunteer to provide free medical care in clinics that serve specific underserved populations in the Columbus area:

- **La Clinica Latina** is a free, full-service health clinic providing Spanish-speaking individuals with ongoing health care, including gynecological care for women and dental care.
- **The Asian Health Initiative Free Clinic** focuses on serving the needs of the Asian community through ongoing health care.
- **Noor Community Clinic** serves the Muslim community, which provides routine medical care and physical examinations, treatment for non-emergency illnesses, screenings for diabetes mellitus, high blood pressure and STDs, and health education services.

Community Health Education Project

As part of the Ohio State Lead.Serve.Inspire curriculum, students complete a yearlong community health education project, with the objective of improving the health of a specific underserved population in a clinic or agency in the greater central Ohio community. The project will introduce you to population-based medicine and allow you to identify the needs of the population with which you are working and, in some cases, to develop, implement and evaluate a program for that particular population. Current local project sites include the Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Lung Health Clinic, Helping Hands Health and Wellness Center, Moms2B, Physicians CareConnection, Clintonville Community Resource Center, Central Community House, St. Stephen's House, YMCA-East, King Arts Complex, Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center, Columbus Free Clinic, Family AIDS Clinic and more.