

MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY ORIENTATION

2010 MECO Program Information



**Illinois State Medical Society
Medical Student Section**



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Dear Colleague,

*Have you thought about what you're going to do this summer? The ISMS MSS sponsors an exciting program called **MECO** (Medical Education Community Orientation). This program allows first and second year medical students to get a head start in our clinical experience. Responses from both student participants and hospitals are overwhelmingly positive with most students citing the **MECO** program as an invaluable educational and professional experience.*

***MECO** provides participants the chance to work in a participating community-based hospital in Illinois. Students have the opportunity to work directly with physicians and to rotate through a number of hospital departments. In order to develop a more comprehensive understanding of the mechanisms by which the hospital functions, participants also work with hospital staff and administration. Additionally, experience is not necessarily limited to the hospital environment. Many sites also provide the student with the opportunity to experience outpatient office practice and a variety of community health services.*

In order to apply, please read the attached information carefully. Please note the suggested program duration is 4-6 weeks with some programs offering additional weeks if desired. Specific programs times will be determined by the hospital and the matched student(s).

Completed applications for the 2010 MECO program are due to the Illinois State Medical Society by the end of the business day on February 26, 2010. Late applications cannot be considered. The first round match should be completed in early March. Position(s) not filled during the first round will be placed into a second round to follow. Sorry, no information regarding application status or match results can be released by telephone. Best of luck to you!

Sincerely,

Medical Student Section
The Illinois State Medical Society

INTRODUCTION

The *Medical Education Community Orientation Program*, better known as **MECO**, comprises a network of community based educational programs for pre clinical medical students. Based in hospitals, clinics or with private physicians, these summer externships offer a unique educational experience not necessarily offered in medical school curricula. Programs include rotations through both clinical and nonclinical areas of the hospital or clinic, observation and participation in physicians' offices, and study of the function of health-related agencies and institutions within the community. The student gains "hands-on" experience in these aspects of community medicine and a taste of "real" medical practice. This program emphasizes the study of patient-oriented health care delivery and the relationship of the patient to the total health care system.

Since its inception, **MECO** has provided a valuable experience for many students. In Illinois, **MECO** is primarily structured as a hospital-based program with participating institutions ranging from urban-area hospital(s) to small rural centers, all of which offer unique perspectives to enhance the students' **MECO** experience.

One goal of **MECO** is to introduce the student to the concept of the community practice of medicine, to make the student aware of the vital role which the hospital and its ancillary services have in the daily function of the local community. **MECO** attempts to accomplish this goal by allowing the student to participate in the daily management of all phases of patient care delivery -- from physicians' offices to hospital-affiliated community activities; from the OR to the ER; from the ambulance to the hospital ward. Just as importantly, the student is exposed to the administrative functions of the hospital, as well as the strictly technical and medical functions. As a result, participants experience all aspects of hospital functioning.

Another **MECO** goal is to effect the redistribution of physician manpower by exposing students to the health care system of the community. **MECO** emphasizes the premise that numerous valid and worthwhile educational experiences are available in community health care institutions, based on the knowledge and experience of the community physician. In addition, this provides a mechanism to facilitate the continuing education of the practicing physician.

MECO involves physicians and hospitals volunteering valuable time with the hope of providing interested students with a positive learning experience. **MECO** is an opportunity to negotiate with the preceptor to practice skills already developed and to acquire new ones. **MECO** is an experiential approach to the roles, problems, needs and interrelationships of concerned professionals and by persons in the health care system. **MECO** is a tremendous learning opportunity, highly dependent upon individual initiative and flexibility.

At the completion of the preceptorship, it is hoped that students will have broadened their awareness and knowledge of the roles of the health care team. Participants should develop an understanding of the operation and organization of community health care institutions and agencies and their interaction in the delivery of patient care. Students will learn to be more self-confident in their interactions with patients, physicians and staff, and they will increase their sensitivity to the individual needs of patients.

Enclosed within this booklet is a listing of those Illinois hospitals participating in the 2010 MECO program as well as a brief description of the individual programs. Although a number of preceptorships are currently available, we continue our efforts to increase the number and variety of participating institutions; you are encouraged to recruit your own hospital to become a MECO participant if they are not currently. Should you be interested in pursuing this, please contact:

Illinois State Medical Society
Medical Student Section
20 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 700
Chicago, Illinois 60602
or call (312) 782-1654

In addition to the expense and effort expended by the participating physicians and hospital staffs, the following organizations have provided valuable support in the implementation of the Illinois MECO Program:

*Illinois State Medical Society
ISMS Medical Student Section*

Please note that this booklet is for ISMS MSS MECO Program in Illinois only. We have no information on possible programs in other states. If you are interested in a program outside of Illinois, we suggest you contact that state's medical society. Please visit the Illinois State Medical Society's website, www.isms.org, for links to other state medical societies.

The 2010 MECO booklet and application is available online at www.isms.org .

Please read this booklet thoroughly. If you are not currently a member of the ISMS MSS, please join now at www.isms.org . The ISMS Medical Student Section looks forward to receiving your application.



2010 MECO Program Map

Sponsored by ISMS Medical Student Section

IMPORTANT MECO INFORMATION

- Applications are accepted from students who have completed one year and no more than two years of allopathic or osteopathic school by June, 2010. Applicants must be enrolled and officially considered in good-standing.
- Illinois State Medical Society Medical Student Section Members will be given preference. Please call ISMS Membership for information, (312) 782-1654 or join online, www.isms.org
- A \$25 administrative fee will be requested from all participants who are accepted in the program. A refund of \$10 will be sent after the completion of the program and return of completed evaluation form.
- Select specific hospitals in order of your preference. It is to your advantage that you indicate three choices of hospitals on your application. In making these selections, please note the program information regarding location, room, board, married accommodations, etc. If you are fluent in a foreign language, please be sure to indicate on your application.
- There are an extremely limited number of positions available around the Chicago area . Please consider this fact when applying. Historically, a larger percentage of students who request "downstate" hospitals have a better opportunity of being placed. Placement opportunity is also affected by the number of applicants and the hospital rank list.
- NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATIONS OR HOSPITAL MATCHING PROCESS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY TELEPHONE AT ANY TIME. PLEASE DO NOT CALL ISMS ABOUT THIS INFORMATION.
- When a student is matched with a hospital and has accepted this assignment, they are expected to complete the program. In the past, there have been students who decided at the last moment not to participate for one reason or another even though they had been matched with their first or second choice and have accepted. This is unfair to the hospital which has spent considerable time and effort arranging for a student who will never arrive. Usually it is too late to find a replacement, and other students may have been denied admission to the program earlier because all positions were presumed to be filled. For this reason, the \$25 fee will NOT BE REFUNDED. IF YOU FIND AFTER YOU ARE MATCHED (AND HAVE ACCEPTED) THAT YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE, YOU MUST CONTACT BOTH THE ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY AND THE HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY.
- While at the hospital, students are responsible to the program director, the hospital administrator or whomever may be designated. If a student is found to be negligent of his/her responsibilities to either that hospital or community, dismissal from the MECO program and loss of stipend will result.
- Hospitals may request proof of immunizations.
- Certain hospitals may accept only male or only female students because of room and board limitations. Some hospitals do not provide room and board. Please carefully read program descriptions and rank your selections accordingly.
- You will be informed of your MECO status after all program matching is completed. First round will take place in early March. Second Round will take place a few weeks later (based on first round response). Please be patient and we will notify you by mail as soon as possible. If you desire confirmation of receipt of your application, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard for return.
- **Deadline for receipt of your MECO application is the end of the business day, Friday, February 26, 2010.** A February 26th postmark is not acceptable.
- Suggested program term is 4-6 weeks. Several programs offer more than six weeks (see program description). Matched students will discuss and determine program length and administration with matched hospital (hospitals hold final determination).

**CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM, McHenry , see map #1
(2 Male or 2 Female (must be same sex if housing is required) Allopathic or Osteopathic Students Accepted, Single Room Provided/No Board, \$200.00 Weekly, 4-6 Week Program)**

Centegra (previously Northern Illinois Medical Center) has participated in the MECO program from its early inception. Many of our medical staff members participated as MECO students. Centegra is a 190 bed acute care facility in the city of McHenry, one of the fastest growing communities in Illinois.

Our aim is to acquaint MECO students to a wide variety of medical and surgical disciplines. The student will benefit from personal preceptors in the fields of general practice, surgery, internal medicine, pediatrics and obstetrics. The MECO student can expect a variety of physician contact experiences ranging from office assignments to inpatient teaching rounds with preceptor specialists. Our faculty members guide and assist students in basic aspects of hospital care such as: history taking, physical examination, professional conduct, ethical behavior, and the hospital record.

Centegra is a busy Level II Trauma Center with an on-site helicopter program, state of the art CT & MRI equipment, cardiac cath lab and expanding surgical services. Learning activities include assignments in these hospital departments plus rehabilitation, pain management center, etc.

The learning experience also includes tours to various health related community facilities such as mental health centers, public health facilities, Hospice programs and others relating to community health in McHenry County. Students are encouraged to develop and present a brief report on a subject of their own choosing during the last week of their assignment. A weekly meeting with faculty members will give the student the opportunity to discuss and ask questions regarding the materials covered during the week. The 4-6 week program is flexible and designed with the students' input.

**DELNOR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, Geneva, see map #2
(1 Male or Female, Allopathic or Osteopathic Student Accepted, No Room or Board Provided, \$200.00 Weekly, 4- 10 Week Program)**

Delnor Community is a 159 bed hospital located in Geneva, Illinois. The first week will serve as a brief orientation to the hospital and staff. Rotations include, but are not limited to, radiology, pathology, surgery, anesthesia, obstetrics, pediatrics, emergency room, family practice, and most medical subspecialties. We are flexible and will tailor rotations to provide the best experience for each student.

**GENESIS MEDICAL CENTER - Illini Campus, Silvis, see map #3
(1 Male or Female, Allopathic or Osteopathic Students Accepted, No Room or Board Provided, \$370.00 Weekly, 4- 6 Week Program*) Student needs own transportation. Orientation is mandatory. Start Date is June 1.***

Illini Hospital is a 150-bed, full service community hospital affiliated with the Genesis Health System. Illini Hospital supports an environment of progressive, personalized medical care. The facility features a wide array of medical services including critical care, a cardiac stepdown unit, medical and surgical nursing units, a 14 bed pediatric unit, family centered obstetric unit featuring one room birthing, fully equipped surgical suite, a designated Level II Trauma Center, a cardio-cath lab, and a complete range of diagnostic services. The Genesis Medical Center campus, Davenport, is also utilized for specialty areas.

While in MECO, students spend time in a variety of community medical activities, including emergency service, community activities, as well as clinical and inpatient activities. Students will have the opportunity to experience hands-on medical contact. MECO is designed to give students an exposure to a broad sampling of medical careers so they will be better able to select an appropriate area of specialty training. An effort will be made to tailor the program to the specific interests of the student whenever possible. Didactic sessions with procedure instruction will be held weekly for four weeks at the Davenport site (travel time is 18 minutes from Silvis).

Spanning the Mississippi River, The Quad City area offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities during the summer months. The Bix Seven Road Race of international acclaim, minor league baseball, year-round indoor ice-skating and soccer arenas, one of the top rated civic centers in the United States, and a vast array of cultural events.

GENESIS PROGRAM START DATE IS June 1, 2010 (firm)

**ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, Peru , see map #4
(1 Male or Female, Allopathic or Osteopathic Student Accepted, Single Student Room/Board provided, \$150.00 Weekly, 4-6 Week Program**

Illinois Valley Community Hospital is licensed for 143 beds and is a regional facility that serves the residents of North Central Illinois. Apart from 55 medical/surgical beds on two floors, IVCH has nine intensive care beds and eight obstetrics beds. The emergency department is staffed by an on-site physician 24 hours a day.

IVCH patients benefit from a full range of support services, including a physical therapy and industrial rehabilitation department, modern laboratory, and large radiology department with services including on-site MRI and CT evaluations.

The MECO program at IVCH is flexible and may be tailored to meet the student's needs and interests. Rotations may include experiences in a variety of hospital services and primary care/specialty physician practices.

**KATHERINE SHAW BETHEA HOSPITAL, Dixon , see map #5
(2 Male or Female, Allopathic or Osteopathic Students Accepted, Single/married room provided*, \$200.00 Weekly, 4-6 Week Program)
*Housing available July 19th through summer. If housing is not required, student can participate at any time during summer.**

Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital is an 80 bed full service, well maintained, technologically up to date facility located in Northwestern Illinois along the Rock River. Chicago is two hours to the East, Quad Cities one hour to the West, and Rockford 45 minutes to the North. All of these are connected to Dixon by interstate highway tollway. Nursing units available are those expected in a comprehensive setting, including: medical/surgical, ICU/CCU, pediatrics, obstetrics (Level II nursery), and skilled nursing. The Hospital also operates a 16 bed inpatient psychiatric program. Full time emergency physicians provide round the clock emergency services

Ancillary services include a College of American Pathologists (CAP) accredited laboratory and American College of Radiology (ACR) accredited mammography department. With the addition of 2 digital mammography systems, the Medical Imaging department operates in a film-less environment with a PACS image archive system, general X-ray and Fluoroscopy exams using computed radiography, Bone Densitometry (DEXA), a wide-bore 1.5 Tesla MRI with breast imaging and breast biopsy capabilities, 64-slice CT scanner with Cardiac Imaging capability, peripheral angiography equipment with digital

subtraction, 2 Nuclear Medicine Spect systems which includes a dedicated cardiology SPECT system, and Ultrasound with general diagnostic, OB, breast, and vascular applications. Cardiovascular Services includes specialized cardiac evaluation with medical and nuclear stress testing, echocardiology, cardiac rehabilitation (phase two and three), and cardiac and peripheral angiography with interventions.

KSB has a strong tradition of medical teaching, frequently hosting serious medical students for extended rotations. Additionally, since 2004, KSB has served as a teaching affiliate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, hosting a fully-accredited Family Medicine rural training-track residency program.

The student will be allowed to tailor fit their needs as follows: Family Medicine, OB/GYN, Primary Care, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Emergency Medicine, Cardiology, Pathology, Radiology, Surgery, Anesthesiology, ENT, Gastroenterology, and Radiation Therapy. Keep in mind the program is for you, therefore, flexibility is the key word.

Students will be given a stipend of \$200/week for 40-50 hours per week plus any call (at least two weeks and one weekend). Electronic transfer is available for stipend. KSB requires proof of two-step tuberculosis skin screen within the last year as well as documentation of hepatitis B, rubella and rubeola immunity before proceeding with rotations.

***KSB: Housing available July 19th through summer. If housing is not required, student can participate at any time during summer.**

**KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, DeKalb , see map #6
(1 Male or Female, Allopathic or Osteopathic Student, \$200.00 Weekly; No Room or Board, Meals free of charge in hospital cafeteria, 4 -6 Week Program)**

Kishwaukee Community is a 100 private-bed hospital new replacement hospital (opened in October 2007) located in DeKalb, Illinois. The major goal of the MECO program at Kishwaukee Hospital is to provide the participating student with a sample of the medical services available within the community.

The 4-6 week period is structured so that a block of time is spent with several different specialists in the community. Students will be accompanying these physicians on hospital rounds, as well as spending time with them in their offices. A segment will be set aside for the students to spend additional time in the rotation of his/her choice.

**MCDONOUGH DISTRICT HOSPITAL, Macomb , see map #7
(1 Male or Female, Allopathic or Osteopathic Student Accepted, Single Student Room & Board, \$200.00 Weekly; 4- 6 Week Program)**

McDonough District Hospital is a 97 bed acute Care district hospital facility located in West Central Illinois providing most general hospital, in and outpatient, services for a rural area with a radius of approximately 50 miles. Located in historic Macomb approximately 50 miles from the Mississippi, McDonough District provides comprehensive secondary acute care while offering extended care, hospice, gerontology, Alzheimer's resource facilities, etc. The medical staff includes representatives in OB Gyn, Orthopedics, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Hematology/Oncology, Pathology, Nuclear Medicine, Radiology, Ophthalmology, General and Vascular Surgery, Urology, and Family Practice.

Students are permitted a flexible rotation. During rotations with individual physicians the students are also given a glimpse of the private and social lives of practicing physicians.

Students are encouraged to attend hospital conferences including cancer committee, tumor board, educational meetings, county medical society, departmental conferences, medical staff meetings, etc.

Macomb is a community enhanced by a major state university with excellent library, athletic and other facilities which help make the program both enjoyable and instructive

**MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Belleville , see map #8
(2 Male or Female, Allopathic or Osteopathic Students Accepted, No Room or Board Provided*;
\$200.00 Weekly; 4- 10 Week Program)**

Memorial Hospital in Belleville is a 313 bed acute care facility providing most clinical inpatient services including invasive cardiology and cardiac surgery. The hospital, in cooperation with the Medical Staff, provides an orientation program that offers the student practical experience in private medical practice both in office, outpatient and hospital in patients.

Several days are spent with different private practitioners including those in specialties of their interest, seeing patients in their offices, making hospital rounds and nursing home rounds. Experience is gained with the supervision of the hospital based specialists in the areas of Anesthesiology, Radiology, Pathology, and Emergency Services. Specific time is spent in the operating room, obstetrics, cardiovascular, respiratory therapy, cardiac cath, physical therapy, and the various phases of the laboratory and pathology including blood bank. In addition, time is given for experience with the coordination of patient care with nursing services, as well as ancillary services. The Medical Director's office will also counsel the students regarding the application process for gaining appointment to Hospital Medical Staffs and obtaining clinical privileges.

The students are encouraged to attend the regular department and committee meetings of the Medical Staff. In addition, Cancer Conferences and other scheduled conferences are made available to the students.

Although certain services are considered essential for the student to experience, the schedule is flexible in that we attempt to meet the needs of the individual student as they relate to their future desires and requests, as well as eliminate those portions in which they may have already had more than sufficient experience.

*** MEMORIAL: Meal coupons are provided by the Medical Staff.**

**METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER, Peoria, see
map #9
(1 Male or Female, Allopathic or Osteopathic Student Accepted; No Room or Board*; \$150.00
Weekly; 4-6 Week Program). See program date availability ***

The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria administers the Family Practice Residency Program at Methodist Medical Center of Illinois (MMCI). MMCI is a 353 bed community facility that maintains a referral base medical staff. The residency program has been accredited since 1971 and presently accepts ten residents per class to its three-year program.

The curriculum encompasses the basic areas of medicine essential to the education of a Family Physician, including Family Medicine, OB/GYN, General Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Sports Medicine, MICU, NICU, Neurology, ENT, Ophthalmology, Pediatrics, Dermatology, Community/Occupational Medicine, Geriatrics, Emergency Medicine, and Urology, with five months of elective rotations available. Noon conferences are held four days each week.

Medical students who join us will round with residents and attendings on our inpatient service plus they will accompany doctors seeing patients in the office. During the rotation, students are encouraged to spend additional time in any area(s) of medicine that they are especially interested in. We will do our best

to accommodate all requests.

***METHODIST PROGRAM DATES ARE: MAY 6 - JUNE 2 or JUNE 3 - JUNE 30 or JULY 30 - AUGUST 26**

**OTTAWA REGIONAL HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE CENTER, Ottawa , see map #10
(1 Male or Female, Allopathic or Osteopathic Student Accepted, No Room or Board Provided,
\$200.00 Weekly, 4-6 Week Program)**

Ottawa Regional Hospital and Healthcare Center is a 124 bed acute care hospital with a psychiatric unit. The student will initially receive a tour of the entire hospital, visiting each of the patient care units and all ancillary departments. They will then have mini-sessions with various physicians or departmental personnel on such topics as basic interpretation of X-ray films, ECG's, arterial blood gases and pulmonary function tests. Other topics will relate to antimicrobial screening physical therapy and conducting a medical history.

As the student is assigned to practicing primary physicians, there will be an ongoing exposure and instructions in medical history taking and participation in physical examinations. Opportunities to observe and assist in the specialty areas of urology, orthopaedics, thoracic surgery, psychiatry, radiology, anesthesiology, and pathology will be available.

By the end of the program the student should not only be able to take an adequate medical history but should also be familiar with many aspects of the physical examination and, under supervision, be able to perform arterial punctures for blood gases, venopunctures, start IVS, give IM injections, do suturing, CPR, urethral catheterization, and insert NG tubes.

The student will spend some half days in physicians' offices. They will also make nursing home rounds with physicians, tour the Easter Seal Center, the County TB Clinic, county jail, and county mental health facilities. They will be expected to attend all medical staff meetings and all CME programs at the hospital. A 40-hour week is expected of the student. After hours ER call, OB call, etc., are optional and can be arranged by the student with physicians and nurses on a day-to-day basis.

**PEKIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Pekin , see map #11
(2 Male or Female, Allopathic or Osteopathic Students Accepted, Board (Food) Provided; No
Room, \$200.00 Weekly; 4- 6 Week Program)**

Pekin Memorial Hospital is a 125 bed acute care facility located in Pekin, Illinois. Pekin Hospital provides a comprehensive program offering a student practical experience in both office and inpatient settings. The curriculum consists of one week rotations available in Cardiology, Emergency Medicine, Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Otolaryngology, Pathology, Pediatrics, Podiatry, Psychiatry, Radiology and Surgery (Orthopedic and General) where the students rotate with the physicians. Students are able to observe and participate within the limits of their training in activities which will familiarize them with the functions of each of the aforementioned specialties. Students may spend time in the Emergency Center besides their times scheduled there, if they wish. They also gain knowledge and understanding of the merits, structure and challenges of practice in a rural community setting.

The community of Pekin proper has a population of approximately 35,000 people and is located 15 miles from a major metropolitan area with a population of over 120,000 people. This type of setting gives the student an opportunity to review the challenges of a community hospital providing high technology along with the caring attitudes of a rural community.

At the end of the assignment, students' evaluation of the program is used for improvement in the project for the subsequent year. Students may also alter their rotations as the term progresses with the mutual consent of the project directors.

**ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL, Belleville , see map #12
(2 Male or Female, Allopathic or Osteopathic Students Accepted, No Room Provided*, \$150.00 Weekly, 4-8 Week Program)**

St. Elizabeth's Hospital is a 506 bed acute care hospital in Belleville which provides a comprehensive program offering a student practical experience in both office and inpatient settings. The program can be tailored to the individual's interests in addition to those rotations which we consider necessary for a well rounded experience.

At least three weeks will be spent with individual physicians in their offices and you will make hospital rounds, nursing home rounds and possibly even house calls with these doctors in addition to seeing their inpatients and their office patients. We split this experience so that you may see how different physicians operate their practices, as well as differences between specialties.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital offers a wide range of services including a long -term rehabilitation and an adult chemical dependence/alcohol treatment unit. Our medical staff consists of approximately 400 physicians with all specialties represented, including cardiac surgery. Our physicians are accustomed to teaching since we have a Family Practice Residency Program and we have been participating in the MECO Program since its inception.

***ST. ELIZABETH'S: Students are provided with one meal ticket daily while on hospital rotations.**

**SHERMAN HOSPITAL, Elgin, see map #13
(4-6 Male or Female, Allopathic or Osteopathic Students Accepted, No Room or Board Provided, \$200.00 Weekly, 4 Week Program- AVAILABLE ONLY May 31 through June 25.**

Sherman Hospital is a 250 bed general hospital in Elgin, Illinois. Elgin is located approximately 45 miles west of Chicago in the beautiful Fox Valley region. The program is designed to provide experience to the medical student in the three major areas of obstetrics and gynecology, medicine, and surgery. It will also expose the student to the surgical subspecialties, including orthopedics and cardiovascular surgery. Sherman Hospital cardiovascular service performed over 180 open heart procedures in 2009. Rotations will include cardiac catheterization (1800 procedures) and rotations in the two critical care units. Optional rotations include a diagnostic radiology, pathology and emergency services. Sherman Hospital is a Level 2 trauma center with 2400 trauma admissions per year

SHERMAN MECO PROGRAM AVAILABLE ONLY May 31 through June 25.

**TRINITY REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM, Rock Island, see map #14
(2 Male or Female, Allopathic or Osteopathic Students Accepted, Single Student Room and Board Provided*, \$200.00 Weekly, 4- 6 Week Program) See * below**

Trinity Regional Health System is a three-campus healthcare system located on the western border of Illinois and the eastern border of Iowa. With a history dating back to the late 1800's, it now has campuses in Moline and Rock Island, Illinois, and Bettendorf, Iowa. Trinity's newest addition is a 150-bed, full-service hospital in Bettendorf, which opened in February 2004.

Other TRHS subsidiaries include the Robert Young Center for Community Mental Health, Trinity Visiting Nurse and Homecare Association, Trinity Health Foundation and the Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Trinity's goal is to acquaint MECO students to a wide variety of specialties and disciplines. The MECO student will be asked for their preferences as to which specialties they would like to observe and we will do our best to accommodate these requests. The student will be able to choose from: Family Medicine, OB/GYN, Psychiatry, Emergency Medicine, Cardiology, Cardiac Surgery, Endocrinology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Pediatrics, Pathology, Radiology, Surgery, Anesthesiology, ENT, Gastroenterology and Radiation Therapy.

The student will spend time both with physicians in the office setting as well as joining them in the operating room, emergency room, hospital rounds, and with the Trinity Hospitalists. Students will also be invited to attend medical staff meetings and CME programs offered during the program.

Trinity has been named a Solucient Top 100 Hospital and its heart surgery program has been named in the top five percent in the nation and No. 2 in the state of Illinois. We are five-star rated in coronary bypass and coronary interventional procedures.

***TRINITY: Matched students will have different program dates due to availability of one housing unit.**