

If you grew up in a rural area or small town, and
If you plan to practice in a rural area or small town, please consider:

Sidney Kimmel Medical College's Rural Physician Shortage Area Program (PSAP)

This program is designed to recruit and educate medical students who intend to practice in a rural area or small town. Priority will be given to those planning to practice family medicine; although applicants planning other specialties, or unsure of their future specialty, will also be given consideration.

Selective consideration for admission and preferential treatment for financial aid* are given to students who certify their intention to adhere to the following plan of training and practice: the PSAP curriculum during undergraduate medical education, a residency training program of their choice, and then, practice in a rural area or small town. It is expected that those applying for the program will have grown up or lived in a rural area or small town. A list of designated rural shortage counties in Pennsylvania and Delaware can be found below.

Pennsylvania

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| Adams | Clinton | Indiana | Montour | Tioga Union |
| Armstrong Beaver | Columbia | Jefferson | Northumberland | Venango |
| Bedford | Crawford | Juniata | Perry | Warren |
| Bradford | Cumberland | Lawrence | Pike | Washington |
| Butler | Elk | Lebanon | Potter | Wayne |
| Cambria | Fayette | Lycoming | Schuylkill | Westmoreland |
| Cameron | Forest | McKean | Snyder | Wyoming |
| Carbon | Franklin | Huntingdon | Monroe | |
| Centre | Fulton | Mercer | Somerset | |
| Clarion | Greene | Mifflin | Sullivan | |
| Clearfield | Huntingdon | Monroe | Susquehanna | |

Delaware

Kent
Sussex

Consideration will also be given to applicants from rural areas in other Pennsylvania and Delaware counties and from other states.

This program provides for up to 24 places in Jefferson's first-year class. Priority will be given to applicants enrolled at Allegheny College, Bucknell University, Franklin & Marshall College, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State University, the University of Scranton, and the University of Delaware in accordance with the Physician Shortage Area Program Cooperative Program.

In addition to the required premedical letters of recommendation submitted with a regular application, students applying for this program must furnish three letters from community leaders who live in the county or rural area in which the applicant grew up. The letter should attest to the applicant's background, personal qualities, and to his/her commitment to practice in a rural physician shortage area.

It is anticipated that: (1) Priority will be given to **Pennsylvania and Delaware residents**. (2) The credentials of the successful applicants will be as good as those of successful applicants for general admission. (3) Highest priority will be given to those who grew up in the shortage area.

Although the deadline for receiving applications is November 15, applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

*Refer to Financial Aid section.

Educational Program for Students Enrolled in the PSAP Program of Sidney Kimmel Medical College

Faculty members in the Department of Family and Community Medicine are assigned as advisors to Physician Shortage Area Program (PSAP) students, beginning in the first year and continuing throughout their four years at Jefferson. These faculty may also serve as clinical preceptors for PSAP students during their first year. Second year PSAP students will serve as “Big Sibs” for entering PSAP students.

PSAP students are required to take at least one of their required Phase 2 (third year) clinical clerkships at an affiliated hospital located in a smaller community outside of the Philadelphia metropolitan area. Currently this is their Family Medicine rotation at Latrobe Area Hospital, or the family medicine, internal medicine, general surgery, or obstetrics / gynecology clerkships at York Hospital. PSAP students are given priority over other students for this rotation. At Latrobe and York, students are required to live adjacent to the hospital (away from the Jefferson campus) for the entire rotation.

PSAP students are also strongly encouraged to take at least one of their Phase 3 (senior) rotations or electives in a rural area or small town, and are encouraged to select (and given priority for) a rural preceptorship as their required family medicine outpatient sub-internship rotation. These preceptorships consist of an in-depth experience with a physician in either solo or group practice in the United States.

Any future curricular changes at Sidney Kimmel Medical College may result in minor changes in the timing of the PSAP curriculum.

Financial Aid

All institutional financial aid awarded is based on demonstrated financial need. This need is calculated from the information submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that is submitted to the federal central processing service. This service determines the resources available to the student from (a) parents' income and assets, (b) student's income and assets, and (c) where applicable, the income and assets of a spouse. These resources are then subtracted from the student Cost of Attendance “expense budget” to determine financial need. The Cost of Attendance includes tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, medical/dental costs, health insurance, transportation and miscellaneous expenses.

Students in the Physician Shortage Area Program are considered for financial aid* up to 60-70% of their financial need. All other students are considered for aid* up to a range of 50-60% of their financial need. This additional level of financial aid, while important, is limited.

The financial aid package for students in the Physician Shortage Area Program includes: (a) expected family contribution, (b) a minimum of \$10,000 in Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan*, (c) University administered loans and scholarships, (d) primary consideration for federal primary care service commitment grant and loan programs, as well as lower interest loan funds offered through the Pennsylvania Medical Society.

For students wishing to participate in the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program, (or the National Health Service Corps/Indian Health Service Scholarship Program) and the Physician Shortage Area Program, there is no conflict between the programs, as long as the student intends to complete his or her obligation to the Physician Shortage Area Program upon completion of the obligation to the military, NHSC or IHS.

* Due to Federal Budget Control Act of 2011, graduate students are no longer eligible to borrow funding through the Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan program. All Federal Direct Stafford Loans are unsubsidized. For more information about this and other important financial aid information, please see the University Office of Student Financial Aid website at Jefferson.edu/financialaid.

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Supplementary Application for the Physician Shortage Area Program

Name: Last: _____ First: _____
Middle: _____

Permanent Address: _____

County: _____

The rural county for which application is made and from which letters of recommendation referred to in paragraph 4 below will come from: County: _____

1. I hereby make application for acceptance into the Physician Shortage Area Program (PSAP)

2. I certify that if I am accepted for this program and attend Sidney Kimmel Medical College, I shall adhere to the following plan of training and practice: The PSAP curriculum during undergraduate medical education; and after residency training of my choice, practice in a rural area or small town.

3. I understand that my application will receive special consideration as an applicant to the program, that my agreement to abide by this program's requirements permits me to receive such consideration, and that, if I am accepted to Sidney Kimmel Medical College as part of the PSAP program, this acceptance is contingent upon my agreement to abide by the program's requirements. I further understand that if I am accepted into this program and matriculate at Sidney Kimmel Medical College, that if I do not comply with the requirements of the program, I shall be subject to academic dismissal from Sidney Kimmel Medical College.

4. In addition to the required premedical letters of recommendation submitted with a regular application, as a student applying for this program, I shall furnish three additional letters. These letters should be from prominent members of the community, such as clergymen, members of professions, educators, business leaders, civic leaders, etc., who live or work in the single rural underserved county from which I am applying and who can attest to my background, personal qualities, and to my commitment to practice in a rural physician shortage area. Following are the names and addresses of those individuals who will be sending such letters of recommendation. Please have your recommenders fax their letter, if at all possible, to the Office of Admissions at 215-503-8877.

1. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

How long known: _____ County: _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

How long known: _____ County: _____

3. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

How long known: _____ County: _____

Supplementary Application for Physician Shortage Area Program

1) Do you currently reside in the rural Physician Shortage Area for which you have applied?

Yes (If yes, skip to item #5)

No (If no, please answer all items)

2) What is your connection or relationship to your rural shortage area? Why did you choose this area?

3) What is the distance (in miles) from your hometown to the rural shortage area for which you have applied?

4) Have you ever lived in an area similar to your rural shortage area? If so, where and when?

5) What are your future career goals?

6) (This question is optional) Additional information that supports whether the specific area where you live (e.g. borough, town, etc.) is a rural physician shortage area can be included below.