Health Professions Education, Resident and Student Training Programs



Scripps Well Being Center – Scripps Mercy Hospital, Chula Vista partners with the Scripps Family Medicine Residency Program to expand community medicine opportunities. Together they support residents in delivering care and services within the community, engage medical students in hands-on community health experiences, and coordinate community-based learning for visiting and rotating residents and students. The center also offers opportunities for individuals to get involved through: health career talks, training programs and community wellness activities.

Public Health and Social Work Internship Program

Scripps Well Being Center – Scripps Mercy Hospital, Chula Vista proudly serves as an internship placement site for students pursuing an undergraduate/masters degree in social work and/or public health. This hands-on training program is designed to increase the number, diversity and retention of primary health and social service professionals committed to serving underserved communities. Interns gain real-world experience while making a meaningful impact on community health.

San Diego Border Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Scholars Program

As part of their training, interns also participate in the AHEC Scholar Program – a unique blend of hands-on clinical experience and online learning. Interns complete clinical and didactic online training and a community-based project focused on the social determinants of health.

Family Medicine Residency School-Based Clinic

The Southwest High School health clinic was created to give family medicine residents hands-on experience in adolescent medicine, while also empowering students with the knowledge and inspiration to pursue careers in health.

The clinic, co-designed by high school students, medical residents and faculty based on youth needs assessment surveys, offers a unique, youth-centered approach to care and education.



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Residents and students meet twice a week at the clinic, providing health services and mentorship in a supportive, school-based setting.

CalMED Scholars Program

This program is designed to help students chart a successful path toward a career in medicine. Students will engage with physician mentors and gain hands-on experience through a variety of volunteer-based opportunities.

Health Professions Community Training

This program offers diverse educational training in community medicine for interns, medical residents and other health professionals. Additionally, Health Professions 101 presentations are hosted at the South Bay Career Center and other locations to inspire future health care leaders.

Mental Health Support Services at Local School-Based Clinics

Scripps Family Medicine Residency and Scripps Well Being Center – Scripps Mercy Hospital, Chula Vista have partnered to provide clinical training for Master of Social Work students from local colleges, universities and high schools. These students work alongside local providers to address the mental health needs of vulnerable adolescents, focusing on issues like depression, anxiety and suicide concerns, all through a school-based clinic aimed at improving mental health care for local high school students.