

CONFLUENCE HEALTH OKANOGAN COUNTY BRANCHES

Locations:

[Omak Clinic](#)

916 Koala Drive
Omak, WA 98841
509.826.1800

[North Valley Family Medicine-Tonasket](#)

17 S Western Avenue
Tonasket, WA 98855
509.486.2174

[North Valley Family Medicine-Oroville](#)

1617 S. Main Street
Oroville, WA 98844
509.476.3631

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Credentialing

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The clerkship is operated in three private practice clinics that are affiliated with [Confluence Health](#), a multi-specialty center located in Wenatchee. The practice provides a new, cooperative model of health care delivery: family practitioners provide the primary care for the community and Confluence Health provides specialist referral and consultation services in Omak and Tonasket. Omak is a small community of 7,000. The principle economic base of the area is lumber, tourism, and agriculture. Hospital care is provided in [Mid-Valley Hospital](#), a 25 bed Critical Access Hospital with a level 4 designation. Services include full OB, General and Orthopedic Surgery, Emergency Room, Inpatient Hospitalist program, nuclear medicine and cardiac studies and therapy services. The clinic serves patients from all of Okanogan County which has a population of 40,000. Both Tonasket and Oroville are towns of approximately 1,000 people. They have similar economic base as Omak, though Oroville has a large employment base at the Canadian port of entry. Tonasket is 22 miles north of Omak and Oroville is 16 miles north of Tonasket. Oroville is located on the US/Canadian Border. Hospital care for both communities is provided by [North Valley Hospital](#), a 15-bed hospital. Services include: Obstetrics including surgical obstetrics, inpatient adult and pediatric medicine, progressive care and radiology.

PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

Orientation and Administration:

- To prepare for the clerkship, be sure to email the completed Student Summary Sheet to the site director at least two weeks before the start date of your rotation.
- Read the technical information sheet (attached) for details on how the student's apartment is set up and equipped, for other living considerations, travel, and suggestions on what you might want to bring with you.
- You will receive credentialing forms prior to arrival. Contact the site coordinator if you have not received these 4 weeks prior to your start date. The site requires a Letter of Good Standing and proof of malpractice insurance, which UWSOM will upload to E*Value approx. Students are responsible for retrieving this from E*Value and submitting to the credentialing contact.
- You will receive instructions where to report and your schedule the week prior to your arrival.

CLINICAL WORK

- The Omak Clinic is structured such that at least 6 physicians are working most of the time. You will be assigned to work with one or two of the doctors. This physician will provide the majority of teaching and supervision. Other members of the practice will participate in conferences and rounds and will bring cases of interest to your attention.
- North Valley Family Medicine-Tonasket is a five-physician practice. You will spend time with most of the physicians in the practice. Typically, you will spend the day with the on-call physician.
- North Valley Family Medicine-Oroville is staffed by a PA and two physicians from the Tonasket Clinic. You will typically spend one to two days there.
- You are expected to consult with your primary preceptor regarding your assessments and decisions regarding all patient care. All patients must be seen by your preceptor. During the first week supervision is close; your preceptor will discuss each case with you and see the patient personally. As you demonstrate competence and judgment, more responsibility will be expected.
- You are always expected to interrupt faculty for any questions or areas of uncertainty. Faculty must countersign student orders.
- A full spectrum lab is available in the Omak Clinic and Each Hospital for your experience. Also available is Radiology, Surgery Center, Chemo Infusion, Home Health, Respiratory Care, and Diabetic Education.
- You are encouraged to become closely acquainted with the lives of patients and their families.
- On Call/ER: On evenings and weekends when your primary preceptor is on call, you will also be on call. The schedule for call is at least once a week and two weekends per month.
- In the Hospital: You will make rounds on patients you are following. Faculty will be present when you visit patients for assignments and counseling. If a procedure is indicated, faculty must be notified and will determine whether or not a preceptor should be in attendance.

- Community Visits: Community visits may include a home visit, nursing home, you may do ½ day clinic at the Paschal Sherman Indian School or spend a ½ day with a Child Protection Services Worker.
- House Calls and Nursing Home Visits: Each student is expected to make at least one house call alone, with a visiting nurse or with a physician. Each student will visit a nursing home one or more times with a physician.

DIDACTIC PROGRAMS AND MATERIALS

1. Student conference: Once a week, Wednesday mornings at 7 am. You will present at least one case for formal teaching and evaluation on the last day of your rotation.
2. Visiting Consultants: opportunities to work with specialists who rotate through the clinic on a regular basis. Consulting specialists include a cardiologist, urologist, orthopedic surgeon, ENT, gastroenterologist, nephrologists, ophthalmologist, oncologist, or rheumatologist.
3. PRN Consultations: Occasional consultation conferences are arranged when indicated with mental health groups, etc.
4. Radiology Conference: Local radiologists include students in their case discussions with local family physicians.
5. Other meetings where clinical material may be discussed include the following:
 - Hospital staff meetings – quarterly
 - Administrative meetings /Utilization Review – variable times
 - Hospital Committee Meetings – variable times
 - Grand Rounds via Telemedicine – variable times.

The clerkship provides an opportunity to examine practice styles in light of career aspirations and lifestyle. Students visit the homes of physicians and their families to witness their private lives, use of leisure time, and the impact of medicine on their families.

Community Perspective: Faculty urges you to seek out contact with other agencies and personnel, especially in the context of care of specific patients. Discussions with faculty will include community health needs, hazards, and resources. You will be included in the community activities of faculty.

OMAK, WASHINGTON, SITE HOUSING INFORMATION

Address: Shellrock Building
 739 Haussler Road
 Omak Washington 98841
 Phone: (509) 826-4353

- Accommodations: Two-bedroom apartment with all necessities. No Pets.
- Provided: Furniture, cooking utensils, bedding, Microwave, T.V. No cribs or iron, wireless Internet.
- Bring: Personal items, recreational gear, extra sheets (queen size) helpful, extra towels.

- Additional Info: No pets. This apartment does not receive mail. All mail should be sent to the Omak Clinic, address listed above.
- Meals: None provided (except Wednesday morning breakfast meeting).
- Keys: If arriving during clinic hours contact the office (509) 826-1800; if arriving after hours or on a weekend, contact the hospital front desk for keys and initial arrangements.
- Transportation: Car necessary, no public transportation
- Extras: Great recreational opportunities for all outdoor activities

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