

Banner Medical Clinic

City: Torrington, WY

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Site Description

Students will work with the site director, Dr. Norma Cantu, and her practice group of five (5) Family Physicians, an (1) Orthopedic Surgeon and (2) General Surgeons. The group also includes 4 Nurse Practitioners and 2 Physician Assistants. The practice does the entire range of family and community care, including Emergency Department coverage, OB, pediatrics, in-patient, surgery, surgery assists and care center/nursing home practice. This cohesive group of physicians is employed by Banner Health, and has a collaborative relationship with the Community Hospital in Torrington, owned by Banner Health. The hospital is a 25 bed Critical Access Hospital with a 24-hour Emergency Department, Obstetrics, surgery, and a full array of ancillary departments. The Banner Health campus of Banner Medical Clinic and Community Hospital are all conveniently located within about a 2 block radius. Public Health, dental clinic, and an eye clinic are located in the same area. Torrington and Goshen County also provide the students the opportunity to work with mental health services and St. Joseph's Children's Home and treatment center. This practice will provide an in-depth look at family and community care in a rural setting. The physicians are actively involved and can provide exposure to EMT training, ambulance service, public health, bio-terrorism, state programs for special health needs, group visits, pay for participation and community education and teaching. The physicians work with residency programs from the Cheyenne and Casper Family Practice Residency, and it is a Rural/Underserved Opportunity Program (RUOP) site for first year medical students.

Community

Goshen County is located on the North Platte River in South Eastern Wyoming and is the home of Eastern Wyoming College. The college provides many community activities, including a fitness center (WWAMI students can use fitness center for a monthly fee and there are 2 other gyms in town) with basketball and volleyball, theater and fine arts. It is 35 miles west of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and about 80 miles North and East of Cheyenne. It is a 3-hour drive from Denver, Colorado, and about 2 hours from Laramie and the University of Wyoming. There are opportunities for lake activities, mountain and road biking, mountain climbing, hunting and fishing.

Duties

Students are on-call approximately 6 days/nights (24 hour shifts) during the rotation, taking ER call with one of the faculty doing ER shifts. Students will do more hospitalist than ED but it can

be arranged. This can be discussed with Dr. Cantu and scheduled at the beginning of the rotation. The matter and timing of seeing ER patients will be determined by the faculty physician covering ER that shift.

Patients

The practice does the entire range of family and community care, including Emergency Department coverage, operative OB, pediatrics, in-patient, surgery, surgery assists and Alzheimer/nursing home practice. Common clinic patients include some Hispanic and low to middle income patients.

Housing

Two bedroom furnished tri-level apartment (living room, kitchen ½ bath located on main floor, two bedrooms upstairs with a full bathroom upstairs), basement with a washer and dryer. Built in 1996, outside parking for two vehicles, washer & dryer, television, wireless internet, full size stove refrigerator and microwave, small front and back yard. The house is furnished and has cookware, dishes, towels, sheets, and ironing board. It does not have a computer, but is set up with a wireless router and high speed internet. No pets or smoking please. Arrangements for spouse or family can be done with the site coordinator and other students sharing the rotation. The apartment is located about two blocks from the hospital/clinic campus, about half mile from the downtown area, and 1 block from the campus of Eastern Wyoming College. During the school year there are Jr. College Volleyball and Basketball games at [Eastern Wyoming College](#) (EWC). Torrington has two nice grocery stores, several restaurants, a movie theater and fast-food places.

A car is highly recommended; clinic and hospital are walking distance but offsite activities and getting to Torrington is probably best done by car. Scottsbluff, Nebraska, has an airport. There are flights from Cheyenne, WY, 80 miles away and it is about 3 hours to Denver International Airport.

Other

Some facts about the weather in Torrington

July is the average warmest month.

The highest recorded temperature was 111°F in 1977.

The average coolest month is December.

The lowest recorded temperature was -43°F in 1923.

The maximum average precipitation occurs in May.

Features

Rural Sites less than 25,000