

Distinction Program Information

Distinction Program Name:		Distinction in Urban Health	
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Application Deadline and Requirements:
<p>Year 1: March 1</p> <p>Year 2: October 24 (note student must already be involved in a project related to this distinction)</p>

Program Description:
<p>In the Distinction in Urban Health, students will focus on the public health needs of urban and under resourced populations, such as those in Newark. In 2020 Newark's population was 86% minority with a poverty rate of 28% and a per capita income of \$20,163. With access to health care largely socially determined, this Distinction Program will allow students to propose and assess strategies to enhance population health, improve access to quality care, and advance medical knowledge within the community to improve overall health outcomes.</p>

Goals & Objectives:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mastery of the content that represents current practices in urban health. 2. Development of a longitudinal portfolio which tracks activities and progress and includes a research project on a particular public health or service affecting the targeted community. 3. Understanding the systems that support care for historically marginalized and underserved communities. 4. Development of instructional content and/or assessment tools that address the needs of the community.

Program Requirements:
<p>Year 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a summer experience and commence work on approved project • Written Progress Report for summer experience <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Didactic sessions/Journal Club (once a month) • Leadership role in Distinction related student organizations or activities • Volunteer work <p>Year 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection of Distinction concentration within the context of clinical experiences in 3rd year (minimum of 3 clerkships) <p>Year 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentorship of junior medical students • Final portfolio and capstone presentation



Capstone Project Overview:

The research and scholarship requirement of the Distinction in Urban Health program is to allow the students to contribute to and advance an understanding of urban health through scholarship.

To satisfy the requirement, the participant's project should fulfill the following criteria:

- 1) The project must include quantification of its impact on urban health and/or service. Assessing the impact can be achieved by survey data, evaluation/test(s) of participants' knowledge, or other measurement. These results should be interpreted statistically.
- 2) Students must submit their work to one of the following platforms:
 - Peer-reviewed journal publication
 - Poster at a national conference
 - Submission to a public-access course-resource like MedEDPortal.
- 3) The topic for scholarship must be related to the field of urban health.