Rural Medicine Education

At UNT Health Science Center

The UNT Health Science Center offers its medical students the unique opportunity to improve the health of Texans across the state in even the most remote areas through the Rural Osteopathic Medical Education of Texas (ROME) program.

ROME was designed to combine the exceptional medical education offered by the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine with the skills unique to a rural Texas physician.

The overall goals of the ROME curriculum are to:

- Give students experiences that prepare them for practice in rural medicine
- Help students build a foundation for professional and personal life in a rural community
- Prepare the graduate for acceptance into premier graduate medical education programs

Special features of ROME include:

- Training in specialty areas needed for rural practice
- Real-world experience training alongside practicing rural physicians
- Telemedicine training to prepare physicians to extend their practices and maintain their professional expertise electronically to improve the quality of care available to rural patients

ROME students receive advanced education and special courses in

- clinical skills
- public health and preventive medicine
- environmental medicine
- advanced emergency medicine
- telemedicine
- orthopedics
- health policy
- psychiatry
- community medicine
- pediatrics
- critical care medicine

ROME students train at sites in 27 different rural communities in as many counties in Texas, including Bastrop, Cuero, Eagle Lake, Goliad, La Feria, San Saba, Tulia, and others.
For more information about the UNT Health Science Center’s work in rural medicine education, contact the media office at 817-735-2446.

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The University of North Texas Health Science Center comprises the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the School of Public Health, and the School of Health Professions. Key research areas include aging and Alzheimer’s disease, cancer and physical medicine. This year, the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine was named a top 50 medical school in primary care by U.S. News & World Report for the seventh consecutive year. “Fort Worth’s medical school and more” contributes $600 million to the Tarrant County and Texas economies annually. For more information, go to http://www.hsc.unt.edu/