

What Our Graduates Say:

“The Residency Program set me on a career path in Public Health and Preventive Medicine. The knowledge, networking and leadership skills learned in the program have been instrumental in my attaining the current position as Director of the Florida Department of Health – Palm Beach County.”



Alina Alonso, MD
Director, Florida Department of Health
Palm Beach County



“The training I received in this residency program has been a solid foundation for a successful career in public health that really has made a difference in my approach to medicine.”

James Howell, MD, MPH
Chair, Director of Rural Medicine
& Professor Public Health, Nova
Southeastern University College of
Osteopathic Medicine



“Now a scholar of public health, the invaluable FDOH Preventive Medicine Residency post-graduate experience allowed me to hone my skills as a health officer. Public health practice is my niche!”

Samantha Alford-Morales,
MD, MPH

The Preventive Medicine-Public Health Residency Program is an important part of the Florida Department of Health – Palm Beach County Health Department.

Our Residency Program offers a valuable learning opportunity to develop and increase physician competencies in public health, practice, program planning and administration in a diverse, dynamic and unique agency.

Both osteopathic and allopathic physicians may apply to the Residency, and upon completion, are eligible to sit for the Board exams of either the ABPM, or the AOBOPM.

The Preventive Medicine Residency Program offers in-depth training in Public Health. Residents are taught to understand the critical connection between preventive medicine and the health of the general population.

At a minimum, residents do their clinical work at our health centers throughout Palm Beach County, and at the VAMC in West Palm Beach. During their practicum year, residents rotate throughout programs and services of the Health Department which include Epidemiology, Communicable Diseases, STD/HIV/TB, Environmental Health, Emergency Preparedness, Community & School Health, Occupational Health, Dental Health, Behavioral Health, and Information Technology.

The education process during the residency offers unique ways to develop partnerships with community organizations that provide experience with Behavioral Health, Chemical Dependency and Alcohol Addiction. Residents are also involved and assist in epidemiological investigations and outbreaks, and any other potential local crises. Residents also staff the Special Needs Unit, in the event of a disaster.

For more information and application, visit www.PBCHDResidency.org or call 561-837-5165.

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In Affiliation with:
Nova Southeastern University
College of Osteopathic Medicine



Founder: Dr Carl L. Brumback, MD, MPH

There has not been enough recognition for the need for physicians trained in preventive medicine and public health. Started by Carl L. Brumback, MD, MPH, in 1956, the Florida Department of Health – Palm Beach County's Preventive Medicine Public Health Residency Program is determined to change that. The FDOH-PBC's Residency Program strives to train qualified candidates for a rewarding career as Public Health Officers.

The Florida Department of Health – Palm Beach County's Preventive Medicine-Public Health Residency Program is the ONLY program of its kind in the entire country where residents obtain real practical experience in a large, full-service metropolitan Health Department that serves over 1.2 million people.

The field of Preventive Medicine-Public Health treats an entire community as the patient, with training concentrated on the following core areas: administration, epidemiology and biostatistics, environmental sciences, behavioral science, occupational medicine, and clinical preventive medicine.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS:

Our Preventive Medicine-Public Health Residency Program is accredited by ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education) and the AOA (American Osteopathic Association). Residents are Board-eligible after graduation. In order to receive a "Certificate of Completion" from the Florida Department of Health – Palm Beach County's Preventive Medicine-Public Health Residency Program, each resident is expected to fulfill the following requirements:

- ❖ Complete the requirements for a Masters in Public Health degree. (Spend 2 years in the program; even if MPH is already obtained.)
- ❖ Actively participate in all scheduled lectures, public health seminars, Journal Club and other required meetings.
- ❖ Attend public health rotations and clinic assignments.
- ❖ Complete all online courses, such as CDC's SS-1000: Principles of Epidemiology; FEMA's IS-100 and 700 Incident Command System; and DOH's WEBEOC
- ❖ Other DOH trainings such as Blood-borne Pathogens; Information Security/ Privacy Awareness; DOH OSHA; and Workplace Safety; TB Clinical Course; BLS/ACLS certification; and the CITI course.

The Florida Department of Health-Palm Beach County's Residency Program is affiliated with Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-COM). Residents in the program are employed through NSU-COM. The school is responsible for salary, benefits, and other employer obligations. The Florida Department of Health – Palm Beach County is responsible for all the educational aspects of the practicum years, while NSU-COM provides the residents an opportunity to complete their master of Public Health (MPH), which is required as part of the residency.

The program is open to both osteopathic and allopathic physicians, and allows for the enhancement of programs at both institutions. Allopathic (MD) residents who complete the program are eligible to sit for the certifying examination given by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. Osteopathic (DO) residents who successfully complete the program will be eligible to sit for the certifying examination given by the American Osteopathic Board of Occupational and Preventive Medicine.

