

PALM BEACH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



RESIDENCY

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And

AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

**Graduate Medical Education and Residency Program for Preventive
Medicine/Public Health
Palm Beach County Health Department
P. O. Box 29
West Palm Beach, FL 33402**

PALM BEACH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Palm Beach County Health Department is a service organization responsible for public health programs for a growing county of over one million residents, with both urban and rural communities. In addition to the traditional core public health programs of disease prevention and control, environmental health, school health, and health education, the Health Department shares responsibility for primary care of the medically indigent population of the county with the private sector. Over a million services are provided annually at six health centers throughout the county. A staff of over 1,000 professionals and support staff are employed.

The Palm Beach County Health Department has a long history of developing new and innovative programs to meet the needs of its communities. Staff has the opportunity to participate in the planning and the implementation of these programs.

The residency program offers a valuable learning opportunity to develop and increase physician competencies in public health practice, program planning and administration in a dynamic and unique agency.

The residency program has public health as its primary focus. We cover all aspects of preventive medicine but our goal is to train physicians to have an understanding of the importance of public health as a component of preventive medicine.

We are proud of our partnerships with other community organizations. These allow us to provide an even broader range of experiences. Mental health, chemical dependency and community organization are provided to our residents by our community partners.

The residency program has an Affiliation Agreement with Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Residents in the Residency Program are employed through (NSU-COM). The school is responsible for salary, benefits, and other employer obligations. The Palm Beach County Health Department is responsible for all the educational aspects of the practicum year and NSU 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. This affiliation allows for enhancement of programs at both institutions.

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the American Osteopathic Association sanction this affiliation. Allopathic (MD) residents who successfully complete the program will be eligible to sit for the certifying examination given by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. Osteopathic (D.O.) 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

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Please submit:

1. Letter of request for admission, including dates of availability.
2. A completed Residency Application form.
3. Curriculum vitae.
4. Florida License number.
Note: A Florida license may be obtained after acceptance into the program but before the beginning of the program.
5. If you are a graduate of a foreign medical school, you must show evidence of Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), certification of a PGY1 year in the United States, and a green card (if applicable).
6. A personal statement.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Physicians must have at least one year in an accredited internship or residency in a primary care specialty (MDs ACGME and DOs AOA); they must be licensed to practice in Florida. Graduates of foreign medical schools must have completed a PGY-1 in the United States in primary care in an accredited program as listed above.
- Have passed all steps of the USMLE and/or COMLEX
- A Florida license now requires two years of approved training in the United States for foreign medical graduates.
- An MPH degree is also required; however, arrangements have been made to obtain this over the two years of the Residency without cost to the resident.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify for "Certificate of Completion" of the Public Health Residency, each candidate is expected to:

- Complete requirements for the MPH degree.
- Have a completed "*Summative Evaluation of Competencies*" from a PGY-1 or PGY-2 program.
- Attend scheduled lectures, public health seminars, journal clubs, and other meetings.
- Complete evaluations of training, and monthly activity reports.
- Complete the CDC SS1000 course (Principles of Epidemiology).
- Attend public health rotations and clinic assignments.
- Carry out a project that demonstrates competency in research and/or evaluation of a public health problem.
- Spend two years in the program even if you have a MPH degree.
- Receive a satisfactory rating in clinical performance and other requirements.

Applications should be submitted to:

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