

# UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program



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The UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program is a major clinical and educational branch of the University of California, San Francisco. For more than 40 years, in collaboration with several clinical and community partners, the program has offered medical education and training for residents, fellows and students as well as conducted research, provided continuing education opportunities and public service. UCSF Fresno is a nationally-recognized model for community and university partnership, which offers people in California's San Joaquin Valley access to high-quality and culturally responsive health care while enabling physicians in training—working alongside the finest faculty—to experience the dynamic interplay of medical academicians, research and patient care.

## GROWING VALLEY DOCTORS

UCSF Fresno is the San Joaquin Valley's largest physician training program. Medical residency training forms the core of the educational focus. Annually, UCSF Fresno currently trains approximately 250 medical residents (medical school graduates who are training under senior faculty physicians prior to practicing on their own), 10 oral and maxillofacial surgery dental residents and 50 medical fellows (physicians who are completing training beyond residency).

One of the most important features of the UCSF Fresno program is the emphasis on hands-on training, whether in rural, community-based facilities or larger hospitals. The program graduates about 100 resident physicians each year. Nearly 50 percent of the physicians trained by UCSF Fresno stay in the region to provide UCSF care in the Valley.

## Medical Residency Specialty Training Programs (3-5 years)

- Emergency Medicine
- Family & Community Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- Oral Maxillofacial Surgery (Dental)
- Orthopaedics
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Surgery
- EM Physician Assistant (18 months)
- Ortho Surgery PA (13 months)

## Fellowship Subspecialty Training Programs (Optional 1-3 years)

- Acute Care Surgery (Surgery)
- Cardiovascular Disease (IM)
- Community Pediatrics (Peds)
- Emergency Medicine Education (EM)
- Gastroenterology (IM)
- Hematology/Oncology
- HIV Fellowship (FCM)
- Hospice/Palliative Care (FCM)
- Infectious Disease (IM)
- Interventional Cardiology (IM)
- Maternal Child Health (FCM)
- Minimally Invasive Surgery (Surgery)
- Pulmonary Disease/Critical Care Medicine (IM)
- Sleep Medicine (IM)
- Surgery Critical Care (Surgery)
- Ultrasound (EM)
- Wilderness Medicine (EM)

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## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

In addition to medical residency training, UCSF Fresno educates more than 300 medical students (students in the process of earning medical degrees) each year on a rotating basis. Medical students may participate in clerkships, electives, or preceptorships in all areas of medical education. UCSF Fresno offers third-year students an integrated six-month curriculum known as the Longitudinal Integrated Fresno Experience that centers on underserved medicine and Valley health issues. Additionally, UCSF Fresno is a partner in the training of medical students as part of the UC San Joaquin Valley Program in Medical Education.

## FACULTY

The teaching faculty at UCSF Fresno consists of core and volunteer faculty. All have appointments with the UCSF School of Medicine. Currently there are about 300 core faculty and 400 volunteer faculty. Several nationally recognized physicians are among the senior faculty. UCSF Fresno also boasts three Endowed Chairs, distinguished faculty positions that are associated with the most prestigious educational institutions. Endowment funds help pay for a portion of the faculty members' work. Thanks to the expertise of the faculty physicians at UCSF Fresno, in many cases, travel outside of the region is no longer necessary for patients seeking subspecialty medical care. UCSF Fresno faculty and residents also care for the overwhelming majority of the region's underserved populations.

## CLINICAL SIMULATION

Over the past decade, medical simulation has become an integral component of medical education. UCSF Fresno uses medical simulation to train its students and physicians in the **UCSF Fresno Clinical Simulation Center**. UCSF Fresno's clinical skills lab includes a variety of advanced simulation equipment. Simulation equipment and simulated patient care at UCSF Fresno enable doctors and doctors-in-training to sharpen their procedural and patient care skills under the direction of experienced faculty and in a safe environment without risk to patients.

## CARING FOR AGING COMMUNITY MEMBERS

In 2015, the **Larry L. Hillblom Center on Aging** was established at UCSF Fresno thanks to a \$1 million gift from the Larry L. Hillblom Foundation. The Center, the only one of its kind in the San Joaquin Valley, was created to address the health care needs of the underserved and rapidly growing population of older community members in the region and state via a multi-disciplinary and coordinated approach all in one facility.

## RESEARCH

The cultural richness of the Valley makes it an ideal setting for significant population-based studies and research is strongly encouraged at UCSF Fresno. UCSF Fresno faculty and residents engage in a broad spectrum of research from clinical studies to basic sciences with an emphasis on improving health outcomes in high prevalence diseases such as asthma, diabetes, valley fever and other health conditions specific to the Valley's diverse population. UCSF Fresno encompasses approximately 350 research, clinical trial and public service projects. Some are funded by federal, state, nonprofit and industry partners. Since 1998, UCSF Fresno has attracted more than \$85 million in grants and research dollars. In spring 2005, the **UCSF Fresno Center for Medical Education and Research** opened in downtown Fresno adjacent to Community Regional Medical Center. The 82,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art building includes a digital medical library, virtual classrooms and the latest in instructional methods and technologies. The **UCSF Fresno Clinical Research Center** opened in 2013. The 3,300 square foot facility is located on the third floor of the UCSF Fresno Center and provides a centralized home for the many UCSF Fresno research projects. The UCSF Fresno Center and UCSF Fresno Clinical Research Center play pivotal roles in the recruitment and retention of top physicians, faculty and researchers in the San Joaquin Valley.

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