ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS

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 that 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.

Training Doctors for the Valley

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 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). 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. UCSF Fresno also trains physician assistants each year as part of its Emergency Medicine Residency and Orthopaedic Surgery Residency programs. Nearly 50 percent of the physicians trained by UCSF Fresno stay in the region to provide UCSF care in the Valley.

Consistent with UCSF’s mission of education, research, patient care and public service, UCSF Fresno also sponsors programs that address the special health needs and issues of the Valley community as well as provides road maps for students to pursue careers in the health professions.

The Alzheimer & Memory Center (AMC), established in 1989, offers complete diagnostic services, treatment planning, counseling, caregiver support groups and educational opportunities for patients, families and health care professionals. AMC also participates in valuable translational research that aims to bring research findings to the front line for care and treatment. AMC is one of 10 partially state-funded Alzheimer’s Research Centers of California and the only one of its kind in the Valley. AMC’s service area includes Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Mariposa, Stanislaus, Tulare, San Luis Obispo and Tuolumne counties.

The California Statewide Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is one of the University of California’s oldest and most widely distributed health professions development programs. Located at UCSF Fresno, AHEC develops and supports health professions recruitment, training and retention programs in urban and rural underserved communities. In addition to support for the UCSF Fresno Family and Community Medicine Residency, AHEC works with 14 community-based organizations across the state. Activities include pre-health professions programs, clinical rotations in community health centers and continuing education.
ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS (Continued)

The Latino Center for Medical Education and Research (LaCMER), established in 1996, addresses the shortage of underrepresented physicians in the medical practice community and teaching faculty at medical and health professional schools. Research efforts focus on the health care needs of Latinos and other underserved populations. LaCMER operates the Health Professions Pipeline Program, which encompasses the Junior Doctors Academy, Doctors Academy and Health Careers Opportunity Program - the respective middle school, high school and college academic preparation programs. The pipeline program seeks to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who go on to become competitive applicants to health professional schools.

The Fresno Pharmacy Education Program, established in 2002 by the UCSF School of Pharmacy, brings fourth-year UCSF pharmacy students to the Fresno area to complete their required clinical rotations and senior research projects. By doing so, the UCSF School of Pharmacy and UCSF Fresno bring future pharmacists to practice and settle in the Valley. Students learn, practice and work alongside faculty members to provide care and meet the needs of the San Joaquin Valley’s diverse population in an underserved area. The program also actively works to attract local students into the pharmacy profession.

The Summer Biomedical Internship Program (SBI) was established in 1988 to provide a quality biomedical research experience for high school students. The program matches high school students in the summer between their junior and senior years with faculty members who have or are developing a research project. Students from Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Fresno, Kings and Tulare counties are eligible to apply. Students are selected based on academic merit. More than two hundred students have participated in the SBI program since it was established. Many of them are finishing their medical residencies, are working in the biomedicine or biotechnical industries, are currently in medical school or in doctorate programs at various universities.

For more information about the UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program, please visit www.fresno.ucsf.edu or call (559) 499-6400.

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