

South Carolina Center for
Rural and Primary Healthcare

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Impact

29 committed rural practitioners in the Rural Loan Forgiveness Program for medical, physician assistant, and advance practice registered nurse students

6 Rural Training Tracks and Residency Programs

12 Health-System Partners

Rural Pharmacists

In 2020, we understand the critical role of pharmacists in the COVID-19 pandemic response. Access to pharmacists is vital to rural residents. Pharmacists are an important part of the healthcare team and essential to augmenting care received in local rural communities. These healthcare professionals advise on medications, patient management, promote patient self-management, provide patient education and provide immunizations, and support other healthcare facilities such as skilled nursing facilities, health clinics, hospitals, and hospice care. To address rural health interest among pharmacy students and graduates, the Center supports several pharmacy training programs at different levels of their training.

"Demand for innovative pharmacists in rural communities continues to increase"

- S. Scott Sutton, Pharm.D., Uof SC College of Pharmacy

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Current Programs

Winnsboro Rural Residency

To grow the number of family medicine doctors practicing in rural areas of SC, CRPH partners with the Prisma Health -Midlands Family Medicine Residence Program to place a resident physician at the Martin Primary Health Care Center

Sumter Family Medicine Residency

Supports academic operations, recruiting and program development for the Prisma Health Tuomey Family Medicine Residency Program.

Rural Pharmacy Infectious Disease Resident Training

Focuses on shaping pharmacy graduate students to become future providers in rural areas around South Carolina by fostering greater knowledge of rural skill sets and interest in working in rural communities.

Preventive Medicine Residency

A two-year program in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health. The curriculum combines clinical and academic training with practicum experiences in a variety of public health and preventive medicine settings.

Tandem Rural Pharmacy Residency Program

The Tandem Health-University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy postgraduate year 1 (PGY1) outpatient pharmacy residency program aims to develop pharmacist leaders who add value and implement services to improve the health of patients within the community, emphasizing those in rural and underserved settings.

SC Rural Interprofessional Practice Transformation

Works with partners to identify and prepare health professions students through interprofessional training opportunities to become "boots on the ground" primary care providers, especially in rural and underserved communities.