

**FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The Family Medicine Residency Program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is a university-based program with many excellent community-based opportunities that utilizes the advantages of both settings. The primary goal of the program is to produce physicians who embody the unique knowledge, skills and attitudes of the specialty of Family Medicine.

GOALS OF THE PROGRAM:

1. To prepare competent family physicians capable of providing ethical, high quality healthcare for the individual and family.
2. To provide training that emphasizes the basic principles of Family Medicine including continuous, comprehensive and cost-effective care, prevention, quality improvement, community-oriented medicine, and cultural sensitivity.
3. To promote an environment of inquiry and scholarship, which encourages lifelong learning and the application of new knowledge to practice, consistent with the principles of evidence-based medicine and lifelong education.
4. To ensure competence in the biopsychosocial aspects of Family Medicine and the use of those skills to counsel patients and provide access to community resources for behavioral health treatment.
5. To maximize the opportunities for residents to balance academic development, service expectations and personal development in an environment that prepares residents for practice in urban or rural settings.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM:

The Little Rock Family Medicine Residency Program will:

1. Maintain full ACGME accreditation for the residency program.
2. Educate physicians who will become Board Certified in Family Medicine and maintain certification throughout their careers.
3. Facilitate the preparation of highly qualified family physicians for practice in a variety of settings.
4. Maintain excellent clinical facilities.
5. Train physicians who excel in the use of preventive medicine, medical informatics, information retrieval, chronic disease management, evidence-based medicine, continuous quality improvement, and psychosocial medicine.
6. Evaluate residents using the ACGME Competencies of:
 - a. Medical Knowledge
 - b. Patient Care
 - c. Professionalism
 - d. Practice-based Learning and Improvement
 - e. Systems-based Practice
 - f. Interpersonal and Communication Skills