

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

Primary Care Innovation Program

Primary Care Innovation Program Awards for FY 2015 – FY 2016		
Institution	Project	Award
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Foster School of Medicine El Paso	Longitudinal Primary Care Track	\$330,923
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine Lubbock	Enhancing the Family Medicine Accelerated Track	\$229,493
The University of Texas Health Science Center Houston	General Internal Medicine Statewide Preceptorship Program	\$562,941
The University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston	Longitudinal Primary Care Clerkship	\$314,648
University of North Texas Health Science Center Fort Worth	Community College Pathway Program	\$356,258
Total Awards		\$1,794,263

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Description of Projects Awarded Primary Care Innovation Program Grants

***Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Foster School of Medicine
El Paso***

Award: \$330,923

The Longitudinal Primary Care Track (LPCT) is an interdisciplinary, innovative, complementary curriculum that will give medical students unique training experiences and credentials during medical school. The curriculum content of this program is not found in the traditional undergraduate curriculum. Over the four years of medical education, the LPCT combines elements such as formalized leadership training, introduction into practice management, a clinical component with exposure to service learning opportunities, and production of research/scholarly work. The program will capitalize on early exposure to broad aspects of primary care, an approach that has been demonstrated to be effective at improving students' attitudes towards primary care. Exposure to working with underserved populations and in rural areas is also a predictor of interest in primary care that will be emphasized in this curriculum. Awards will support the development and implementation of the program, including acceptance of 20 first-year medical students during the grant period.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine Lubbock

Award: \$229,493

Enhancing the Family Medicine Accelerated Track (FMAT) will apply award funds to enrich and improve a program that offers a tested model for addressing deficits in the primary care physician workforce in Texas. Project goals focus on challenges in the current FMAT, which accepted its first cohort of medical students in fall 2010. Goals aim to strengthen the FMAT program infrastructure, develop and implement new curricular initiatives, and develop a new mentoring initiative. Grant funds will primarily support student stipends and scholarships and compensation for faculty and staff.

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The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Award: \$562,941

In response to the current inadequate supply of primary medical care physicians in the state, the Promoting Primary Care project combines new ideas and proven outcome results to create the partnership between The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHSC-H) and the General Internal Medicine Statewide Preceptorship Program (GIMSPP). A major goal of the project is to offer course credit across the state for participation of at least 100 medical students in the summer preceptorship program. Recruitment activities will be conducted on campus at all Texas medical schools. Grant funds will primarily support student stipends and program faculty and staff.

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Award: \$314,648

The Longitudinal Primary Care Clerkship (LPPC), which builds on a small, existing pilot program involving eight third-year medical students, is the initiation of a longitudinal, primary care clerkship spanning all four years of medical school. Award funds will support program expansion in 2015 – 2016 to 80 students drawn from each year of medical school. Goals of the program are: 1) to introduce students to longitudinal primary patient care in an interprofessional patient-centered medical home model early and repeatedly in their four-year medical education; 2) to utilize patient interaction and faculty mentor relationships to enhance clinical skills and develop enthusiasm for a career in primary care; 3) to create a culture at UTMB where primary care is viewed by students as a positive, dynamic career.

University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth

Award: \$356,258

The Community College Pathway Program is an innovative medical education model seeking to provide additional opportunities for students from historically underserved communities to attend and be successful in medical school. Selected students would enter the pipeline program beginning in their first year at Midland Community College and would benefit from shadowing and mentoring experiences with primary care preceptors in Midland. Other structured activities include summer primary skills labs at the University of North Texas, Denton and mini-courses at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM). After successful completion of the enhanced three-year pre-med curriculum, students would have automatic admission to the TCOM. Grant funds will primarily support student, tuition, fees, travel and stipends, as well as program coordination staff.