

Mercer University School of Medicine

Mission of the School of Medicine

To educate physicians and health professionals to meet the primary care and health care needs of rural and medically underserved areas of Georgia.

Vision of the School of Medicine

To improve access to quality health care and enhance the health status of Georgia residents and to be a recognized leader in educating primary care, rural and community-based health professionals.

Principles of the Curriculum

- Principle 1:** The curriculum contains the educational experiences necessary to provide a general professional education in medicine.
- Principle 2:** The curriculum is competency-based.
- Principle 3:** Professionalism is emphasized throughout the continuum of the curriculum.
- Principle 4:** The curriculum is maintained as a contemporary, flexible, and clinically relevant educational experience that is continuously improved by regular review and evaluation of the content and pedagogy.
- Principle 5:** The curriculum fosters independent learning, the development of self-directed learning habits, and the mastery of evidence-based medicine.
- Principle 6:** The curriculum contains elements that foster the development of leadership skills.
- Principle 7:** The curriculum promotes the practice of medicine in rural and medically underserved areas of Georgia.
- Principle 8:** The curriculum promotes understanding of the influences of family, culture, community, and societal elements on health and health care delivery.
- Principle 9:** The curriculum emphasizes disease prevention and health promotion practices that affect the health and well being of students, physicians, patients, and communities.
- Principle 10:** The curriculum is delivered in an environment that encourages positive interactions among faculty and students, and values student satisfaction with their learning experiences.

COMMUNITY MEDICINE PROGRAM MISSION, VISION, AND GOALS
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Community Medicine Program Mission: To prepare medical students to practice population-based medicine in their communities.

Community Medicine Program Vision: The Community Medicine Program is committed to educating medical students to be community-responsive physicians who meet the health care needs of rural and medically underserved communities in Georgia.

Community Medicine Instructional Program Goals:

1. Educate medical students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to provide preventive and population-based services, particularly in rural and medically underserved areas of Georgia.

2. Facilitate a broad-based approach in the provision of educational experiences to medical students through information technology, community-based experiences, and small and large group sessions that emphasize population-based medicine.

3. Develop, implement, and evaluate an innovative population-based curriculum that is responsive to a dynamic medical practice environment and assists student in achieving the MUSM competencies.