

Program Overview

The Mercer University School of Medicine (MUSM) Primary Care Accelerated Track is an innovative 3-year accelerated medical school curriculum that culminates to a Medical Degree and prepares students for early entry into a traditional primary care residency. The program currently has two tracks: Family Medicine and Internal Medicine.

The accelerated curriculum builds upon the strengths of the MUSM problem-based curriculum, which includes clinical experiences and community medicine activities within the preclinical years and is reinforced through clerkships and selective and elective experiences. The students in this program will participate in activities during their 3-year curriculum to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to be fully qualified, highly competent primary care physicians.

State Funded Financial Support

Two years of medical school tuition scholarship provided in exchange for three years of primary care service in Georgia in a rural or medically underserved area

Program Curriculum

Year 1								
Accelerated Track	Foundation of Medicine Block 1			Winter Break	Professional Growth & Development (PGD)	Organ Systems Block 2 Neuro/Behavior/MS/Derm		ACT-1 Includes QI and Population Health Project
	Orientation 1 week	Modules 1-4 16 weeks	Comprehensive Assessment 1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	Modules 1-4 16 weeks	Comprehensive Assessment 1 week	9 weeks clinical experience 2 weeks vacation
Traditional Curriculum Differences	Students accepted into the program in the Spring of Year 1							3 weeks Population Health 8 weeks Personal Development

Year 2								
Accelerated Track	Organ Systems Block 3 Cardiovascular/Pulm/Renal		Population Health and PGD	Winter Break	Organ Systems Block 4 GI/Repro/Endo/Heme Onc		Step 1 Study	ACT-2
	Modules 1-4 15 weeks	Comprehensive Assessment 1 week	3 weeks	2 weeks	Modules 1-4 17 weeks	Comprehensive Assessment 1 week	6 weeks	5 weeks
Traditional Curriculum Differences	ACT Longitudinal Curriculum: Fourteen half-days of clinical experience at their residency site							3 weeks PGD

Year 3									
FM-ACT Clerkship Schedule									
Family Med (ACT 2*)	Internal Med	Peds/Surg	Surg/Peds	OB/GYN	Study and Step 2	FM Sub-I	Psych	Transition to Residency	Total Weeks
5 weeks	8 weeks	8 weeks	8 weeks	6 weeks	2 weeks	4 weeks	6 weeks	2 weeks	49
Longitudinal Curriculum at Residency Site for 7 half days									

IM-ACT Clerkship Schedule											
Internal Med Block A (ACT 2*)	OB/GYN	ER Selective	Peds/Surg	Surg/Peds	Internal Med Block B	Study for Step 2	Psych	ICU	Family Med	Internal Med Sub-I	Total Weeks
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Three Sites, Two Tracks, One Primary Care Mission!

Two Tracks (Family Medicine & Internal Medicine) at Three Sites to Increase Primary Care

- Columbus – Family Medicine
- Macon – Family Medicine, Internal Medicine
- Savannah – Family Medicine, Internal Medicine

Admission Criteria and Other Factors Considered

- Overall academic status at the time of application is "Pass"
- Student is either a current M1 or has been accepted to Mercer but not yet matriculated
- A Firm Commitment to Primary Care
- The maturity necessary to be successful in an accelerated program

Program Status and Accomplishments

- 23 students accepted into the PC-ACT Program (2013-2020)
- 15 FM-ACT and 8 IM-ACT currently in the program
- 2 residency graduates in 2017 and practicing in rural areas
- 3 currently in Residency
- 2 have been counseled to return to the traditional curriculum

Advice for Other Institutions & Future Plans

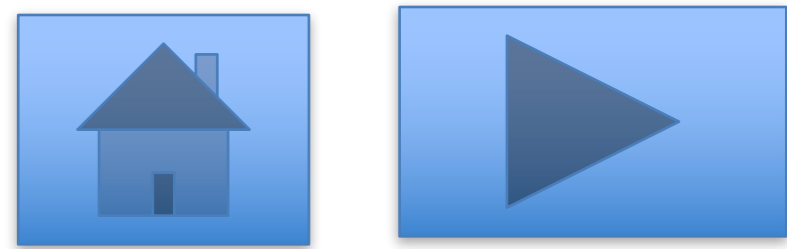
- Good communication with everyone involved, including: Campuses, Medical Education, Medical school, and Residency programs
- Involvement with each residency program's faculty and staff will make the transition from student to resident easier.
- Support and buy-in from Hospital, Medical School, and Residency Leadership make the development of the program smoother
- We hope to add in Pediatrics to the PC-ACT family in the future.



Program Contact

Primary Care Accelerated Track Website:
<http://medicine.mercer.edu/academics/primarycare/>
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Program Curriculum



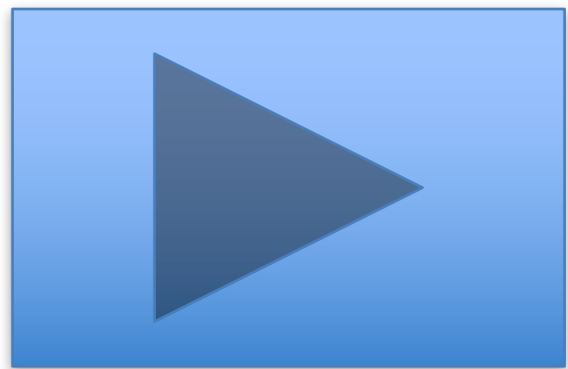
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Year 2								
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Longitudinal Curriculum for ACT Students	Fourteen half-days of clinical experience at their residency site							
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Program Pictures



Mercer Celebratory Event to honor our first PC-ACT Residency Graduates with



Program Team

- **PC-ACT LEADERSHIP:**
- Christina Kelly, MD – PC-ACT Program Director
- Robert Pallay, MD - PC-ACT Program Founder
- Kelli Lemieux - PC-ACT Administrator

- **Columbus:**
 - **Family Medicine:**
 - Alice House, MD – Regional Dean
 - John Bucholtz – Family Medicine Residency Midtown Medical Center Program Director
 - Janine Burgher-Jones – FM-ACT Director

- **Macon:**
 - **Family Medicine:**
 - Monique Davis-Smith, MD – Navicent Health Family Medicine Residency Program Director
 - Roberta Weintraut, MD – FM-ACT Director
 - **Internal Medicine:**
 - David Mathis, MD – Navicent Health Internal Medicine Residency Program Director
 - Allen Tindol, MD – IM-ACT Director
 - Justin Ertle, MD – IM-ACT Co-Director

- **Savannah:**
 - **Family Medicine:**
 - Robert Pallay, MD – Memorial Health Family Medicine Residency Program Director
 - Christina Kelly, MD – FM-ACT Director
 - **Internal Medicine:**
 - Michael Wilkowski, MD – Memorial Health Internal Medicine Residency Program Director
 - Callie Downing, MD – IM-ACT Director

