Primary Care Principles – OE 962

Brief description (200 words or less of course details):

This OEE is designed to advance UMMS student interest in patient centered primary care; to help them understand how they can be active participants in the transformation of our health care system; and to help them become advocates for both primary care and system transformation. Coordinated by the Primary Care Principles Interest Group, the PCP OEE will also serve its mission. Primary Care is defined as the provision of integrated, accessible health care services by clinicians who are accountable for addressing the large majority of personal health care needs, developing a sustained partnership with patients, and practicing in the context of family and community (IOM 1996). Primary care is the foundation of health care delivery and understanding the principles of primary care is broadly applicable to the needs and interests of all students as future health care professionals, regardless of the intended specialty. The elective will aim to:

1. Increase student awareness about the breadth and depth of primary care;
2. Educate students on primary care career opportunities;
3. Gain an understanding of and practice skills that are useful in primary care deepen students’ understanding of the role of primary care in our transforming health system.

Semester offered:  Fall

Registration information:  Contact student leaders below

Requirements for credit:

- After completing the required number of sessions (8), students in the pathway will be asked to complete a reflection about something they learned about Primary Care during the course of the elective.
- In addition to this reflection, we will also use this pilot year to develop an online evaluation, to be administered as an “E*value” survey, that can be used to assess the effectiveness of the elective longitudinally.
- In collaboration with MassAHEC, we will track the outcome of the first 20 participants in this OEE to see if they pursue primary care in their future careers. If the OEE continues, MassAHEC will continue to track if future participants go and stay in primary care.

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Offered in this academic year:  YES