

PRIMARY CARE TRAINING ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Awardee Profile: Texas Tech University

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Trainee Group(s) and Discipline(s) Targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical or predoctoral students: Family Medicine Accelerated Track (FMAT) • Residents: family medicine • Faculty • Practicing primary care physicians
Primary project objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and enhance rural training experiences for students in the Family Medicine Accelerated Track (FMAT) as well as third-year clerkships (MS3 students) and fourth-year required and elective courses (MS4 students). • Develop and enhance rural residency training experiences for FM residents to prepare them for independent and transformed practice. • Develop and implement faculty development and continuing medical education training that incorporates themes integral to rural health. • Develop and apply evaluation strategies for TRUST initiatives.

EVALUATION OVERVIEW

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HRSA Priority Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rate of graduates/program completers practicing in primary care, at least 1 year after program completion. • Rate of graduates/program completers practicing in underserved areas, at least 1 year after program completion. • Patient service provided by graduates/program completers. • Quality of care provided by graduates/program completers. • Patient service provided by trainees and faculty at participating PCTE clinical training sites. • Quality of care provided by trainees and faculty at participating PCTE clinical training sites. • Cost of care provided by trainees and faculty at participating PCTE clinical training sites.



EVALUATION OVERVIEW

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Measures and Tools

- Tracking of resident graduates/program completers will be combined with the collection of information on patient populations, payer types, deployment of the PCMH model, and program completer long-term leadership in medicine such as via local, state, and national organizations.
 - Quality improvement projects (Capstone Projects) will be evaluated using the New Innovations database as well as PCMH measures.
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ABSTRACT

As submitted with proposal

The overall purpose of this project is to develop, implement, and assess the TRUST program: **T**ransforming **R**ural Healthcare **S**ystems in West **T**exas, a collaborative curricular initiative that engages primary care-focused pre-doctoral training within Family Medicine, Family Medicine residency training, and faculty development and continuing education training for practicing physicians—all with a focus on promoting primary care practice in rural and underserved areas.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) stands at the southern edge of the Western Plains, providing medical care to more than 3 million people across 131,000 square miles. The communities that make up the West Texas region are primarily rural and constitute some of the most medically underserved areas in the country. The TRUST program involves the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine pre-doctoral education activities, primarily on the Lubbock and Covenant campuses and the Family Medicine residency program, also on the Lubbock campus. Activities developed to support faculty development and continuing medical education will target the TTUSOM faculty and practicing physicians across all campuses and throughout the TTUHSC catchment area.

The TRUST program complements three emerging innovations and activities within TTUSOM: the launch of the Plainview 1-2 residency program (linked to the Lubbock FM program), the development of a new clinical campus within the Covenant Health System (primarily in Lubbock but with a presence in Plainview and several other rural West Texas communities), and the continued growth of TTUSOM's innovative Family Medicine Accelerated Track (FMAT). In addition, the TRUST program builds on existing relationships with rural communities in Hart and Plainview, both in the Texas Panhandle. This project has the following objectives:

Objective 1. To develop and enhance rural training experiences for students in the Family Medicine Accelerated Track (FMAT) as well as third-year clerkships (MS3 students) and fourth-year required and elective courses (MS4 students)

Objective 2. To develop and enhance rural residency training experiences for Family Medicine residents to prepare them for independent and transformed practice

Objective 3. To develop and implement faculty development and continuing medical education training that incorporates themes integral to rural health

Objective 4. To develop and apply evaluation strategies for TRUST initiatives