



# Primary Care Training Enhancement (PCTE) Program

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# Agenda

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# Primary Care Training and Enhancement (PCTE) Program

- **Legislative Authority:** Section 747 of the Public Health Service Act, PART C [293k] Primary Care Training and Enhancement Training Programs.



# Primary Care Training and Enhancement (PCTE) Program

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**Overall Goal:** to strengthen the primary care workforce by supporting enhanced training for future primary care clinicians, teachers, and researchers in rural and underserved areas. The focus is to produce primary care providers who will be well prepared to **practice, teach, and lead transforming health care systems** to improve access, quality of care, and cost effectiveness.

**Annual Appropriation:** \$48,924,000; 15% of annual appropriation must go toward physician assistant programs.

**Project Period:** All programs have a 5 year project period.



# PCTE FY 2022 Funding

Program	FY 22 (M)	# Awards
Primary Care Training and Enhancement Program (PCTE) Cohort 16 (No Cost Extension)	\$0	27
Academic Units for Primary Care Training and Enhancement (AU-PCTE) (No Cost Extension)	\$0	6
Training Primary Care Champions (Champions)	\$7.5	19
Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry Clinician Educator Career Development Awards (Career Development)	< \$1	16
Primary Care Training and Enhancement: Integrating Behavioral Health and Primary Care (PCTE-IBHPC) Program	\$3.6	9
Primary Care Training and Enhancement (PCTE) - Physician Assistant (PA) Program	\$5.4	18
Primary Care Training and Enhancement: Residency Training in Primary Care (PCTE-RTPC)	\$9.6	21
Primary Care Training and Enhancement: Community Prevention & Maternal Health (PCTE-CPMH)	\$16	31
Primary Care Training and Enhancement: Physician Assistant Rural Training Program (PCTE-PAR)	\$2.1	7



# PCTE–Residency Training in Primary Care (PCTE-RTPC) Program

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**Purpose:** is to enhance accredited residency training programs in family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics or combined internal medicine and pediatrics (med-peds) in rural and/or underserved areas, and encourage program graduates to choose primary care careers in these areas.

**Goal:** increase the distribution of primary care physicians to rural and/or underserved areas.

**Project Period:** July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025

**Investment:** \$9.6 million annually

**Awards:** 21



# PCTE–Residency Training in Primary Care (PCTE-RTPC) Program

## Program Objectives:

1. Grow the primary care physician workforce to meet the needs of rural and/or underserved areas by strengthening residency training programs in these areas.
2. Train residents in interprofessional, team-based care.
3. Develop or enhance training to incorporate knowledge, skills and competencies needed to
  - meet the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and HRSA priorities that include combatting the opioid crisis, mental health, transforming the workforce by targeting the need, and telehealth; and
  - prepare residents to work and practice in rural and/or underserved areas to improve community health outcomes.



# PCTE–Residency Training in Primary Care (PCTE-RTPC) Program

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## Program Objectives Cont'd:

4. Increase the number of residency graduates who choose to practice in rural and/or underserved areas.
5. Establish linkages with private sector and safety net health care providers to provide care and improve access to and quality of care in rural and/or underserved areas.
6. Develop partnerships with clinical ambulatory sites to provide longitudinal interprofessional learning experiences.
7. Develop and provide support for faculty and preceptors development to plan, develop, and operate a program for the training of physicians teaching in community-based settings in rural and/or underserved areas.





# PCTE–Residency Training in Primary Care (PCTE-RTPC) Program

Academic Year (AY) 2020-2021	Trainees (N=428)		Graduates (N=140)	
	N	%	N	%
<b>Ethnicity and Intent</b>				
<b>Underrepresented Minorities</b>	70	16.4%	20	14.3%
<b>Disadvantaged Backgrounds</b>	73	17.1%	27	19.3%
<b>Rural Backgrounds</b>	87	20.3%	31	22.1%
<b>Trained in Medically Underserved Community (MUC)</b>	391	91.4%	128	91.4%
<b>Trained in Primary Care Setting</b>	427	99.8%	140	100%
<b>Trained in Rural Area</b>	206	48.1%	67	47.9%
<b>Intent to Practice in Primary Care*</b>	-	-	99	70.7%
<b>Intent to Practice in MUC*</b>	-	-	73	52.1%
<b>Intent to Practice in Rural Area*</b>	-	-	40	28.6%

\*Only graduates provide intentions



# PCTE–Residency Training in Primary Care (PCTE-RTPC) Program



Academic Year (AY) 2020-2021	Training Sites (N=102)	
	N	%
Practice Setting		
Medically Underserved Community (MUC)	88	86.3%
Primary Care Setting	73	71.6%
Rural Area	45	44.1%

Academic Year (AY) 2020-2021	Programs (N=21)
Training Tracks	N
Rural Training Track (RTT)	14
Training in Rural Area	20
Program Located in Rural Area	6



# PCTE–Community Prevention and Maternal Health (PCTE-CPMH)

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**Purpose:** to train primary care physicians in maternal health care **clinical services or population health in order to improve maternal health outcomes.**

**Goal:** to increase the number of primary care physicians trained in **population health with a focus on maternal health outcomes** and increase the number of primary care physicians trained to provide high quality obstetrical care in rural and/or underserved areas.

**Project Period:** July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2026

**Investment:** \$16 million annually

**Awards:** 31; 11 population health and 20 obstetrics



# PCTE–Community Prevention and Maternal Health (PCTE-CPMH)

## Medically Underserved (MUC) Funding Preference:

Applicants can meet the preference in the following ways:

- demonstrating a high rate for placing residency graduates in practice settings having the principal focus of serving medically underserved communities (MUC) and individuals.
- during the 2-year period preceding the fiscal year for which such an award is sought, has achieved a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in MUC.
- New Program have graduated/completed less than three (3) classes and meeting at least 4 of 7 criteria.

## Funding Priority:

- One funding priority of five (5) priority points total if applicant trains residents in rural areas, including for Tribes or Tribal Organizations in such areas.
- To qualify, at least one clinical sites is rural as defined by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP), using the Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/rural-health>.



# PCTE–Community Prevention and Maternal Health (PCTE-CPMH)

## Program Objectives:

1. Develop partnerships between academia, primary care delivery sites or systems, and community-based organizations to carry out education and training programs for primary care physicians who desire additional competencies and experiences in community prevention and obstetrics.
2. Educate and train family medicine residents and fellows in obstetrics care, to broaden their training and scope of practice in providing evidence-based maternity care services.
3. Educate and train primary care residents (who are board-eligible or board-certified in family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, or combined internal medicine and pediatrics or enrolled in a combined primary care and preventive medicine program) to broaden their scope of services in community prevention and maternal health care.
4. Demonstrate how outcomes in maternal health can be improved through adoption of community prevention training as well as through obstetrics clinical training in primary care training and practice.



# PCTE–Community Prevention and Maternal Health (PCTE-CPMH)

## Primary Care Obstetrics Track:

- An existing obstetrics fellowship program affiliated with either an ACGME-accredited program in family medicine or an ACGME-accredited residency program that is housed within a Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) or
- an ACGME-accredited Family Medicine residency program with an existing expanded obstetrics curricular component.

## Primary Care Community Prevention Track:

- Accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) for Public Health and Preventive Medicine and be either
  - (1) free-standing Public Health and General Preventive Medicine residency programs or
  - (2) combined residencies of Public Health and General Preventive Medicine with either internal medicine or family medicine.



# PCTE–Community Prevention and Maternal Health (PCTE-CPMH)

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## Outcome Data and Accomplishments:

- Non-Competing Continuation Reports are due In March 2022.
- Performance Data due July 2022.



# PCTE-CPMH Awards by HHS Regions

Region	Community Prevention	Primary Care Obstetrics	Total Number
1	1	0	1
2	2	1	3
3	2	2	4
4	2	4	6
5	1	4	5
6	1	2	3
7	0	0	0
8	0	2	2
9	2	4	6
10	0	1	1
Total	11	20	31





# PCTE–Physician Assistant Rural Training (PCTE-PAR)

**Purpose:** to develop and implement **longitudinal clinical rotations in primary care in rural areas**. The program also supports the training and development of preceptors in rural areas.

**Goal:** to increase the number of primary care PAs who **choose to practice in rural areas after graduation**.

**Eligibility:** Eligible entities are academically-affiliated physician assistant training programs accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA).

**Project Period:** July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2027

**Investment:** \$2.1 million      **Awards:** 7



# PCTE - Physician Assistant Rural Training (PCTE-PAR)

## Program Objectives:

1. Provide PA students with **longitudinal clinical training experiences for a minimum of 8 weeks in primary care in rural areas.**
2. Educate and train primary care PAs to identify and **address health inequities, health disparities, and social determinants of health** in the communities they serve.
3. Develop and strengthen partnerships between academia, primary care delivery sites and systems, State Offices of Rural Health, the National Rural Health Association and community based organizations to **implement interprofessional rural clinical training experiences for primary care PA students.**
4. **Increase the number of preceptors** to train PA students in rural primary care settings.



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- **Future Programming**



# Questions



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