

A Selection of Urban Medicine (UMed) Projects 2009-2013

Health Focus	Partner's Mission	Urban Medicine Project	Time With UMed
Nutrition and Obesity Among Native Americans	Create fellowship among Native Americans and to create bonds of understanding and communication between Native Americans and Non-Native Americans.	Health education program in mini-series on obesity for Native American.	In 4th Year
Homelessness	Moving forward the dreams of thousands through homeless intervention, youth development and neighborhood transformation.	Performing one-on-one smoking cessation counseling with the residents at a transitional housing shelter.	In 5th Year
HIV/AIDS	Focus on comprehensive HIV/AIDS services including street outreach, counseling and testing for HIV, syphilis and other infectious diseases associated with substance use, case management for people who are HIV positive, syringe exchange, drug abuse and risk reduction counseling, support groups, educational activities, and a program that enhances linkages to care for HIV positive women exiting jail.	Health education curriculum for mobile van interventions.	In 4th Year
Free Health Clinic	Delivering comprehensive, high-quality, patient-centered health care at no cost to low-income, uninsured individuals (adults only) in need of a medical home.	Peer health educator training curriculum in English and Spanish.	In 4th Year
Chronic Conditions	To raise awareness of chronic conditions such as asthma and diabetes in an effort to promote the importance of active living.	Design school-based asthma and obesity interventions.	In 4th Year
Homeless Women	Providing homeless women a network of support for housing and other services.	Peer nutrition educator program to discuss issues of food access, healthy food choices, and advocacy around food systems	In 5th Year
Diabetes	A community-driven block-by-block study and intervention to create awareness and education, improve early diagnosis, and provide resources to improve diabetes self-management.	Nutrition curriculum for diabetic and prediabetic community members that includes free monthly chats and cooking sessions.	In 4th Year
Refugee Women's Health Issues	Providing comprehensive services to Somali refugee community	A health systems navigation approach to provide Somali Refugees with resources and access to culturally appropriate services.	In 3rd Year
Pipeline to Health Careers	Community organization aimed at addressing a community's needs in a comprehensive, inclusive, and accepting manner.	Health curriculum for middle school children.	In 5th Year
Health Needs in Chinatown	Working closely with community-based organizations and health care providers to reduce health disparities for Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders through providing culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate services, as well as community outreach.	Peer health educator curriculum on cardiovascular health.	In 3rd Year
Domestic Violence	Provides survivors of domestic violence with court advocates, who will inform the survivor about their legal right to obtain an order of protection against their abusers, the judicial process, and will accompany them to court.	Bilingual domestic violence recognition and education training for hair stylists.	In 5th Year
Colorectal Cancer in African Americans	Increase the health awareness in black men including complete physical, mental, social, economic and spiritual well being.	Evaluate efficacy of colorectal screening training to medical school students in order to create more effective trainings for Black males.	4 years
Homelessness/Literacy	Prepares America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together.	Mentor low-income, pediatric hematology/oncology patients who must stay at the hospital for extended periods of time for treatment through reading and creative writing.	4 years
Refugee Health	Advances the human rights and responds to the human needs of endangered populations—particularly the poor, the isolated, and the displaced—through the provision of comprehensive and respectful services and the promotion of permanent solutions leading to a more just global society.	Community health worker training curriculum that addresses challenges and issues of refugee populations in the US.	In 4th Year
Sickle Cell Health Disparities	Improve the quality of life for sickle cell patients and to reduce the morbidity and mortality of the disease through high quality medical care, patient and community education, and research into new therapies.	Mentor adolescents with Sickle Cell as they transition from pediatric to adult care, to empower them to be independent and confident in managing their disease.	In 2nd Year
HIV/AIDS and LGBT Health	To educate, advocate and empower the Puerto Rican/Latino community by promoting culturally responsive health care/resources that enable health affirming behaviors and attitudes.	Establish and implement a comprehensive sex education curriculum for high school students.	In 2nd Year

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