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About Us

The Mississippi Delta Family Medicine Residency Program is a community-based program sponsored by the Mississippi Medical Education and Research Consortium (MSMERC) principally located in Greenville, Mississippi. ACGME accredited in 2019, the residency is the first Graduate Medical Education (GME) training program developed under the guidance and leadership of the Consortium, and the only GME program in the Mississippi Delta.

Mission:

To train exceptional Family Doctors to passionately serve the people of the Mississippi Delta.

Vision:

The Mississippi Delta Family Medicine Residency will positively impact the patients and communities of the Mississippi Delta area through Patient care, Academic opportunities, creating an environment of Inquiry, Recruiting and retaining physicians, a focus on health Equity, and Student engagement. (PAIRES)

Application Process

The Mississippi Delta Family Medicine Residency Program offers eight positions for a categorical three-year training track. To be eligible for the program, applicants must be either a United States citizen or hold a "green card". We currently do not sponsor any visas. All applicants are required to apply using the Association of American Medical

Colleges (AAMC) Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) application process. Applications submitted via mail, email or fax will not be processed.

We participate in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP). Please register with NRMP if you wish to be matched with our program.

Information Needed to Apply on ERAS

- ERAS Common Application Form
- Curriculum vitae
- Medical school transcripts
- Dean's Letter of Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)
- A minimum of three Letters of Recommendation (Note: One Letter of Recommendation should be submitted from a family medicine physician or primary care provider)
- Personal statement
- Photograph
- United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) and/or Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Exam (COMLEX) transcripts, as applicable
- If any required documents are in a language other than English, an English translation of the document must be provided

NRMP Program Information

City	Greenville
State	Mississippi
Program Name	Mississippi Delta Family Medicine Residency Program
ACGME ID	1202700561
Training Track	Categorical
NRMP Code	2253120CO

Interviews and Appointments

Applications must be submitted through the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) and are reviewed from September through January. Interviews occur October through February. You will be notified if you have been granted an interview.

The program selects from among eligible applicants on the basis of residency program-related criteria including preparedness, ability, aptitude, academic credentials (including graduation date), communication skills, and personal qualities such as motivation and integrity. The Program will give preference to candidates with medical school graduation dates within three years of application.

Our residency prohibits discrimination based on race, national origin, age, genetic or family medical history, gender, faith, gender identity, and expression as well as sexual

orientation. The program also encourages applications from individuals with disabilities and veterans.

Travel and Directions

From Jackson International Airport: Get on I-20 West in Pearl Street from International Drive and MS-475/Airport Road; Follow I-20 , US 49 N and US-49W N to MS-12 West in Belzoni; Turn left onto MS-12 W; Turn right on US 61 N; Continue on MS-438 W. Take MS-1N and Main Exit to South Washington Avenue in Greenville

From Memphis International Airport: Follow Winchester Road to US-61 S/S3rd St; Follow US-61 S to S Washington Avenue in Greenville; Drive to 300 S. Washington Avenue. Greenville Mid-Delta Airport: Head northeast on Fifth Avenue toward Airport Blvd; Turn left onto Airport Blvd; Continue straight onto Broadway Extended; Continue onto N Broadway St; Turn left onto Washington St; Make a U-Turn at W. Starling St. Destination will be on your right.

Appointments

Applicants who successfully match with our residency must provide the following documentation prior to the start of the program:

- Official medical school transcript with degree issued and date of issuance
- Copy of medical school diploma
- Copy of social security card
- Copy of current driver's license
- Copies of current Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS),
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and Neonatal Resuscitation (NRP) certification (Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO) certification only if completed prior to
- starting residency)
- If required documentation is in different names, then proof of name change (i.e. marriage certificate or court document) must be provided
- If any required documents are in a language other than English, then an English translation of the documents must be provided
- In addition, applicants must successfully complete all program pre-employment requirements prior to the appointment date. Failure to provide any required documents
- or to successfully complete all pre-employment requirements by the date of appointment will result in automatic withdrawal from the program

Curriculum

The Mississippi Delta Family Medicine Residency Program offers the following curriculum:

PGY-1

- Family Medicine Foundations: 1 month

- Family Medicine Inpatient Service: 4 months
- Emergency Medicine: 1 month
- Pediatrics: 1 month
- General Surgery: 1 month
- Ophthalmology: 2 weeks
- Dermatology Online: 2 weeks
- Obstetrics: 1 month
- Pediatrics: 1 month
- Psychiatry: 1 month
- ICU 1 month

PGY-2

- Family Medicine Inpatient Service: 3 months
- Orthopedic Medicine: 1 month
- Emergency Medicine: 1 month
- Cardiology: 1 month
- Nephrology: 1 month
- Elective: 2 months
- Pediatric Ambulatory: 1 month
- Gynecology: 1 month
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine: 1 month

PGY-3

- Family Medicine Inpatient Service: 1 Month
- Emergency Medicine: 1 month
- Elective: 4 months
- Pediatric Ambulatory: 1 month
- Community Health and Sports Medicine: 1 month
- Research 1 month
- Obstetrics 1 month
- Geriatrics 1 month

Program Benefits

Salary Package

PGY-1	\$ 58,000
PGY-2	\$ 60,000
PGY-3	\$ 62,000

Vacation/PTO/Sick Days

15 days per year

5 designated holiday days per year

CME Days

5 days per year in PGY-2 and PGY-3 year

Relocation Allowance

\$2000 for PGY-1

Apparel

Yearly allowance for scrubs, outerwear, and white coats

Education Allowance

PGY-1	\$2000
PGY-2	\$1000
PGY-3	\$1000

In addition to salary, the residency provides:

- Health insurance
- Dental insurance
- Life insurance
- Medicine malpractice
- Individual medical insurance
- State license fees
- DEA fees
- Membership dues to the American Academy of Family Physicians and Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians
- Free parking at the main clinic
- Meal allowances while on hospital duty

Residents will also have the option to purchase benefits including:

- Long-term disability
- Short-term disability

A full summary of benefits is provided to candidates on interview day.

Core Faculty and Staff

P. Brent Smith, MD, MSc, MLS, FAAFP

Program Director

T. Brett Zepponi, DO

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D. Melissa Phillips, MD, MPH

Designated Institutional Officer

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Training Locations

Residents receive clinical training at the following locations. Residents also obtain education and training from a number of physicians in the private and public sectors for specialty rotations.



Delta Health System – The Medical Center is the primary site for the residency program and is a publicly owned general medical and surgical facility licensed for 325 beds. It provides Level III emergency trauma service and short-term acute care in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Patients receive care through home health and hospice, outpatient rehab, physician and surgery clinics, and other levels of service.



The historic King's Daughters Hospital, now known as The Delta Health System Medical Center (West Campus), was built in 1927. Although no longer serves as an acute care hospital, it provides the space for our residency continuity clinic and conference/training facility. Weekly lectures, journal club, and case presentations are conducted here



South Sunflower County Hospital is a 49- bed general acute public hospital with three Rural Family Practice clinics and one surgical unit. Recently renovated, its service lines include Swing Bed Unit, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Podiatry, Behavioral Health, Pain Management, ENT Services, and Wound Care Center. Graduate Medical Education teaching rotations include Gynecology and Obstetrics.

Family Medicine Foundations

Residency orientation is designed to help prepare residents to successfully manage the clinical responsibilities of their internship year. Orientation activities include:

- Reviewing professionalism standards, the Code of Conduct, and other critical residency policies and procedures
- An overview of the rotation evaluation and feedback process
- Competency training on the electronic medical record (EMR) and residency program management software

A secondary, but equally important, objective of family medicine foundations is to have fun and build relationships. Residency can be a very challenging time. We are committed to enhancing resident wellness and fostering work/life balance. Orientation will incorporate talks and activities, as well as provide resources.

Resident Wellness

The Family Medicine Residency Program is committed to creating a supportive learning environment and culture of wellness for residents that equips them with skills needed to support their own physical, mental, behavioral and spiritual health. Our faculty and staff understand that placing a priority on mental health enables healthcare professionals to better take care of themselves and their patients.

Our wellness initiatives include:

Residency Annual Retreat

The Family Medicine Residency Program hosts a full-day annual retreat in the spring. Residents are excused from all clinical duties during this time. The retreat provides an opportunity for residents to meet in one location, get to know one another, and socialize in a non-clinic setting. Residents are encouraged to discuss their experiences over the year and offer suggestions for changes.

Financial Counseling

Each fall, the program brings in a financial counselor for informal discussions with interested residents. Topics include budgeting, debt management, and financial planning. Online career and finance information tools are also available.

Peer Mentoring

The program pairs each intern with a PGY-2 resident as part of our “big sib/little-sib” mentoring program. The big brother’s/big sister’s function is to ease the transition to residency by providing social and academic support.

Resident Advisors

The Program Director assigns a family medicine faculty advisor to each resident for the duration of her or his training. Your advisor will monitor your training progress and provide guidance in clinical and scholarly pursuits throughout residency.

Staff Meet and Greet

During orientation, the Family Medicine Program Coordinator organizes a social event with residents to establish relationships among team members for the upcoming academic year.

Resident Wellness Day

Each year, the program plans a dedicated day to wellness, based on the interests of the current residents. The Wellness Day covers topics ranging from financial planning to meditation/mindfulness and group exercise.

Group Wellness Events

The program schedules group wellness events to encourage residents to relax and connect with one another outside of the workplace. Events include potlucks hosted by the faculty, movie dinners, and monthly holiday celebrations. If there are any questions you have that are not answered on this page or on our website, please email Lee Ann Bowlin, Residency Program Coordinator at lbowlin@Deltahealthsystem.org



Community Highlights

Greenville is best known for its musicians and fertile soil. As the county seat of Washington County, Greenville offers unique dining experiences and is the home to dozens of local restaurants. Other highlights include scenic walking trails, fishing, golfing, bird watching, food festivals, and seasonal farmers markets.

The Mississippi Delta Blues & Heritage Festival, which began in 1977, is now the largest blues festival in the Delta and the oldest in the U.S. Always held on the 3rd Saturday in September, the festival features blues artists from home and across the country.

Nearby **Indianola** is the site of the celebrated B.B. King Museum, and popular Crown Restaurant. Neighboring **Cleveland**, is home to the 28,000 sq. ft. Grammy Museum which features a dynamic combination of public events, educational programming, engaging multimedia presentations, and interactive permanent and traveling exhibits.

The city of **Greenwood**, about 60 miles northeast of Greenville, is the home of the Viking Cooking School, Williams Landing Winery, and the award-winning Alluvian Hotel. The Mississippi Blues Trail, a work in progress of the Mississippi Blues Commission, will consist of more than 100 historical markers (seven located within Greenwood) throughout the state.

To learn more about the area, check out attractions at: [Greenville and Washington County Tourism \(visitgreenville.org\)](http://visitgreenville.org)