Larkin Community Hospital Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Program Overview

Larkin Community Hospital’s Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency Program (LAEGD) is a comprehensive well rounded Program in which the Clinical component takes place in community health centers across the State of Florida.

The AEGD program hopes to enroll its first class in July 2014 with fifteen resident positions available through the LCH and its affiliated clinical training sites in Orlando, Florida, Miami Beach and Miami, Florida. The AEGD program will enroll residents for one year with an optional accredited second year.

The Larkin Community Hospital Community Health Centers Network is the model for the clinical structure of the program. All of the affiliated centers and sites will follow a standardized clinical program based on this model. Residents will receive their advanced clinical training at community health centers, and hospitals affiliated with the program, not a dental school. Residents typically will spend four days per week providing comprehensive clinical dentistry to outpatients in an ambulatory care setting. These centers are generally primary care, outpatient facilities located in medically underserved areas. The centers provide surrounding communities with access to a full range of medical and dental services because they are often multi-specialty, interdisciplinary group practices.

Residents will participate in the core curriculum and interactive television technology links all of the regions to the weekly lectures and seminars.

Residents generally are assigned to one site for the entire year of the program. Usually sites accept two to six residents, but larger ones may accept six or more. Each site resembles an interdisciplinary primary care group practice. Facilities are modern, well equipped settings and the staff is skilled in contemporary practice methods. The dental clinical site directors and a mix of general practitioners and specialists guide residents throughout their training. The centers provide residents a comprehensive patient pool, chair-side dental assistant, operatory, and the most up-to-date dental materials and supplies. The resident becomes a peer member of a group practice. The environment offers exposure to the most contemporary concepts of quality practice management and evaluation of practice outcomes.

AEGD residents become part of a primary health care team dedicated to providing comprehensive oral health care of the highest quality to communities of diverse age, race, religious, ethnic, and economic heritages. They gain immense experience in general clinical dentistry. Graduates of this program will become competent and confident practitioners with bright futures in private practice, community health, and specialty training and academic dentistry.