

Grant helps Mississippi medical students work in rural areas

Jackson, Miss. (AP) University of Mississippi Medical Center officials say they are seeing an impact from a multimillion dollar grant that aims to get more doctors working in rural areas.

In July, the federal Health Resources and Services Administration awarded the UMMC medical school the first \$1.9 million of a grant that is worth at least \$7.6 million. In addition, the school is eligible for an extra \$5 million at the end of the first year.

IMPACT, the RACE Rural Track Program, covers funding for more medical

students to get clinical training in rural areas. They can now spend a large portion of clinical training in places like UMMC Grenada or Magnolia Regional Hospital in Corinth.

Dr. Sheree Melton, assistant professor of family medicine and clerkship director for the Department of Family Medicine at UMMC, said in a medical center news release that some students are training in rural hospital systems and then signing contracts to work there after graduation.

"They've agreed to come back there and practice for a certain number of years once they've finished their resi-

dency training," Melton said. "They already have a job before they graduate from medical school."

Weston Eldridge, a fourth-year medical student, is one of those students. Eldridge has signed a contract to practice medicine in Winston County.

"We did wellness exams at this elementary school - a lot of bellyaches and earaches," Eldridge said in the news release. "Sometimes it was just little children who needed to be loved on. I had such a great day."

More than half of Mississippi's residents live in rural areas, according to the federal government. Eighty of the state's 82 counties are medically underserved, and 94% of the counties have shortages of primary care physicians, including those who practice family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics-gynecology and geriatric medicine.

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By Fred Piscop

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Qualifications: Qualified candidate must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college (an associate degree with four years of work experience or an equivalent combination of eight years of education and work experience in social/human relations or community services in case management may be substituted). Must possess a valid Mississippi driver's license, have access to an insured automobile, be able to travel, have home internet, have a mobile phone, and able to set-up a remote home office. **Required Skills and Abilities:** Excellent written and verbal communication skills; Excellent human relations and leadership skills; Ability to communicate with all sectors of the community; Excellent organization skills and time management skills; Excellent computer and internet skills; Detail oriented; Able to work without direct supervision; Positive attitude; Presents a professional image; Excellent attendance history; Aggressive recruiting and sales abilities; and Superior work ethics.

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Duties and responsibilities: Public Works Supervisor

- Twenty-four hour responsibility for effective operation of the City water and sewer system. Monitor the operation of the Water & Sewer Pumps. Coordinates preventative maintenance and repairs.
 - Hang Electrical tags for Entergy services at locations when needed.
 - Handle all Work related Permits for Building and repairs throughout the City. Help inspect all work done by Contractors, and look out for the interest of the City.
 - Check City property daily for needed repairs, preventative maintenance and submit ideas for improvements/repairs to the Board of Aldermen for action.
 - Develops work schedules for the department.
 - Participates in hiring, evaluation, and termination of department employees.
 - Perform other duties as assigned by the Mayor & Board of Aldermen
 - Fill Pot Holes and clean streets as needed.
 - Attend City Meetings monthly
 - Individuals need to be physically able on a daily basis to bend, walk lift and carry 50-pounds or more, be exposed to extreme temperature, monitor the City Park
- APPLICATION MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE TCHULA CITY HALL DURING THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00P.M. MONDAY THRU FRIDAY. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS MAY 26,2021
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