# **Using a Novel Research Curriculum to Address** the Leaky Pipeline in Rural Medicine



# Introduction

### How to Meaningfully Engage a Mission focused on Rural Medicine?

### **CURRICULAR DESIGN**

### Semester 1:

- Core concepts of research design in the context of evidenced-based medicine
- Student deliverable: Identify a gap in knowledge in the literature addressing healthcare in the population of east Texas.
- Student deliverable: Creating a PICO

### Semester 2:

- Developing a medically relevant research proposal
- Student deliverable: Addressing healthcare in the vulnerable population of east Texas

### Semester 3 and 4:

- Defining clinical questions effecting special patient populations and critically appraising the literature
- Student Deliverable: Journal clubs

### Semesters 5-8:

- Application of evidenced-based medicine to provide value-based care. Participation in the management of challenging cases through evidence supported interventions and contributing to the healthcare evidence literature
- Student Deliverable: Journal club
- Student Deliverable: Case Reports



### First Year

### Scientific foundations

## Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine

### System Courses

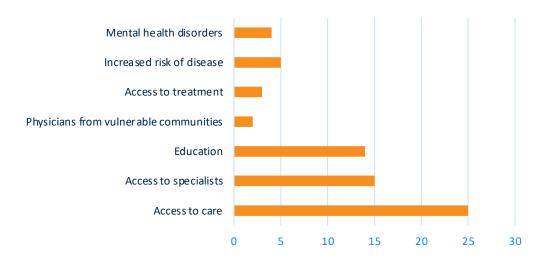
The goal is to identify a gap in health care knowledge in the SHSU community service area. Students are expected to individually develop a question addressing a healthcare disparity unique to the rural and/or underserved communities in the SHSU service area.

The goal is to identify the Ask, Acquire, and Appraise of evidence-based medicine utilizing OM techniques. Student develop a case scenario, describe the patient related question using the PICO format, acquire the best evidence and apply these finding to the decision. The student groups present their findings in the form of a presentation at the end of the course.

The goal is to produce a research proposal outlining the need for research addressing a health disparity specific to the rural and/or underserved SHSU service community. Student groups will develop a background and significance, methods, and a description of data collection and analysis for a research proposal that will culminate in a presentation at the end of the spring semester.

# Results and Student Feedback

### First Semester Student Deliverables



Aggregation of the individual student perceived gap in healthcare knowledge by 7 broad categories

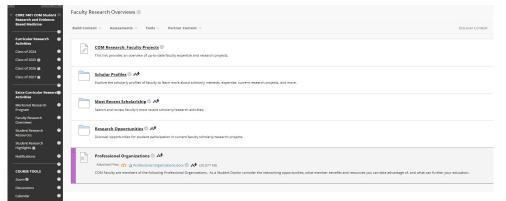
# Second Semester Student Group Proposals

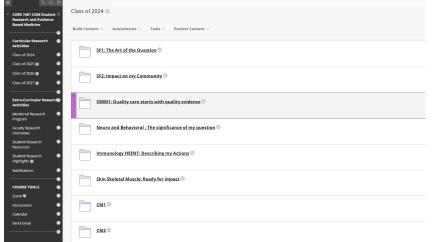
- The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Number of Mental Health Admissions from Rural Counties in East Texas
- Comparative analysis of outcomes in outpatient psychiatry visits versus telepsychiatry in rural East Texas
- Barriers General Surgeons Face and the Resultant Effects on Rural Communities
- Comparison of Life expectancy of middle-aged women diagnosed with breast cancer living in Rural versus Urban Communities
- Healers on Wheels, the impact of mobile primary care on the health of the homeless population
- Benefits of Using Prehospital Blood Transfusions In EMS Air Transport
- Representing the Underrepresented: Increasing Marginalized Student Interest in Med School by Addressing Contributing Factors
- The Risk of Pre-diabetes for Children and Adolescents in east Texas Secondary to Food Deserts
- Infant Mortality Rates in East Texas
- Progression of diabetes and hypertension in the Huntsville Prison population

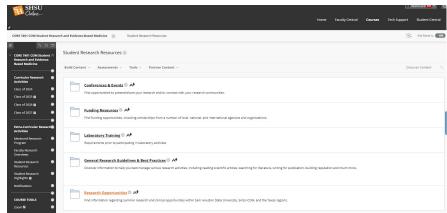


# Infrastructure









# **Faculty Commitment**

- Faculty mentorship
- Promotion of scholarship
  - Faculty scholarship
  - Student scholarship
- Contribution to the medical literature



# Challenges

Meeting student expectations

Training Faculty

Community partners

Sustainability



# Brainstorming

