Introduction to
Rural Primary Care Track (RPCT)
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Imagine a culture that empowers everyone to live the healthiest lives that they can.
United Health Foundation
American Health Rankings
Tennessee: 2018

42nd Overall Rank

America’s Health Ranking for Tennessee; it was 48th in 2008.
RPCT pursues partnerships...

... with emphasis on community based and inter-professional education

...special emphasis on addressing the needs of Southern Appalachia in the area of rural health care
1. Are you passionate about public service?
2. Is a rural lifestyle attractive to you?
3. How valuable is it to you to feel appreciated for your work?
RPCT Communities
Key Concepts of the RPCT

- Early Community Based Clinical Training and Exposure to Rural Primary Care
- Rural, Community Health and Leadership Training
- Emphasis on Self Directed, Experiential Learning
- Team based learning
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Emphasis on:

- Health Promotion, Disease Prevention
- Community Based Participatory Research
- Community Assessment and Projects
- Social Determinants of Health
- Culture of Rural Health
Admission to RPCT

- Limited to 16 people from each Medical School Class
- Application includes essay on “Describe how your inclusion in the Program will benefit you, as well as the Program”
- Interview to make sure you understand /match the program.
Rural Medicine
ETSU Quillen College of Medicine
Ranked #8
2017 trip to Belize
Drs. Karen Schetzina, Jose Velasco and Carolyn Sliger
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