

MADIGAN ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Practice:

The Family Medicine Clinic at Madigan Army Medical Center at JBLM (Joint Base Lewis-McChord) is a few miles south of Tacoma. The clinic is located within the hospital and is staffed by 16 faculty, 18 residents, and nurses and medical assistants. Clinic facilities include exam rooms, administrative offices, lab, minor surgery rooms, colposcopy and colonoscopy suites, and a conference room. The majority of time will be spent in the ambulatory clinic. Night call consists of phone triage, emergency room evaluations and hospital admissions. There is a daily morning report followed by a 20-minute didactic session. Students present a topic of their interest during one of these time periods. During Family Medicine Grand Rounds, scheduled Wednesday mornings, topics are covered in greater detail by a specialty department. One week will be spent on the Family Medicine In-patient Team.

Faculty:

Dr. Jarret Sands, site coordinator, is responsible for the student program. Please call him prior to your rotation to make preliminary arrangements. At least one faculty member or senior resident will always supervise the student.

Housing: One-bedroom apartment. No children. No pets.

Transportation: Car required. Proof of auto insurance and vehicle registration is necessary. There is a shuttle that can be also be used to get from the Lodge to the hospital.

CLINICAL WORK

In the Office:

You will work with several different physicians as your clinical preceptors. Most teaching is centered around the problems presented during the day. With clinic patients you will usually take the initial history and physical, then present your findings and plan to your preceptor. During your rotation your preceptor will discuss each case with you and see the patient in most cases. As the faculty determine your competency level and judgment, you will be allowed to assume more responsibility. You are always expected to interrupt faculty for any questions or areas of uncertainty. Students may participate in/observe procedures as they are available. Medical records are computerized and then co-signed by a preceptor. Clinic hours are 8:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Morning report begins at 07:30, and there is an after clinic conference from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

On-Call/ ER:

The student participates in on-call with an assigned resident one night per week and one weekend per rotation. Hours are from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The student will work with an R2 or R3 handling Family Practice emergencies, inpatients and OB patients. The student can do admissions but must have all orders

and work-ups co-signed.

TEACHING AND DIDACTICS

There are many seminars and didactics conducted throughout the rotation. Students will be given a list of these weekly and monthly meetings with brief descriptions of each. Morning report (7:30 - 8:00 am) includes a daily didactic session. Family Practice grand rounds are on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 am- 11:30 am. After clinic conference is a noon-hour outpatient focused didactic session.

The student will be expected to give a 20 minute didactic toward the end of the rotation.

We look forward to having you rotate here, and expect you will both learn from and thoroughly enjoy your rotation.

MADIGAN ARMY MEDICAL CENTER SITE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

HOUSING:	Ranier Lodge Tacoma, WA 98431
Phone:	253-967-2815
Accommodations:	Bedroom, sitting room, wi-fi
Available Household Items:	Basic linens, refrigerator, microwave, toaster, iron, television, washer-dryer.
To Bring:	Personal items. Coffee pot. Pots, pans, dishes, silverware.
Additional Info:	No pets. Apartment unsuitable for children

MEALS: Available at hospital dining room.

TRANSPORTATION: Car recommended. Shuttle service available from lodge to hospital.
To get a pass onto Fort Lewis initially, you must bring two photo Id's:
1) proof of auto insurance, and
2) your vehicle registration.
Public transportation--city transit

VACCINATIONS:
Please bring proof of 2 measles and 3 hepatitis vaccinations.
You may be required to document these.

KEY: If you arrive the night before, go to JBLM Building 2111.
Telephone: 967-2815/967-7862. The key will be given to you with directions to the apartment.

If you arrive on the first day of the clerkship, go directly to the Family Practice Clinic. You will be directed from there.

Driving Directions to Madigan:
Currently Fort Lewis is an open post. However, the following information regarding passes is included in

the event that it reverts back to a closed post with a pass system in place.

When you arrive in Tacoma, you must first obtain a post pass from the MAIN gate (Fort Lewis Gate, Exit 120). Take the Fort Lewis exit, drive under the bridge (east), and stop at the main gate. They will ask you for your driver's license, registration, and proof of auto insurance. This will result in a temporary pass, which we can then extend once you arrive at Madigan.

Once you're finished there, you can then find your way back to Madigan (either from the Madigan exit 122 off I-5, or via Pendleton/Jackson street on-post; see map) Park in the West or SW parking lots. The Family Practice Clinic is located on the ground floor in the Medical Mall.

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