



## Policies and Procedures

<b>Subject: Non-Core Community Clinical Learning Experience Guidelines For Residents At Block Based Sites</b>	
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The overall goal of the non-core community clinical learning experience is to enable residents who are at block-based sites to experience the breadth and scope of family medicine in a community outside their site. As much as possible the resident will live the life and do the work of a community family physician. Residents are encouraged to live in the community for the duration of the clinical learning experience.

Non-core community clinical learning experiences should be chosen to address competencies that the clinical experiences in the core site have not addressed. For example, if the resident has not participated in family medicine inpatient care, then the non-core community clinical learning experience should feature this experience. The non-core community clinical learning experience chosen may also have clinical experiences that address a particular resident interest.

In order to assist residents in achieving the necessary competencies during residency training, the following guidelines apply to community clinical learning experiences:

- Community Preceptors who will be the primary preceptor completing the resident's assessment, must have a current Dalhousie Family Medicine Faculty Appointment and CCFP (or be working towards obtaining CCFP).
- Non-core community clinical learning experiences should include several aspects of what is considered full scope family medicine – inpatient care, obstetrics, home visits, emergency shifts, palliative care, long-term care, occupational medicine, addictions medicine.
- Residents should be encouraged to explore opportunities in small communities.

The choice of a non-core community clinical learning experience will ultimately be approved by the Site Director.