



Swope Health Family Medicine Residency Program Frequently Asked Questions for Applicants & Residents

Welcome to Swope Health Family Medicine Residency Program!

We know choosing a residency program is one of the most important decisions you will make in your medical career. We want you to have the information you need to determine whether Swope Health is the right place for you.

Our program is committed to developing well-rounded, compassionate family physicians who are prepared to serve diverse communities, address health disparities, and provide high-quality, patient-centered care.

About the Program

1. Where is the Swope Health Family Medicine Residency Program located?

Swope Health is located in **Kansas City, Missouri**, a vibrant metropolitan community with a rich history, diverse population, and strong healthcare and educational infrastructure.

2. What Sponsoring Institution is the residency affiliated with?

Swope Health serves as the **ACGME Accredited Sponsoring Institution** for the Family Medicine Residency Program.

3. When will the residency program begin?

The program will welcome its **inaugural class of Family Medicine residents in July 2027**.

4. How many residents will be in each class?

Swope Health Family Medicine Residency is accredited for four slots.

5. What type of training environment can residents expect?

Residents can expect a supportive, community-focused learning environment that emphasizes clinical excellence, continuity of care, collaboration, leadership, and service.

Clinical Training

6. What makes Swope Health's Family Medicine Residency Program unique?

Our program is grounded in **community health and whole-person care**. Residents will have the opportunity to care for patients across the lifespan while working within a Federally Qualified Health Center environment.

The program emphasizes:

- Comprehensive family medicine
- Preventive care and population health
- Care for underserved and diverse populations
- Chronic disease management
- Behavioral health integration

- Women's health
- Pediatrics
- Geriatrics
- Inpatient and outpatient medicine
- Community engagement
- Health equity and social determinants of health

7. Where will residents complete their clinical rotations?

Residents will train at Swope Health and through established clinical partnerships with hospitals and other healthcare organizations in the Kansas City area.

Rotational experiences will be designed to provide residents with the breadth of training necessary to meet Family Medicine education and accreditation requirements.

8. Will residents have a continuity clinic?

Continuity clinic is an ACGME requirement and will be an important component of the residency experience. Residents will develop their own patient panels and have the opportunity to build long-term relationships with patients and families.

9. Will residents care for patients of all ages?

Yes. Family Medicine residents will receive broad-spectrum training and care for patients across the lifespan.

10. Will residents have opportunities in women's health and obstetrics?

Women's health is an important component of comprehensive Family Medicine training. Residents will receive appropriate clinical experiences in women's health, including opportunities for prenatal and reproductive healthcare.

11. Will residents have inpatient training?

Yes. Residents will participate in inpatient experiences as part of their comprehensive Family Medicine education.

Curriculum & Education

12. What can residents expect from the educational curriculum?

Residents will participate in a structured curriculum that combines clinical training, didactic education, hands-on learning, case-based discussions, simulation, and scholarly activities.

13. What is the IMPACT curriculum?

The program's curriculum is designed to integrate clinical knowledge, practical skills, leadership, community health, and professional development throughout all three years of residency.

14. Are there opportunities for scholarly activity and research?

Yes. Residents will be encouraged to participate in scholarly activity, quality improvement, community-based projects, presentations, and other academic opportunities appropriate to their interests and career goals.

15. Will residents have opportunities to participate in community health initiatives?

Absolutely. Community engagement is an important part of the Swope Health mission. Residents will have opportunities to understand and address the social and community factors that influence health outcomes.

Resident Support & Culture

16. What is the culture of the residency program?

We are committed to creating a culture that is **supportive, collaborative, inclusive, and resident-centered**.

We want residents to feel that they are not simply trainees—they are valued members of the Swope Health team.

17. How does the program support resident wellness?

Resident wellness will be integrated into the program through mentorship, supportive faculty relationships, opportunities for connection, and resources designed to promote professional and personal well-being.

18. Will residents have faculty mentors?

Yes. Mentorship and professional development will be important components of the residency experience. Residents will have opportunities to develop meaningful relationships with faculty and other members of the Swope Health team.

19. Will residents have opportunities to provide feedback about the program?

Yes. Resident feedback is essential to continuous program improvement. Residents will have formal and informal opportunities to provide feedback about their educational and clinical experiences.

20. What is the relationship between residents and faculty?

We strive for a relationship built on **respect, accessibility, mentorship, accountability, and collaboration**. Faculty are committed to helping residents grow into confident and capable Family Medicine physicians.

Kansas City & Community

21. What is Kansas City like?

Kansas City offers an outstanding combination of affordability, culture, food, sports, entertainment, arts, and outdoor activities.

Residents can enjoy a vibrant metropolitan environment while maintaining a relatively manageable cost of living.

22. What types of patients and communities will residents serve?

Swope Health serves a diverse patient population and communities with significant healthcare needs. Residents will gain valuable experience caring for patients from a wide range of backgrounds and socioeconomic circumstances.

23. Will residents have opportunities to learn about health disparities?

Yes. Understanding health disparities, health equity, social determinants of health, and barriers to healthcare access is an important part of practicing Family Medicine at Swope Health.

Application & Recruitment

24. How do I apply to the Swope Health Family Medicine Residency Program?

Applicants should apply through the **Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)**.

25. Does the program accept international medical graduates?

Applicants who meet the program's eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply. International medical graduates should carefully review the program's application requirements and eligibility criteria.

26. Does Swope Health sponsor J-1 visas?

Visa sponsorship is subject to the program's current policies and eligibility requirements. Applicants requiring visa sponsorship should review the information provided in the ERAS application and contact the program with specific questions.

27. What does the program look for in applicants?

We look for applicants who demonstrate:

- A genuine commitment to Family Medicine
- Compassion and patient-centeredness
- Strong clinical and communication skills
- Commitment to community service
- Cultural humility
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Resilience and adaptability
- A commitment to health equity
- Leadership potential
- A desire to grow and learn

28. What makes a strong Swope Health resident?

A strong Swope Health resident is someone who is **curious, compassionate, collaborative, accountable, and committed to serving the community.**

We value applicants who understand that excellent Family Medicine extends beyond treating illness—it means building relationships, advocating for patients, and improving the health of the community.

Life as a Resident

29. Will residents have opportunities to participate in leadership?

Yes. Residents will be encouraged to develop leadership skills and participate in program, organizational, community, and professional activities.

30. Can residents pursue individual areas of interest?

Yes. Residents will have opportunities to explore areas of interest through electives, scholarly activity, community engagement, and individualized professional development.

31. Will residents have opportunities to work with medical students?

As the program grows, residents will have opportunities to participate in teaching and mentoring medical students and other learners at Swope Health.

32. What can I expect during my first year?

PGY-1 year focuses on establishing a strong clinical foundation while becoming familiar with the Swope Health system, clinical workflows, patient population, and expectations of Family Medicine residency.

33. What can I expect during my second and third years?

As residents progress, they will assume increasing responsibility, develop greater clinical independence, strengthen leadership skills, and refine their individual career interests.

What Makes Swope Health Different?

34. Why should I choose Swope Health for Family Medicine training?

Because **where you train shapes the physician you become.**

At Swope Health, you will have the opportunity to learn Family Medicine in an environment where **community, compassion, access, advocacy, and clinical excellence come together.**

You will be challenged to grow as a physician while being supported as a person.

You will care for patients who need you, learn from experienced clinicians, become part of a mission-driven organization, and help build something special as a member of our inaugural residency classes.

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