

**ELECTIVE NAME:**

Public Health

**COURSE NO:**

HM 608

**PREREQUISITE:**

3rd year required rotations

**INSTITUTION:**

Kent County Health Department

**OBJECTIVES:**

Identify the components of public health care and learn how to work effectively with public health programs. Learn how to assist patients in accessing local health department services. Observe a variety of public health programs and services in action. Gain an understanding of how public health and the public policy arena interface.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Early in this clerkship, the student will meet with the Director of the Public Health Department to develop a set of personalized objectives for the clerkship. These objectives will be the basis for final student evaluation and a write up of the experience will be expected from the student. The student will be able to select observational experiences from a wide variety of site locations. Students will observe and work with physicians, public health nurses, environmentalists, health planners and health educators. Students will learn how epidemiologic investigation is utilized in health care. Experience opportunities include: Public Health Administration; Maternal and Child Health; communicable Disease Experience; Worksite Wellness, Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic; Well Child Clinic; Immunization Clinics; Early Periodic Screening; Diagnosis and Treatment Program; WIC Clinic; Environmental Health; Laboratory; Public Health reference Laboratory; and Substance Abuse Areas.

**EVALUATION:**

Preceptor(s) will be asked to submit a written evaluation at the conclusion of the clerkship. Faculty are encouraged to provide ongoing feedback throughout the elective rotation. Students are also expected to turn in a written paper at the conclusion of the elective.