GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
A comprehensive guide for the training programs at LSU Health Shreveport
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Graduate Medical Education (GME), more commonly referred to as “residency” is the training physicians must complete to specialize and practice independently following medical school. A resident is a physician (one who holds the degree of MD, DDS or DO) in a graduate medical education program under the direct or indirect supervision of an attending physician.

A fellowship is the period of sub-specialty medical training in the United States and Canada that a physician or dentist may undertake after completing a specialty training program (residency). During this time (usually more than one year), the physician is known as a fellow.

LSU Health Shreveport offers 43 fully accredited residency and fellowship programs. Under the supervision of our faculty, residents and fellows see patients at partner hospitals such as Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport - Monroe Medical Center, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, and Willis-Knighton Health System. Almost 600 residents and fellows train in a variety of primary care and specialty programs. More than 5,000 residents and fellows have trained at LSU Health Shreveport over the years.

Upon completion of post graduate training, residents and fellows will have received the best possible training LSU Health Shreveport has to offer and be able to successfully provide exceptional patient care.

Support Services Include:

- Resident contracts
- Initial hospital orientation
- Letters of verification and reference
- Licensure application and renewal support
- Loan deferments
- Leave requests/coordination of resident payroll
- National Residency Matching Program® (NRMP®)
- Education forums
- On-call quarters
- Meal program
- Lab coats/scrubs
LSU Health Shreveport is comprised of three post graduate schools (School of Medicine, School of Allied Health Professions, and School of Graduate Studies), graduate medical education (GME), and a robust research enterprise.

We are educating and training the next generation of health care professionals and scientists who will continue our proud legacy of innovative and lifesaving healthcare and cutting-edge medical research. As one of only 154 academic medical centers in the nation, LSU Health Shreveport is a revered treasure in a community that fought decades for its creation.

Mission

The primary mission of Louisiana State University Health Shreveport (LSUHS) is to teach, heal, and discover, in order to advance the well-being of the region and beyond. LSUHS encompasses the Schools of Medicine, Graduate Studies, and Allied Health Professions in Shreveport. In implementing its mission, LSUHS is committed to:

- Educating physicians, basic scientists, residents, fellows and allied health professionals based on state-of-the-art curricula, methods, and facilities, preparing students for careers in health care service, teaching and research.
- Providing state-of-the-art clinical care, including a range of tertiary special services, to an enlarging and diverse regional base of patients.
- Achieving distinction and international recognition for basic science and clinical research programs that contribute to the body of knowledge and practice in science and medicine.
- Supporting the region and the state in economic growth and prosperity by utilizing research and knowledge to engage in productive partnerships with the private sector.
- Fostering a culture of diversity and inclusion that promotes mutual respect for all.
Vision Statement

LSU Health Shreveport strives to be a recognized leader in health care and innovation in quest of a healthier Louisiana and world through education, research, and clinical practice.

A History of Healing

Our roots date back to 1876, when a Charity Hospital was established in Shreveport. It was renamed Confederate Memorial Medical Center and moved to the hospital’s current location at Kings Highway and Linwood Avenue in 1953. This hospital became the foundation for what was to become a full academic medical center.

Confederate Memorial Medical Center became part of the LSU System in 1976 making our School of Medicine the first state school to operate its own teaching hospital in Louisiana. EA Conway Medical Center joined the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport in 2003 further expanding patient care and medical education opportunities in North Louisiana.
Diversity

At LSU Health Shreveport, we strive to cultivate a diverse and inclusive culture that supports equality, acceptance, and respect for the differences in others. The institution and the Office of Diversity Affairs is dedicated to providing equal opportunities and assisting those who have traditionally been on the outside looking in. LSUHS is also committed to achieving excellence in fulfilling its mission by utilizing the rich talents of individuals who contribute different backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences to the work and learning environment, and who reflect the varied populations of Louisiana. Annual events held by the Office of Diversity Affairs include Diversity Celebration Day, Meet and Greet at the beginning of the academic school year, HBCU Day, and multiple student summer programs. To learn more visit www.lsuhs.edu/our-schools/diversity-affairs.

DIVERSITY DAY CELEBRATION 2019
Office of Research & Centers of Excellence

Faculty, staff and students at LSU Health Shreveport are actively engaged in research across a variety of biomedical areas, with concentrations in cancer, cardiovascular sciences, virology, neuroscience, tissue engineering and regenerative medicine, and addiction. Research is a core part of our institution’s mission and runs the gamut on campus from in the lab to more translational research and testing the latest treatments in clinical trials.

The School of Graduate Studies helps to train future scientists, and our six research centers further help elevate the institution’s research portfolio.

The Office of Research helps support these endeavors and is comprised of the Clinical Trials Office, the Office for Sponsored Programs, Human Research Protections Program (HRPP) and the Institutional Review Board (IRB).

A select number of academic programs earn designation as a Center of Excellence by the Louisiana Board of Regents. Centers of Excellence must demonstrate statewide leadership in their area of designation and be a hallmark for the institution. The selected centers share a strong performance record, concentration on an area relevant to the state’s needs, a range of academic, training and research opportunities, engagement with the greater community, and a focus on issues and opportunities that improve the quality of life of Louisiana citizens. LSU Health Shreveport is home to three distinct Centers of Excellence: Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, Center of Excellence in Arthritis and Rheumatology, and the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences.
Annual Regional Poster Presentation

The LSU Health Shreveport Office of Graduate Medical Education hosts an Annual Regional Poster Presentation during the month of May for Residents and Fellows to showcase their research and posters involving Patient Safety/Quality Improvement/Scholarly Activity: Meeting the Health Needs of Patients. Participants are judged by representatives from the medical school and members within the medical community. Sponsored by Redstone Securities, cash prizes are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.
About Shreveport

Shreveport is a city of approximately 200,000 people with a unique blend of southern charm and modern convenience. Nestled along the Red River across from its sister city, Bossier City, it makes up the 3rd largest metropolitan area in the state of Louisiana with a combined population of over 375,000. Shreveport was founded in 1836 and ranks second only to New Orleans in the number of historic landmarks per city in Louisiana. It is located in the “sportsman’s paradise” of the northwest corner of the state, surrounded by numerous lakes, parks, and wildlife areas. Home to Barksdale Air Force Base and a robust arts community, this area is fast becoming known across the country as a hidden treasure for many reasons.

Things to Do

Shreveport and Bossier City offer a great mix of fun activities like riverfront shopping, museums and outdoor adventures. There is always something to celebrate with numerous festivals and events held throughout the year.

SHREVEPORT AT A GLANCE

- 375,000 Metro Area Population
- 3rd Largest City in Louisiana
- 32 Museums and Art Galleries
- Year-round Festivals
- Multiple Concert Venues
- Riverfront Dining, Shopping & Hotels
- 5 Hours to New Orleans
- 3 Hours to Dallas
Residency Programs

Anesthesiology

- Four-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- 32 total residents; eight per class.
- 100% board pass rate for the past two years.
- Residents have the option of completing a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from LSU Shreveport.
- Residents work closely with our attending physicians in a collegial and tutorial academic environment. Clinical experience covers Ambulatory, Cardiothoracic, Neurosurgical, ENT, Obstetric, Pediatric, Trauma, and Vascular Surgery cases. Residents will also gain experience in Acute Pain, Regional Anesthesia, Chronic Pain, and Critical Care.
- Residents will rotate through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport (the area’s only Level 1 Trauma Center), Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, Shriners Hospital for Children, and Willis-Knighton Health System.
- Didactic schedule has been developed to help residents improve their knowledge base, but will also help improve clinical decision making abilities.
- Opportunities for clinical and basic research.
- First Anesthesiology fellowship in the State of Louisiana.

Radiology

Diagnostic Radiology

Interventional Radiology-Integrated

- Residents train at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport (the area’s only Level 1 Trauma Center and primary stroke center). Patients with a large variety of diseases are regularly seen, including a number of unusual or complicated conditions and, in particular, those presenting diagnostic problems. Residents also rotate at the Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, which offers a broad range of radiology and nuclear medicine disciplines and exposure to the special patient population of veterans.
- Opportunities for research and to present research at regional and national conferences.
100% pass rate on the ABR Core Exam.

Our program strongly values residents’ well-being. We have a departmental Well-being Policy that spells out the responsibilities of both the residents and faculty and the program in promoting and practicing well-being, as well as provides a comprehensive list of resources available to everyone. We also include a monthly wellness conference in our didactic conference. This one hour conference is a time when residents can do something for their own personal wellness (yoga/meditation, personal appointments, etc.).

Our department has historically been very diverse in terms of nationalities/ethnicities, genders, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, etc. At this present time, we have faculty and residents from 10 different countries, various religious/spiritual beliefs and sexual orientations are currently represented, and we have faculty and residents of both genders. Our program values its diversity and we feel this lends to a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for potential trainees. In order to ensure our continued diversity, we have put together a selection committee to reflect our diversity during the upcoming recruitment season. We also intentionally select and interview candidates of all different backgrounds and value all input from our selection committee.

Diagnostic Radiology

Five-year ACGME accredited residency program; Categorical program that includes the preliminary year in Internal Medicine

16 total residents; four per class.

The Diagnostic Radiology program is one of the few that offers categorical residency positions and includes a preliminary Internal Medicine internship for the PGY-1 year prior to beginning Diagnostic Radiology in the PGY-2 year.

Clinical experience covers all areas of Radiology, including Interventional, Breast Imaging, GI/GU, Body CT/MRI, Musculoskeletal, Nuclear Medicine, Neuroradiology, Pediatric Radiology, Ultrasound, and Cardiothoracic. We also offer elective experiences in research, Neuro-interventional Radiology, OB Ultrasound, PET imaging, and Interventional Nephrology.

We offer daily didactic conferences and lectures to improve residents’ knowledge base and clinical skills, as well as prepare them
for board exams. Board prep is built into our didactic schedule. We also provide access to Rad Primer, Stat Dx, and Rad Exam for all residents.

**Interventional Radiology-Integrated**

- Six-year ACGME-accredited residency program; Categorical program that includes the preliminary year in Internal Medicine
- Five total residents; one per class
- We offer daily didactic conferences and lectures to improve residents’ knowledge base and clinical skills, as well as prepare them for board exams. Board prep is built into our didactic schedule. We also provide access to the SIR Residency Essentials, Rad Primer, Stat Dx, and Rad Exam for all IR/DR residents.
- Clinical experience covers all areas of Interventional and Diagnostic Radiology, including Breast Imaging, GI/GU, Body CT/MRI, Musculoskeletal, Nuclear Medicine, Neuroradiology, Pediatric Radiology, Ultrasound, and Cardiothoracic. We also offer elective experiences in research, Neuro-interventional Radiology, Vascular Surgery, Interventional Nephrology, as well as a required rotation in the SICU.

**Emergency Medicine**

- Three-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- 27 total residents; nine per class.
- Residents train at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport (the area’s only Level 1 Trauma Center), as well as rotations through the Shreveport Fire Department and Good Shepherd Medical Center in Marshall, Texas.
- Residents complete a minimum of four months Critical Care training.
- NSICU, SICU, PICU, MICU
- Pediatric Emergency training is integrated into the curriculum.
- In-training exam and board preparatory curriculum is provided for all residents. Foundations throughout the year, Rosh Review.
- Didactic schedule developed to help residents improve their knowledge base, but will also help improve their clinical decision making abilities.
• Supported by two Clinical Research Nurse Coordinators that provide education and support for residents and faculty participating in investigator-initiated or sponsored research opportunities.

Emergency Medicine/Family Medicine

• Five-year ACGME accredited residency program in Emergency Medicine and Family Medicine, with board eligibility for both specialties.
• 10 total residents; two per class.
• 100% board pass rate for the past three years.
• Collegial relationships with attending physicians in a tutorial academic environment.
• Training that includes experiences in:
  — Inpatient medicine with rotations in Obstetrics, Gynecology, Internal Medicine, MICU, SICU, Pediatrics, and Family Medicine
  — Outpatient medicine with rotations in the Emergency Room, Cardiology, Otolaryngology, Urology, Industrial Medicine, Orthopaedics, Sports Medicine, Rural Medicine, Gynecology, Pediatrics
  — Elective rotations to include: Aesthetics (Laser and Botox), SWAT, Global Health
• Emphasis on outpatient office procedures including but not limited to:
  — Colonoscopy, Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, Transnasal Esophagoscopy, Colposcopy, Skin biopsies, Cryotherapy, LEEP, skin excisions, joint aspirations and injections, toenail removal, newborn circumcisions and vasectomy
• Emergency Room training in ACS, CVA, intubation and central line placement.
• Rotations through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport (the area’s only Level 1 Trauma Center), Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, Shriners Hospital for Children, Willis-Knighton Health System, Christus Hospital Systems, as well as numerous community physicians private practice offices.
• Didactic schedule designed to help residents improve their knowledge base and patient care.
Opportunities for clinical and basic research.
Monthly process groups for the first six months followed by monthly Balint groups. Monthly intern meetings to discuss any issues. Psychologist on staff to help with any needs. Residents do regular wellness surveys to measure their stress, wellness levels.
We make every effort to interview and select a diverse group of faculty and residents. We have ongoing diversity training in person as well as online to help instill the importance of diversity to everyone in our program.

Family Medicine - Alexandria

Three-year ACGME accredited residency program based at Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria, La.
18 residents; six per year.
Unopposed, community-based program based at Rapides Regional Medical Center in Central Louisiana. Strong board pass rate at 100% last three years and 89% averaged over seven years.
Established residency program for over 20 years. Busy in-service adult and pediatric rotations including ICU, NICU and PICU; program has a full-time procedures suite.
Full-service family practice center including on-site laboratory.
Broad procedural training in residency-operated facility. Didactic lecture curriculum provide ABFM readiness; CME funds may be utilized for review courses.
Highly competitive salary, benefit and housing package.
Award winning faculty dedicated to teaching.
Yoga classes, fitness club discounts, and group activities along with well-being activities offered. Program values and exemplifies diversity through our resident complement and recruitment practices.
The facilities at Rapides Regional Medical Center and Rapides Women’s and Children’s Hospital are state-of-the-art and include a Level 2 Trauma Center, Certified Primary Stroke Center, Lung Cancer Screening Center and Accredited Chest Pain Center, and one of the largest Emergency Medicine units in the state.
Family Medicine - Monroe

- Three-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- 24 resident positions; eight per year.
- Extensive inpatient experience with a very active Adult Medicine service, including opportunities for multiple procedures and intensive care management experience. There is also a designated inpatient team for patients admitted from the FM Clinic.
- Outpatient continuity clinic offers a wide variety of “office” experience including procedures such as Cryotherapy, excisional biopsies, nail removal, and diabetic foot care. Business meetings are held regularly for the clinic to enhance resident understanding of the importance of billing and management skills.
- Rotations occur at our home institution Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport - Monroe Medical Center, as well as Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, St. Francis Medical Center, The Wellspring Alliance, and Palmetto Addiction Recovery in Rayville. Other community preceptors and partners are available to residents for electives as well. There is also an opportunity to participate in an international medical mission trip to a rural clinic in Kenya (dependent on travel restrictions).
- Every resident is required to complete at least two scholarly works during their residency.
- Ongoing PI projects are carried out in our FM Clinic and participation by each resident is expected.
- Residents may participate in workshop presentations at educational events state-wide, especially those by the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians. There are also multiple opportunities for community education presentations in our area.
- Family Medicine faculty members with a broad range of interests and experience including Colonoscopy, wound care for diabetic foot complications, HIV management, Urgent Care and Emergency Department practice, and international medical mission work.
- National Board pass rate was 100% in 2019. Didactic presentations are held weekly. Longitudinal program of resident lectures from FP Essentials.
- Multiple opportunities for Inter-professional education, with learners from other academic institutions present on our campus, including the University of Louisiana at Monroe Schools of Nursing and Pharmacy.
All residents are assigned a faculty advisor/mentor for the duration of their training, to serve as a resource for their educational and personal/social stressors.

Applicants for our program are interviewed based on merit, with diligent avoidance of consideration of race, ethnicity, gender, etc.

There is a long history of diversity in our program, and our institution is aware of the need for inclusive planning. There is a non-denominational chapel and a “reflections room” available for meditation and prayer at the discretion of the individual. Food choices in the cafeteria are made to allow for multiple cultural and religious dietary restrictions/preferences.

Family Medicine - Shreveport

- Three-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- 18 total residents; six per class.
- 100% board pass rate for the past three years.
- Collegial relationships with attending physicians in a tutorial academic environment.
- Training that includes experiences in:
  - Inpatient medicine with rotations in Obstetrics, Gynecology, Internal Medicine, MICU, Pediatrics, and Family Medicine.
  - Outpatient medicine with rotations in the Emergency Room, Cardiology, Otolaryngology, Urology, Industrial Medicine, Orthopaedics, Sports Medicine, Rural Medicine, Gynecology, Pediatrics.
  - Elective rotations to include: Aesthetics (Laser and Botox), Global Health, Office procedures.
- Emphasis on outpatient office procedures including but not limited to:
  - Colonoscopy, Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, Transnasal Esophagoscopy, Colposcopy, skin biopsies, Cryotherapy, LEEP, skin excisions, joint aspirations and injections, toenail removal, newborn circumcisions and Vasectomy.
- Rotations through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, Shriners Hospital for Children, Willis-Knighton Health System, Christus Hospital Systems, as well as numerous community physicians private practice offices.
- Didactic schedule designed to help residents improve their knowledge base and patient care.
Opportunities for clinical and basic research.
Monthly process groups for the first six months followed by monthly Balint groups. Monthly intern meetings to discuss any issues. Psychologist on staff to help with any needs. Residents do regular wellness surveys to measure their stress, wellness levels.
We make every effort to interview and select a diverse group of faculty and residents. We have ongoing diversity training in person as well as online to help instill the importance of diversity to everyone in our program.

Family Medicine - Rural (Vivian, La.)
Three-year ACGME accredited residency program.
Nine total residents; three per class
93% board pass rate for the past five years.
Collegial relationships with attending physicians in a tutorial academic environment.
Rotations through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, Shriners Hospital for Children, Willis-Knighton Health System, Christus Hospital Systems, as well as numerous community physicians private practice offices.
Longitudinal experience in North Caddo Medical Center for the final two years.
Training that includes experiences in:
- Inpatient medicine with rotations in Obstetrics, Gynecology, Internal Medicine, MICU, Pediatrics, and Family Medicine.
- Outpatient medicine with rotations in the Emergency Room, Cardiology, Urology, Industrial Medicine, Orthopaedics, Sports Medicine, Rural Medicine, Gynecology, Pediatrics.
- Elective rotations to include: Aesthetics (Laser and Botox), Global Health and Office procedures.
Emphasis on outpatient office procedures including but not limited to:
- Colonoscopy, Esophagastroduodenoscopy, Transnasal Esophagoscopy, Colposcopy, skin biopsies, Cryotherapy, LEEP, skin excisions, joint aspirations and injections, toenail removal, newborn circumcisions and Vasectomy.
Didactic schedule designed to help residents improve their knowledge base and patient care.
Opportunities for clinical and basic research.

Monthly process groups for the first six months followed by monthly Balint groups. Monthly intern meetings to discuss any issues. Psychologist on staff to help with any needs. Residents do regular wellness surveys to measure their stress, wellness levels.

We make every effort to interview and select a diverse group of faculty and residents. We have ongoing diversity training in person as well as online to help instill the importance of diversity to everyone in our program.

Internal Medicine

- Three-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- 89 total positions.
- Multi-center clinical experience at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, and Willis-Knighton Health System.
- High level of acuity, patient diversity and resident autonomy.
- Range of competitive fellowship programs offered on-site.
- Opportunities for experiences in global health.
- Optional Masters in Business Administration and Public Health offered through LSU-Shreveport.
- Robust didactic curriculum centered on board certification.
- 94% pass rate as of 2017.
- Opportunities for research in basic and clinical sciences.
- Focus on physician well-being and work-life balance; Mentoring program focused on personal and professional development.
- Optional Clinician-Educator track

Internal Medicine/Pediatrics

- Four-year ACGME accredited residency program with dual residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics and eligible to become board certified in both specialties.
- 16 total positions, four per year.
- MedPeds continuity clinic with residents serving as the primary care physician for a panel of patients they follow throughout their four years. Residents see both adults and children every week in their clinic.
Residents are well prepared for a career in primary care as Internists and Pediatricians or for any Internal Medicine or Pediatrics subspecialty or a combination of the two.

MedPeds physicians are well suited to care for adolescents and adults with childhood onset diseases.

Monthly MedPeds conferences including Journal Club one evening a month.

Annual MedPeds resident retreat.

Ample didactics in both Internal Medicine and Pediatrics to prepare residents for their career and their boards.

Book money and departmental and institutional resources enable residents to have a personal MKSAP subscription, membership to ACP, MedStudy for Pediatrics, a Pediatrics in Review subscription, PREP; in addition to UpToDate, all of our online library resources including dozens of journals; the Johns Hopkins PEAC curriculum for online educational modules in ambulatory Internal Medicine, and the Yale Primary Care Pediatrics Curriculum.

Private practice ambulatory experience with MedPeds trained physicians.

**Neurology**

- Four-year ACGME accredited program.
- 14 total positions, four per year.
- One-to-one faculty to resident ratio with a small cohesive structure.
- 100% faculty participation in the residency program providing an atmosphere of teaching and inquiry.
- Rotation sites include Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport (certified stroke center since 2016), Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, Willis-Knighton Health System, Shriners Hospital for Children, and LSUHS School of Allied Health Professions for neuro-rehabilitation.
- Residents progress with increasing responsibility and autonomy as they are promoted to higher levels of training, leading to competency and independence by graduation.
- All neurologic subspecialties are represented for electives in PGY-3 and PGY-4 years.
- In-service exam reviews, didactic lectures, journal club, morbidity and mortality presentations and grand rounds provide a broad knowledge base.
Scholarly activity is encouraged with clinical trials and laboratory opportunities, as well as quality improvement projects.

Our graduates go on to prestigious fellowships including NIH, Cleveland Clinic, and many others.

100% board pass rates for 2019.

Resident well-being is a primary focus of the program.

In-house ACGME accredited Sleep Medicine fellowship application is available upon graduation.

Obstetrics and Gynecology

- Four-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- 24 total residents, six per class.
- Clinical experience is a comprehensive Obstetrics and Gynecology experience including exposure to Maternal Fetal Medicine, Urogynecology, reproductive Endocrinology and infertility, Gynecologic Oncology, and minimally invasive pelvic surgery.
- Variety of experience in both inpatient and ambulatory Obstetrics and Gynecology including unique perspectives into the problems of reaching the underserved and minority populations.
- Continuity resident clinics to develop the patient physician relationship over the resident’s four years of training.
- Rigorous educational program including protected educational time, grand rounds, morbidity and mortality, journal club and quality improvement conferences.
- Opportunities for clinical and basic research, mandatory QI projects as PGY-1 and PGY-2. A new research elective is in place for PGY-3s and PGY-4s with the expectation of being published.
- Our program is unique in that it offers both an academic OBGYN setting as well as a community OBGYN setting. We are housed at three different campuses – Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, St. Mary Medical Center, and Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport - Monroe Medical Center. In Monroe, residents are able to participate and work in a setting that more closely resembles a traditional OBGYN private practice while in Shreveport – Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport and St. Mary’s Medical Center, residents work more with the high-risk OB population.
- Well-Being is integrated into our educational curriculum. Every six weeks, our residents participate in a well-being activity. Those range
from structured faculty led discussions to exercise classes and game
days to being able to schedule pertinent appointments and have
more work-life balance.

- Diversity in resident education is a priority. Our faculty has an
understanding that recruitment is based on the applicant’s ability
to be successful in this program and not on factors that could be
considered biased or discriminatory. We encourage members of
our faculty to participate in the events sponsored by the Office of
Diversity Affairs and support their endeavors to expose and recruit
minorities and underrepresented cultures to the field of medicine.
We seek to diversify our applicants by considering candidates from
various cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.

- We have a mission to retain our candidates by providing the
necessary encouragement and support as they go through the
training process. Our faculty is currently composed of multiple
ethnicities, and genders. Our ages span from 31-71 years. We
have purposefully recruited faculty and staff with various levels of
training and diverse practice experience. We believe this provides
a balance of perspective that allows more objectivity within our
program and aids with our diversification in the recruitment
process.

Orthopaedic Surgery

- Five-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- 15 total residents, three per class.
- Residents work closely with our attending physicians in a collegial
and tutorial academic environment.
- Along with Orthopaedic Surgery, interns rotate through ER, Burns,
Musculoskeletal Radiology, Neurosurgery, Surgical Intensive Care,
and Vascular Surgery.
- Residents will rotate through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport
(area’s only Level 1 Trauma Center), Shriners Hospital for Children
(the oldest Shriners Hospital in the country), Willis-Knighton Health
System, and Overton Brooks VA Medical Center.
- Didactic schedule developed to help residents improve their
knowledge base, develop life-long learning skills, and help improve
their clinical decision making abilities. Scheduled educational
courses during each post graduate year. Study materials purchased to prepare for in training exam and boards. Dedicated study time built in didactic schedule.

- Visiting professors for educational lectures.
- Opportunities for clinical and basic research with a Biomechanics Lab and Cellular Research Lab on site.
- Process group or private resources provided for coping and study skills. Team wellness activities by resident council, wellness classes on campus and department resident activities.

Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery

- Five-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- 15 total residents, three per class.
- One Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery fellowship position.
- One Head & Neck Surgery fellowship position.
- 100% Otolaryngology board pass rate for the past 17 years.
- Subspecialty fellowship trained faculty in Facial Plastic Surgery, Head and Neck Surgery, Laryngology, Neuro-otology, Pediatric Otolaryngology, Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery.
- PGY-1 rotation with the following: Anesthesia, Surgery, and Neuroradiology.
- Residents gain exposure to a variety of practice models while rotating through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport (the area’s only Level 1 Trauma Center), Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, and Willis-Knighton Health System.
- Educational program designed to enhance clinical knowledge as well as prepare for in-service and board examinations, consisting of: weekly grand rounds lectures, resident lead didactics with attending faculty mentors, multidisciplinary head and neck tumor board and a resident reading program; as well as temporal b1 dissection instruction, cadaveric anatomy, sinus, and skull base surgery dissection courses.
- Basic and clinical research opportunities and mentors available with a dedicated research rotation during the PGY-4 year. Residents participate in Scholarly Activities. The research experience results in a completed manuscript suitable for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Resident lead education sessions with one attending Tuesdays 4PM-
approx. 5PM. These times are mandatory and residents are relieved of clinical duties at that time. For each session a chapter in an ENT textbook is assigned and residents make a small quiz to give each other. These questions are used to make a question bank for later use. Residents are also given access to Board Vitals Q-bank and use of this is monitored.

- We also have wellness built into our program with examples: annual resident wellness retreat, Post-inservice wellness dinner, and sleep room provided when the residents are on-call; incorporated the use of the ACGME Aware app.

- The department contributes to inclusive work environment in different ways. Our faculty and residents participate in annual LSUHS Office of Diversity Affairs Diversity Celebration each year. We hire a multitude of people from different backgrounds and cultures together working for the same goals. Also, the American Academy of Otolaryngology has a Diversity Committee that support and encourage diversity in our membership.

### Ophthalmology

- Three-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- 12 total residents, four per class.
- Residents gain exposure to a variety of practice models while rotating through in diverse academic and clinical settings including Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport (the area’s only Level 1 Trauma Center), Overton Brooks VA Medical Center and Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport - Monroe Medical Center.
- Residents work closely with our attending physicians to deliver the highest level of medical and surgical treatment of: Cataracts, Glaucoma, all retinal disorders including diabetes, Ocular tumors, Pediatric eye disease, Ocular muscle disease, Neuro-ophthalmology, Oculoplastic treatments and services, Refractive surgery.
- One of the largest surgical loads in the country, residents participate in essentially all cases gaining extensive technical training and experience.
- Department supported basic and clinical science home study course sponsored by the American Academy of Ophthalmology.
- Didactic schedule of most weekday mornings prior to clinic
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comprised of lectures on Neuro-ophthalmology, retina, cornea and external disease, Oculoplastics, Ophthalmic Pathology, Glaucoma, Pediatric Ophthalmology, and Radiology.

- Monthly fluorescein angiography conferences and Journal Clubs.
- Second year residents attend the ophthalmology review course in San Antonio, Texas for five days in the spring before Ophthalmic Knowledge Assessment Program examination.
- Annual practical training (wet lab) for cataract surgery at the Alcon facility in Fort Worth, Texas.
- Opportunities for clinical and basic research.

Pathology

- Four-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- 12 total residents, three per class.
- 100% board pass rate on first attempt for the past seven years.
- Opportunities for clinical and basic research with annual department research forum resulting in at least four national meeting presentations and eventual publication in peer reviewed journals.
- Funding available for research, poster preparation, and travel to present research at regional and national conferences, resulting in well-developed scholarly portfolios.
- Residents work closely with faculty in a friendly and collaborative academic environment.
- Residents gain comprehensive anatomic and clinical pathology experience.
- Two-year structured anatomic and clinical pathology didactic curriculum is strategically designed to thoroughly prepare residents for in-service and board exams.
- Journal clubs in research, practice-based learning and improvement, forensics, and anatomic and clinical pathology are conducive to further development of medical knowledge and enhanced presentation skills.
- Case volume exposes residents to a wide variety of diagnostic material.
- Daily sign-out with faculty enriches learning and professional development.
Pediatrics

- Three-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- 24 total residents, eight per class.
- About two-thirds of our residents go into general Pediatrics and one-third go into fellowship.
- Residents have the option to complete a Master’s in Business Administration from LSU Shreveport.
- Residents work closely with our attending physician’s in a collegial and tutorial academic environment.
- 95% of all rotations are at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport.
- Opportunity for an international rotation in Kenya.
- Opportunities for clinical and basic research.
- All Continuity Clinics are on campus at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport.
- All medical records, orders, prescriptions, and radiology are electronic using the same system throughout inpatient and outpatient settings.

Psychiatry

- Four-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- 32 total residents.
- Busy program, with broad variety of patient populations between training sites. Graduates always report that they are prepared to work in any job they want because of the experiences they receive in this program. Multiple training sites with exposure to different patient populations.
- Monthly rotations in Inpatient, Consultation Liaison, Emergency Psych, Geriatric Psych, Addiction, Forensic, Child and Adolescent, and Outpatient Psych. Must complete 4 months of Medicine and 2 months of Neurology. In addition to the main campus, Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, residents rotate to Willis Knighton, Ochsner LSU Health Monroe, and Brentwood Behavioral Hospital.
- Separate Emergency Psychiatric Crisis Unit.
- Funding for professional and educational expenses.
- Child and Adolescent fellowship and Forensic fellowship.
- The Curriculum is designed to promote knowledge for practice as well as PRITE and Board Exams. The program also provides funding for Beat the Boards and TrueLearn for all trainees.
Elective experience.

Opportunities for research.

Surgery

- Five-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- 25 total categorical residents, two preliminary residents; five categorical residents per class.
- Colon and Rectal fellowship available.
- High success rate of graduates obtaining fellowships.
- PGY-1 resident rotations run monthly; PGY-2 thru PGY-5 resident rotations run approximately 10 weeks per rotation; Residents rotate through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport (area’s only Level 1 Trauma Center), Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport - Monroe Medical Center, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, Willis-Knighton Health System, and Christus Highland Health.
- Clinical experience includes General Surgery, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Colorectal Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Plastics, Pediatrics, Burns, Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, Hepatobiliary, and Transplantation.
- Strong didactic program utilizing American Board of Surgery endorsed Surgical Council on Resident Education (SCORE) curriculum. PGY-2 thru PGY-4 residents are required to complete an annual project which can be based on clinical research, translational research, basic science, or quality improvement. Attendance at American College of Surgeons Annual Clinical Congress for all PGY-3 residents.
- 100% Qualifying Exam Board Pass Rates for the past 6 years; High degree of resident autonomy during training; Teaching sessions in simulation center including educational standardized patient encounters, FLS training stations, FAST scan training, ultrasound guided central line placement, laparoscopic, endoscopy and robotics simulators.
- Dedicated to each resident’s well-being and are committed to providing the resources needed to promote nutritional, physical, emotional, mental, social, and spiritual health. A Mentor/ Mentee program is provided to assist in developing a professional relationship with faculty where residents are encouraged to discuss any issues or concerns.
The Department of Surgery provides equal opportunity without prejudice. We value the differences among applicants/residents/faculty/staff and appreciate the contributions that can be brought to the Program to broaden the knowledge and experiences of others. The Department encourages collaboration and teamwork where all differences are valued, therefore allowing everyone to reach their full potential and increase retention.

Urology

- Five-year ACGME accredited residency program.
- Ten total residents, two per year.
- 100% board pass rate.
- Residents rotate through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, and Willis-Knighton Health System.
- Fellowship-trained faculty in Urologic Oncology, Pediatric Urology, Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, Male Reconstruction, and Minimally-Invasive Urology/Robotics/Endourology.
- Weekly grand rounds and didactics conferences. Monthly conferences: morbidity and mortality, Campbell’s chapter review, Uro-Pathology, Journal Club, and Uro-Economics.
- Maintaining a professional and educational focus with a family-like setting within the Department of Urology.
- Research opportunities available in both basic science and clinical areas with residents presenting their work at regional, national, and specialty meetings annually.
- Collegial, collaborative, and professional environment optimizes acquisition of patient care skills and open/endoscopic/robotic surgical expertise. Fellowship-trained faculty in Urologic Oncology, Pediatric Urology, Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, Male Reconstruction, and Minimally-Invasive Urology/Robotics/Endourology.
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

- Combines both a six-year and a four-year track designed to fulfill the educational requirements of the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association, the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and the American Medical Association. Each year, three applicants are selected to begin a 72-month training schedule, and one applicant is selected to begin a 48-month training schedule.
- 19 total residents.
- 100% Board pass rate.
- Residents have one on one time with all of our faculty throughout their training.
- Residents will rotate through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Willis-Knighton Health System, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, Shriners Hospital for Children, Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport - Monroe Medical Center, and Rapides Medical Center in Alexandria, La.
- Didactic lectures scheduled weekly, quarterly lectures include Pathology, Anesthesia, Anatomy, practice/risk management, along with monthly journal and tumor board meetings.
- Opportunities for clinical and basic research.
- Scope of program include extractions/implants, odontogenic infections, TMJ, airway, Trauma, Orthognathic, aesthetic, Pathology, Microvascular, Cleft, Craniofacial and Distraction Osteogenesis.
- Residents will receive training in basic science, didactic and clinical Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.
- Residents will learn appropriate diagnostic skills to accurately diagnose and develop a treatment plan for the patient while utilizing the appropriate diagnostic tests and examinations for the clinical condition.
- Residents will have access to current Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery texts and related journals, and be able to critically analyze the literature.
Neurosurgery

- Seven-year ACGME Accredited Residency Program
- 4 total residents; two per year
- Over 3,000 open neurosurgical procedures a year
- Active Endovascular Suite
- Primary Stroke Center and Level 1 Trauma Center at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport
- Over 1,000 Gamma Knife procedures performed
- Dedicated NeuroICU
- Rotations at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, and Willis-Knighton Health System
- Elective pediatric spine deformity rotation at Shriners Hospital for Children
- Skull Base Lab and Biomechanical Lab
- Opportunities for clinical and basic science research
- Editorial office and research faculty to assist with research projects
- Opportunities to attend state, regional, and national meetings
- Surgical Loupes and Lead aprons purchased by the Department for each resident
Accredited Fellowship Programs

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

- Two-year ACGME accredited fellowship program.
- Four total fellows.
- First year fellows rotate through inpatient services at Brentwood Hospital and Outpatient services at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport.
- Second year fellow rotations at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport include: pediatric psychiatry, consultation-liaison (child neurology), forensics, psychopharmacology research, developmental psychiatry and school consultation/observation.
- Fellows have the opportunity to observe psychological testing of children at the Children’s Center located in the School of Allied Health Professions.
- Fellows have plenty of opportunity for scholarly activities. The department holds a monthly research meeting in which current and upcoming projects are discussed. Residents may join any project of interest. The fellows rotate through the Psychopharmacology Research Clinic, which allows them experience in clinical trials.
- The fellows are provided with skills that they will need for evaluating, diagnosing and treating children and adolescents in a variety of settings.
- Board Pass rate of 100% over the last few years. Department provides access to Beat the Boards for all trainees.
- Fellows participate in a weekly case conference to discuss any stressors or issues they are facing. Fellows are included in departmental well-being activities. Fellows do not take night call, so they have a good work/life balance.
- Fellows work closely with attending physicians in a hands-on and academic learning environment.
- The program and department welcome candidates from different backgrounds. The fellowship has an open door policy and encourages trainees to express their thoughts and opinions to consistently improve the program. The LSUHS Office of Diversity Affairs holds annual events to celebrate diversity on campus.
Critical Care Medicine

- Two-year ACGME accredited fellowship program.
- Four total fellows, two per class.
- Multidisciplinary training in Medical, Cardiovascular, Neurosurgical, Surgical, Surgical Subspecialty, Burn and Pediatric ICUs as well as formal ECHO and POCUs training, airway management and a wide variety of electives rounding with board certified CCM faculty.
- Fellows rotate through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport and Long Term Acute Care.
- Curriculum includes: Trauma ICU in Level 1 Trauma Center, NeuroICU, SICU/post cardiac surgery management, formal echo/US exposure, anesthesia/airway management, electives in Burn ICU, Peds ICU. Procedures: Extracorporeal Life Support (integrated adult/peds ECMO team, continuous renal replacement), percutaneous tracheostomy, percutaneous gastrostomy tube placement.
- Research/quality improvement participation; above average board pass rate, financial support for travel to national meetings.
- Fellows are offered In Training Exams through the Society of Critical Care Medicine. Fellow also have the opportunity to purchase board review material. Weekly didactics and lectures are offered on topics that are directly affiliated with CCM boards.
- The Program utilizes the AMA CME Competency Education teaching modules, didactic lectures, and selected lectures sponsored by the institutional GME Office to educate staff and fellows regarding Physician Well Being, Healthy Lifestyle, Sleep Hygiene. The institution provides meditation and yoga classes weekly, and we offer the fellow the ability to attend lecture series for mindfulness and relaxation.
- Diversified in faculty, fellows, and clinical rotations.

Cytopathology

- One-year ACGME accredited fellowship program.
- Two total fellows.
- Opportunities for clinical or basic research with annual department research forum resulting in potential national meeting presentations and eventual publication in peer reviewed journals.
- Funding available for additional research, poster preparation, and travel to present research at regional and national conferences, resulting in well-developed scholarly portfolios.
• Fellows work closely with faculty in a friendly and collaborative academic environment.
• Fellows gain advanced training in the interpretation of gynecologic and non-gynecologic specimens as well as performing and diagnosing fine needle aspiration biopsies.
• Fellows gain experience in diagnosing specimens from EBUS and EUS (pulmonary and GI) specimens.
• Training includes the use and interpretation of flow cytometry, immunohistochemistry, and ultrastructural and molecular pathology.
• Structured didactic curriculum is strategically designed to thoroughly prepare fellows for in-service and board exams.
• Cytology book and Journal Clubs, research Journal Club, and practice-based learning and improvement conferences are conducive to further development of medical knowledge and enhanced presentation skills.
• Case volume exposes fellows to a wide variety of diagnostic material, thus preparing fellows for careers in private practice or academia.
• Daily sign-out with faculty enriches learning and professional development.
• Opportunities for teaching allied health students, medical students, residents, and peers, thus preparing fellows for careers in academic environments.

Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism

• Two-year ACGME accredited fellowship.
• Four total fellows, two per year.
• 100% board pass rate.
• Seven clinical staff with extensive Endocrinology experience, nursing and clerical support.
• Enjoy extensive clinical training in a university setting via clinics at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport and Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, weekly didactic conferences, monthly journal club, quarterly Endocrinology-Pathology conference, and other inter-departmental conferences throughout the academic year.
• Tertiary referral center with inpatient endocrinology consultations for internal medicine, neurosurgery, otolaryngology, obstetrics and a wide variety of common and rare endocrine pathology.
• Opportunities for basic and clinical research. Extensive hands-on experience in thyroid ultrasound, fine needle aspiration biopsy of thyroid nodules, insulin pump and continuous glucose monitor management, DXA interpretation.
• 100% board pass rate, financial support for travel to national meetings. Teaching opportunities: second-year medical students, upper-level medical students, internal medicine residents.
• Fellows are offered ITE via Endocrine Society.
• The Program utilizes the AMA CME Competency Education teaching modules, didactic I lectures, and selected lectures sponsored by the institutional GME Office to educate staff and fellows regarding physician well-being, healthy lifestyle, sleep hygiene.
• The Division is actively recruiting new faculty members to expand diabetes and obesity management services. The institution provides meditation and yoga classes weekly, and we offer the fellow the ability to attend lecture series for mindfulness and relaxation.
• Diversified in faculty, fellows, and clinical rotations.

Gastroenterology

• Three-year ACGME accredited fellowship program.
• Nine total fellows, three per year.
• Our fellowship program is a fully accredited three year training program with a primary emphasis on providing excellent training in clinical GI and Hepatology. A robust exposure to patient cases at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport provides a comprehensive coverage of the national core curriculum in GI and Hepatology training.
• One month rotations with educational opportunities at Ochsner LSU Shreveport, Willis-Knighton Health System, and Overton Brooks VA Medical Center.
• We believe that hands-on supervised clinical exposure get the best results. This builds confident physicians who are qualified to provide excellent patient care in an academic environment or clinical practice. We have formulated a three-year curriculum that emphasizes the strengths of our faculty and patient population. Fellows develop substantial exposure in the clinical management and treatment of a wide spectrum of digestive diseases through direct care to patients in both hospital and ambulatory settings.
- Fellows have dedicated research/scholarly activity month each year. Fellows attend 1-2 meetings in the 2nd and 3rd year. Fellows are mentored by all faculty members.
- Board pass rate 96.43%, Fellows allowed to attend conferences, first year fellows attend ASGE First Year Fellow Endoscopy Course.
- Exposure to a wide variety of endoscopic procedures.
- Physiology mini-course also serves as a joint social outing with food/beverages hosted/provided by the Program Director/Section Chief at their homes. There are also social events held annually (holiday party in December and the graduation party in June) that give staff, fellows, and their families opportunities to get to know each other better. Regular meetings are held with the fellows regarding concerns with only the Program Director, Associate Program Director, and Section Chief (latter half) of the meeting.
- Very diverse group of men and women.

Hematology and Medical Oncology

- Three-year ACGME accredited fellowship program.
- 18 total fellows, six per class.
- Largest Hematology and Medical Oncology fellowship in the state of Louisiana.
- Majority of the first year is in the clinic setting with a light call schedule.
- Fellows rotate at the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport - Monroe Medical Center, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, and Willis-Knighton Health System.
- Twenty-four month continuity clinic followed by twelve months of specialty continuity clinic.
- We are the Leukemia Center for both the northern and western portions of Louisiana.
- Hematology inpatient experience is rich with acute leukemia, high dose chemotherapy with autologous stem cell re-infusion for myeloma and high risk lymphoma settings and allogeneic transplantation for acute leukemia and other appropriate indications.
- Oncology inpatient experience includes high dose chemotherapy and complex Oncology patient management.
• Referral Center for complex benign hematology cases such as Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia Purpura and Sickle Cell Disease.
• Level 1 Trauma Center at Ochsner LSU Hospital Shreveport provides complex coagulation cases.
• Program offers rotations in Radiation Oncology, Hemato-pathology, and blood banking.
• Core curriculum includes all aspects of Hematology and Oncology on a 24-month rotation with a focus on preparation for in-service examination.
• Weekly board review course reviews major areas of the combined specialty with a focus on accelerating preparation for board examinations.
• Weekly grand rounds by fellows, faculty and invited speakers.
• Weekly Tumor Boards for Hematology, Breast Cancer, Hepato-biliary Disease, Head and Neck Cancer, Lung Cancer, and Brain tumors.
• Weekly management conference for consultative hematology cases and for any other cases of with special educational value.
• Opportunities for clinical and basic research.
• High Oncology and Hematology board pass rate.

Infectious Disease

• Two-year ACGME accredited fellowship program.
• Three total fellows, alternating the number of fellows each year.
• There are two full-time and one part-time faculty physicians.
• All Infectious Disease faculty physicians are board certified and active in teaching.
• Fellows see inpatients and outpatients at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport and Overton Brooks VA Medical Center. There are three sets of outpatient clinics: General Infectious Disease, HIV Clinic, and Viral Disease.
• Opportunities for basic and clinical research. Extensive hands-on experience in microbiology, Infectious Control, and QI projects.
• 100% Board Pass Rate, Financial support for travel to national meetings. Fellows receive the opportunity to attend ID Week, and engage in social networking with fellows from other ID Fellowships, lectures, and present research/abstracts at the conferences.
• Fellows are offered In Training Exams through the IDSA. Fellows are also purchased board review literature and question banks.
The Program utilizes the AMA CME Competency Education teaching modules, didactic lectures, and selected lectures sponsored by the institutional GME Office to educate staff and fellows regarding Physician Well Being, Healthy Lifestyle, Sleep Hygiene. The institution provides meditation and yoga classes weekly, and we offer the fellow the ability to attend lecture series for mindfulness and relaxation.

Diversified in faculty, fellows, and clinical rotations.

Nephrology

- Two-year ACGME accredited fellowship program.
- Four total residents, two per year.
- Fellows work closely with our attending physicians in a collegial and tutorial academic environment.
- Maintaining a professional and educational focus, a family-like setting among the Nephrology Section.
- Clinical experience covers ambulatory, medical and surgical ICU, outpatient dialysis, peritoneal dialysis, procedural training (over 40 central venous catheters and 20 kidney biopsies), transplant and Interventional Nephrology.
- Ambulatory clinics: CKD, Hypertension, Glomerulonephritis and Transplant.
- Interventional Nephrology experience within the two years of Nephrology fellowship.
- Optional elective training with ASDIN certification eligibility within two years of nephrology training.
- Procedures experienced include: Native and Transplant kidney biopsy; tunneled and non-tunneled (Uldall) hemo-dialysis catheter; angioplasty dialysis fistula and grafts; declot dialysis fistula and grafts; peritoneal dialysis catheter placements; portacath insertions; and stents, stentgraft and coils implants.
- Kidney transplant experience at one of the largest transplant center with over 250 kidney transplants a year.
- Annual ITE and board preparation course with pre- and post- tests to assess development.
- Residents will rotate through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport and Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans, La.
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• Didactic schedule developed to help fellows improve their knowledge base, and will help improve their clinical decision making abilities—multiple conferences weekly.
• Opportunities for clinical and basic research – abstract and poster presentations at national and local meetings and competitions.
• We represent multiple countries and cultures.

Pain Management

• One-year ACGME accredited fellowship program.
• One fellow per year.
• First Anesthesiology Pain fellowship in the State of Louisiana (original accreditation in 1996).
• 100% board pass rate for the past two years.
• Fellows have the option to complete a Master’s in Business Administration from LSU Shreveport.
• Breadth of experience with focus on cancer pain and non-cancer pain, Neurology, and Psychiatry.
• Strong procedural foundation including spinal and non-spinal interventions like implantable devices and kyphoplasty, and ultrasound guided techniques.
• Exposure to academic and private practice.
• Collegial and tutorial academic and private practice working environments.
• Clinical experience covers cancer pain, non-cancer pain, cancer survivorship pain, neurological approaches to pain, palliative care, and Psychiatry.
• Fellows have the opportunity to work at ambulatory clinics at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Feist-Weiller Cancer Center and private ambulatory clinics in Tyler, Texas in the setting of a busy private practice.
• A didactic schedule developed to help fellows improve their knowledge base, and will help improve their clinical decision making abilities.
• Opportunities for clinical research.
• Very supportive environment.
Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine

- Three-year ACGME accredited fellowship program.
- Nine total fellows, three per class.
- Curriculum: first two years focus on Pulmonary, third year on Critical Care Medicine, similar to the first year of Critical Care Medicine fellowship.
- Procedures include experience with EBUS, navigational bronchoscopy, and other interventional pulmonary procedures.
- Procedure volume is as high as 100 bronchoscopies per year.
- Supervision includes formal daily attending rounds, procedural supervision and appropriate faculty staffing in clinics.
- Fellows rotate through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Overton Brooks VA Medical Center and a Long-Term Acute Care hospital.
- Research/quality improvement projects required.
- Above average board pass rate, financial support for travel to national meetings.
- Fellows are offered In Training Exams through the APCCMPD. Fellow also have the opportunity to purchase board review material. Weekly didactics and lectures are offered on topics that are directly affiliated with PCCM boards.
- The Program utilizes the AMA CME Competency Education teaching modules, didactic lectures, and selected lectures sponsored by the institutional GME Office to educate staff and fellows regarding Physician Well Being, Healthy Lifestyle, Sleep Hygiene. The institution provides meditation and yoga classes weekly, and we offer the fellow the ability to attend lecture series for mindfulness and relaxation.
- Diversified in faculty, fellows, and clinical rotations.

Rheumatology

- Two-year ACGME accredited fellowship program.
- Six total positions, three per year.
- 100% board pass rate for the last 7 years. Weekly conferences and dedicated study time for fellows.
- Additional research year is available if desired.
- Fully accredited ultrasound training program.
- Interaction with a knowledgeable faculty dedicated to teaching.
- Exposure to an environment that stimulates scientific inquiry and prepares the fellow for lifelong learning.
Primarily outpatient rotations. Infusion Center and experience in Pediatric Rheumatology. Rotate with Physical and Occupational Therapy, Private Rheumatologists, Pain Management, and Neurology

Opportunities to formulate research questions and carry out scientific investigation under the guidance of an experienced faculty mentor.

Encounters in the clinical setting with patients who have a variety of rheumatic diseases.

Balanced emphasis on both practical patient care and the basic sciences.

Opportunities to develop teaching skills and to put them into practice with peers and students.

Exposure to the business of medicine and various practice systems.

Emphasis on ethical, socio-economic and cultural issues that affect the practice of medicine.

Interaction with physicians and health care professionals from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Program promotes social gatherings and dedicated administrative time.

When fellows complete their training they are highly trained specialists with a specific combination of Immunology, general Internal Medicine, and Rheumatology to provide excellent health care for patients.

**Sleep Medicine**

- One-year ACGME accredited fellowship program.
- Two total positions.
- 100% board pass rate for the past five years.
- First Sleep Medicine fellowship in the State of Louisiana, established in 1983.
- Sleep fellows work closely with our attending physicians in a collegial and tutorial academic environment.
- Didactic schedule developed to help Sleep fellows improve their knowledge base, but will also help improve their clinical decision making abilities to function as a competent, independent Sleep Medicine provider.
- Educational experience covers participation in weekly Sleep Medicine grand rounds, weekly Neurology grand rounds, monthly Sleep
Medicine Journal Club, monthly Sleep Medicine practice parameters and guidelines club, monthly research club, monthly LSU S.L.E.E.P medicine interest group meetings, Sleep Medicine seminars, American Academy of Sleep Medicine annual meeting.

- Clinical experience covers pediatric, adult, and geriatric Sleep Medicine, sleep studies interpretation and Sleep Medicine methodology application/utilization, outpatient Sleep Medicine, acute inpatient Sleep Medicine, Sleep Medicine of military veterans, dental/OMFS Sleep Medicine.
- Research experience covers case report writing skills development, monthly research club, opportunities for quality improvement projects, opportunities for clinical research projects, opportunities for basic science research projects.
- Sleep fellows will rotate through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport (sleep lab, hospital, and ambulatory clinics) and Overton Brooks VA Medical Center.
- Our fellows well-being are a primary focus of the program.

**Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery:**

**Head & Neck Oncologic/Microvascular Reconstructive Surgery**

**Cleft & Craniofacial Surgery**

- Both are two-year CODA accredited fellowship programs.
- Four total fellows, two in each fellowship.
- The Cleft & Craniofacial Surgery Fellowship encompasses a full spectrum of Cleft & Craniofacial Surgery with interdisciplinary comprehensive work-up, treatment planning, and post-operative care. Clinical focus includes: Cleft Lip & Palate Repair, Craniofacial Syndrome Management, Velopharyngeal Insufficiency Repair, Vascular Tumor/Malformation Surgery, Craniosynostosis Repair,
Management of the Pediatric Airway

- Didactic lectures scheduled weekly, quarterly lectures include Pathology, Anesthesia, Anatomy, practice/risk management, along with monthly journal and tumor board meetings.
- Fellows will have access to current Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery texts and related journals and be able to critically analyze the literature.
- Fellows will rotate through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Willis-Knighton Health System, and Shriners Hospital for Children.
- Opportunities for clinical and basic research.

Cardiovascular Disease

- Three-year ACGME Accredited Fellowship Program
- 12 total fellows
- Fellows see a multitude of patients and are supervised closely by faculty. During each fellow’s assigned monthly rotation they will be guided by at least one attending faculty.
- All fellows are given a 3-month block of dedicated research rotation during which they work with an overseeing faculty member.
- Our sites draw on a large geographic area comprised by most of Louisiana and significant parts of Arkansas and Texas. By the end of training, most fellows have seen the entire spectrum of cardiovascular disease. We handle a large volume of critically ill and complex patients.
- All fellows gain experience in cardiac catheterization, echocardiography, nuclear cardiology and imaging as well as electrophysiology laboratories.
- LSU Health Shreveport is an accredited academic medical center with a full complement of departments and centers. Teaching hospitals and partners include Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, John C. McDonald Regional Transplant Center at Willis-Knighton, and the Biomedical Research Foundation’s PET Imaging Center with onsite cyclotron.
- More than 90% of fellows who trained with us have achieved Board Certification in Cardiovascular Disease.
Interventional Cardiology

- One-year ACGME Accredited Fellowship Program
- One fellow
- Program provides cardiology training in coronary interventions, with exposure to peripheral and structural procedures, and experience in the clinical interventional cardiology research program.
- Interaction with knowledgeable faculty dedicated to teaching
- Stimulate scientific inquiry and prepare for lifelong learning
- Formulate research questions and carry out scientific investigations under guidance of faculty
- Develop teaching skills and put them into practice
- Exposure to the business of medicine and various practice systems
- Emphasis on effective communication skills
- Embracing diversity in the work place and patient care

Allergy/Immunology

- Two-year ACGME Accredited Fellowship Program
- Four total fellows; two per class
- Combined Pediatric-Medicine program with entry tracks for physicians who completed an ACGME-accredited residency in Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, or combined.
- Objective is to prepare skilled A/I specialists capable of delivering primary or consultative medical care, to both pediatric and adult patients, as well as capable of conducting investigative studies.
- Research can be clinical, basic, or combined. The specific areas of research are selected according to the A/I resident’s special interests and the potential scientific merit.
- Participation in scientific discussions, literature search, attending local, regional, national and international A/I conferences, and teaching primary care residents, medical students and allied health professionals is encouraged.
- Program provides knowledge in the principles and experience in the diagnosis and management of various allergic and immunologic disorders and related diseases, including rhinoconjunctivitis, sinusitis, asthma, occupational lung diseases, skin hypersensitivities, gastrointestinal hypersensitivity reactions, systemic anaphylaxis, and allergies to specific agents such as foods, food additives, insects,
Our patient population comprises both children and adults in approximately equal numbers.

Fellows rotate at the Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport Ambulatory Care Clinic and the Ochsner LSU Health Asthma, Allergy and ENT Center.

**Forensic Psychiatry**

- One-year ACGME Accredited Fellowship Program
- Approved for two fellows per year
- This one-year fellowship is designed to train fellows in providing various types of forensic psychiatry services. Fellows receive training in civil commitments, expert testimony, sanity commissions, correctional psychiatry, and treatment of patients with neurodevelopmental and intellectual disabilities. As part of their didactic curriculum, fellows study and discuss landmark cases in forensic psychiatry once a week and discuss articles for the Forensic Psychiatry Program Journal Club twice a month.
- Fellows rotate at Pinecrest Supports and Services Center in Pineville, La., and the Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic in Shreveport, La., to treat patients with neurodevelopmental and intellectual disabilities. Fellows rotate at Caddo Correctional Center to provide psychiatric care to prisoners and conduct sanity commissions. Fellows rotate at each of these sites about once per week. Other time is devoted to completing sanity commission reports, civil commitment reports, forensic civil case reports, and studying landmark cases and reviewing articles for the Forensic Psychiatry Program Journal Club.
- Fellows can be as active in research and scholarly activities as they would like to be. Faculty members usually have ongoing projects in which the fellows can participate. Fellows are required to complete one QI project and one scholarly activity during the fellowship year.
- Funding is provided for professional and educational expenses. Fellows attend the annual conference for the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law each year.
- Fellows are allowed time to study for their general boards. The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine provides all trainees with funding for Beat the Boards.
- Fellows have a set schedule that allows time away from work to focus on studying and well-being activities. Fellows are welcomed to participate in social events held by the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine.
- The Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program and the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine welcome candidates from different backgrounds. We have an open door policy and encourage trainees to express their thoughts and opinions to consistently improve the program. This open door atmosphere inspires fellows to bring issues to leadership so we can grow and evolve in this ever-changing educational climate. LSU Health Shreveport has an Office of Diversity Affairs that holds social events to celebrate diversity.

**Vascular Neurology**

- One-year ACGME Accredited Fellowship Program
- One fellow per year
- Inpatient stroke service and stroke consults, outpatient clinic. VN fellow will work closely with the attending physicians in a collegial and tutorial academic environment.
- Fellows will rotate through Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport’s hospital, ambulatory clinics, Sleep Lab, and St. Mary Medical Center.
- Monthly research club, opportunities for quality improvement projects, opportunities for clinical research projects, and opportunities for basic science research projects.
- Resources include Journal Club and weekly chapter review of major texts.
- Anonymous online monitoring and resources, group gatherings, and mentorship.
- We make every effort to interview and select a diverse group of fellows.
Colon & Rectal Surgery

- One-year ACGME Accredited Fellowship Program
- One fellow
- Must be eligible to take their Surgery board exam or be board certified.
- Rotations at Willis-Knighton Health System and CHRISTUS Highland Medical Center. Rotate every 3 months.
- Research project is part of our program and other scholarly activities are encouraged.
- We have successful board pass rates: 100% for first time takers of the Written Exam for the past three years. Program holds weekly topic review sessions and mock oral boards.
- Well-being is monitored throughout the year and discussed with the program director at quarterly meetings or sooner if the need arises. Resources are available as needed.
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