

## **Center for Health Policy & Research**

### **Medical Student Opportunities: Optional Enrichment Electives**

- *Understanding and Improving our Healthcare System*  
This elective will provide students with a basic understanding of how the health care system works, as well as integrate health care policy issues to prompt physician advocacy. This elective couples lectures with clinical correlations and allows students to ask the questions that we all have about how the system works. This elective will address access to health care, rising costs, current events, policy, and advocacy among other things.
  
- *Adoption and Foster Care: Considerations for Medical Practice*  
The course helps students develop their clinical skills to work with children in foster care, as well as foster parents, birthparents, adoptive parents, and individuals who were adopted; to introduce awareness of the biological, psychological, and social issues related to adoption and foster care; to provide an opportunity for participants to consider their own attitudes about adoption and foster care; to introduce awareness of community resources available for patient education and referral; and to allow students to consider research directions related to adoption and foster care.
  
- *Rural Health Scholars*  
The goal of this course is to foster medical students' interest in rural health issues and to equip them and encourage them to practice in rural or small areas.