

At Kern Medical we care deeply about your professional development and are committed to providing an educational environment that is academically challenging and clinically comprehensive.

There are many reasons to entrust Kern Medical with the responsibility to facilitate the building of your career in healthcare. We start by laying a foundation of immersion in the clinical care of our patients who present with a wide array of acute and chronic illness in both the inpatient and ambulatory settings. Our philosophy is very much one of "learning through doing" where we value your ability to make independent medical decisions while supporting you through a didactic approach that builds confidence and professionalism.

Our patients come from a community that is largely underserved, and often lack the preventive healthcare services that would otherwise keep them from developing complications from an underlying condition. As such, our students and residents see a wide array of pathology often with a psycho-social overlay that most physicians rarely see in the course of their professional careers. In addition, our institution rests in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley where the prevalence of Coccidioidomycosis has led to the development of our Valley Fever Institute, an NIH funded academic hub led by the world's experts in the treatment of this condition and who oversee our mission to advance the frontier for treatment of this disease.

Our state-of-the-art Simulation Center provides a unique learning environment where you can develop your skills in the handling of emergent situations, practice protocol-driven algorithms, and learn the finer points of end-of-life conversations in a relaxed and supportive setting. The Center offers virtual reality scenarios, real-time computerized monitoring of technique, and expert staff to guide you through the whole experience.

Behind the many fine academic faculty members on our Medical Staff is our Department of Education who, led by our Designated Institutional Official (DIO) and Director of Medical Education, provide a "home base" for our Residents and Students. Their focus is on ensuring you have the support you need in coordinating schedules, managing clinical rotations, scheduling in-house exams, understanding your benefits, and tracking your duty hours, CME credits, and procedure logs.

Living in California naturally provides an opportunity to enjoy the warm climate and perhaps the best kept secret is Kern County's relatively low cost of living, affordable housing, traffic-free commute, friendly community-minded people, and 2-hour accessibility to the Pacific Coast. Bakersfield is a growing community with excellent public school and state university systems.

Most of all I want to personally express my sincerest appreciation to our Department Chairs and Program Directors who have committed themselves to academic excellence and a passion for teaching. They are truly the finest example of "Clinician-Educator". It is our privilege to serve you and help you realize the full potential of your career as a medical professional.