

On behalf of the Department of Medical Education, our over 100 clinical academic faculty, 100 residents and fellows, over 150 medical students, and hundreds of alumni who have trained at our campus over the last 65 years, I welcome you to Kern Medical. We are the premiere academic institution and tertiary referral center serving the Southern San Joaquin Valley of Central California. More importantly, we are the public safety net hospital that provides medical care to the most vulnerable patient population in Bakersfield and our surrounding counties.

We currently sponsor four fully ACGME-accredited residency programs in Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Psychiatry. In addition, we support fellowships in Infectious Disease, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Addiction Psychiatry. Our residency and fellowship programs are associated with the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, with the majority of our faculty holding academic positions at UCLA as well.

Our institution has been training physicians for nearly seven decades, allowing them to pursue a career in either academic or private practice. Our alumni have served as Department Chairs, Program Directors and academic faculty. Our graduates have published numerous peer-reviewed research papers, book chapters and presented at national and international meetings.

The clinical learning environment at Kern Medical is diverse. We currently support multiple offsite primary care clinics that serve a vast array of different patient populations. Our Valley Fever Institute is a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to providing the unique medical treatment that patients with Coccidioidomycosis require. The Institute also participates in several NIH-sponsored clinical trials and continues its ongoing research to find a cure for this endemic fungal disease. Our trauma center is one of the busiest in the state of California with a dedicated team of trauma and acute care surgeons working closely with our Emergency Medicine physicians. Our new Simulation Center is dedicated to providing robust high-fidelity simulation training to all physicians and allied health professionals. Above all, Kern Medical is dedicated to improving and raising the standard of medical care for all patients in Kern County.

As a prospective medical student, resident, or fellow, you will have the opportunity to participate in educational programs that meet or surpass accreditation requirements. Our faculty are committed to promoting your professional identity and ensuring your well-being while providing ample opportunity to learn and acquire the necessary skills in your chosen field of medicine. Our goal is to recruit and retain the best and most-qualified physicians.

The future for Kern Medical is bright. In the upcoming years, we plan to continue to expand our educational offerings by increasing learner complements in our residency programs. We are applying for accreditation for new residency and fellowship programs. We are recruiting new faculty that represent the diversity of the patient populations we serve. We are continuously striving to increase our collaboration with the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Above all, our commitment to medical education remains steadfast and firm. I invite you to join us!