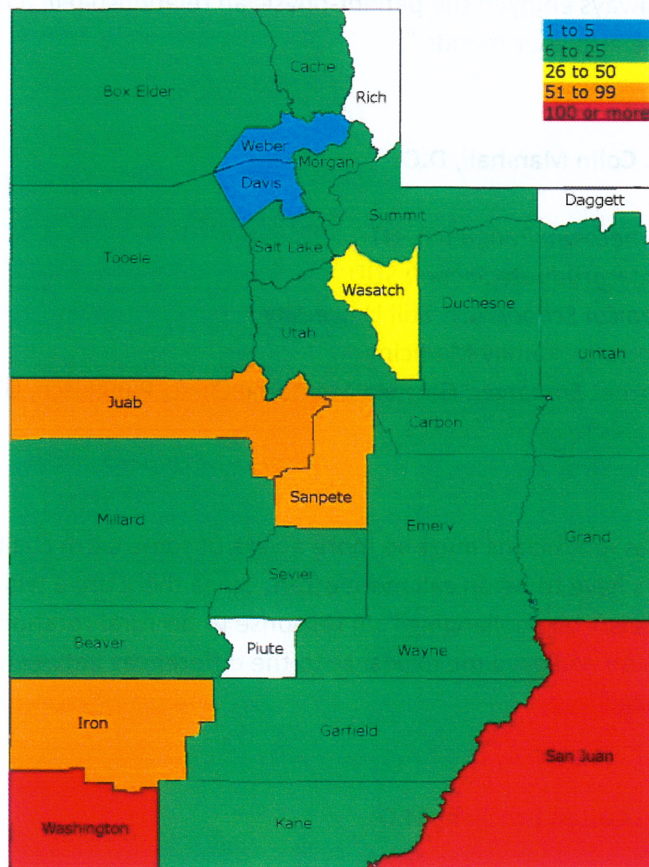


## Rural Clinical Rotations Medical Education Council

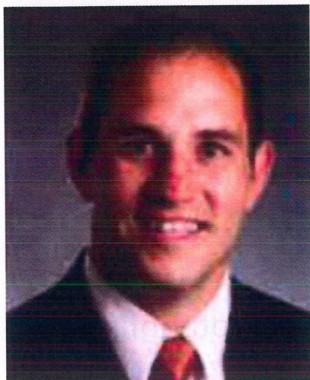
- 26 of 29 counties in Utah currently have some form of Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation.
- 2007-2018, 866 students/residents have participated in 1,017 clinical rotations.

Locations of 2007-2018 Clinical Rotations



- Southern Utah University's Center for Rural Health manages physician resident, APRN, PA, and pharmacy rotations, while the University of Utah School of Dentistry manages the dental rotations.
- \$122,000 is spent annually to cover transportation and housing costs of 4 week rotations.
- 10% of Family Medicine physicians who have completed a rural rotation through UMEC chose to practice in a rural setting in Utah.





**Dr. Mark Corry, M.D.**

*Hometown:* Cedar City, UT  
*Undergraduate School:* SUU  
*Medical School:* University of Utah  
*Specialty:* Family Medicine  
*Current Employer:* IHC, Cedar City, UT

After completing school and rotations in Cedar City and Manti, Dr. Corry decided pursuing a rural practice is a worthwhile cause. "I have always enjoyed the patient-physician relationship in a rural community. Not only are you their doctor, but they are also your friends."



**Dr. Colin Marshall, D.O.**

*Hometown:* Panguitch, UT  
*Undergraduate School:* SUU  
*Medical School:* A.T. Still University  
*Specialty:* Family Medicine  
*Current Employer:* Garfield Memorial Clinic, Panguitch, UT

When practicing in rural areas, physicians must be more aware of some extra challenges to be faced. "There are coverage issues. The doctors have to be on call more often. Since there are a wide variety of medical needs, getting patients to specialists is a bit challenging." In response to his rural rotation Dr. Marshall said, "It definitely solidified my decision and gave me exposure to the differences between practicing medicine in a rural setting and in an urban setting."



**Dr. Colten Bracken, M.D.**

*Hometown:* Enterprise, UT  
*Undergraduate School:* SUU  
*Medical School:* Mayo Clinic  
*Specialty:* Family Medicine  
*Current Employer:* Sevier Valley Hospital, Richfield, UT

His first experience with Sevier Valley Hospital was through a rural graduate rotation with the Utah Area Health Education Center (AHEC). "I couldn't have asked for a better way to jumpstart my career [than Utah AHEC.]" Originally pursuing a career as a physician assistant at SUU, after speaking with the AHEC director he was inspired to switch and become a physician. When giving advice to other pre-medical students, Dr. Bracken said, "Do it! Don't doubt your capacity to [go to medical school]."