

Why Choose Us:

- We offer a highly competitive compensation package for the Southeast Region that includes Health Insurance for you and your family.
- There are numerous job opportunities available in the region upon graduation.
- Affiliated with Tulane, LSU, AUC and Edward VCOM Schools of Medicine
- Elective time is built into the curriculum.
- Our program has a flexible maternity/ paternity leave policy. We are willing to work with individuals to create an elective experience during maternity leave that might help minimize delays in completing the program.
- Affiliated with the Baton Rouge General Sports Medicine Fellowship
- We provide outpatient training in a real world practice environment.
- Located on the east bank of the Mississippi River, the city of Baton Rouge represents the best of what Louisiana has to offer. As the capital of Louisiana, Baton Rouge offers a semi-tropical climate, excellent food with just the right seasonings and a colorful history.
- Diverse Faculty

ADMISSIONS

Baton Rouge General's Family Medicine Residency uses an Electronic Residency Application System (ERAS), which is available through your Dean's office. We will only accept electronic applications.

Applicants to the Family Medicine Residency Program must have completed and submitted the following upon applying:

- Three letters of recommendation from faculty or practitioners with whom you have worked and who can comment on your personal and professional qualifications. One letter should come from a family physician who can directly address your potential ability to become a family physician.
- · An application with a Personal Statement
- · USMLE/Comlex 1 and 2 dates and scores
- Dean's letter
- Transcript
- · Curriculum Vitae

If applicable, please address the following points:

- Prior participation in a residency program
- Current or prior medical licensure in any state
- Current or prior suspension or revocation of licensure
- Current or prior participation in biomedical research that has resulted in a publication or presentation
- Current or prior interruptions in your medical education
- Any aspect of your candidacy that might limit your ability to carry out the requirements of the house staff position within the time frame of the program
- Plans to participate in the couples match

U.S. Graduates must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S.
- Have significant clinical experience in a primary care setting in the U.S.
- Have a U.S. mailing address
- Time out of medical school cannot exceed 1 year

International Medical Graduates (IMG) must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S.
- Be ECFMG certified when applying if you have already graduated from medical school. If you're currently in medical school, you must have your ECFMG certification to start the program.
- Have significant clinical experience in a primary care setting in the U.S.
- Have a U.S. mailing address
- Time out of medical school cannot exceed 1 year

Your application must be complete and received by Friday, December 1, 2023. Incomplete applications may result in delay or elimination of the pre-screening interview of an application and subsequent invitations to interview.

Interviews

Interviews will be conducted virtually beginning on October 31, 2023 and ending on December 20, 2023. The virtual interviews will be held on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday afternoons and Friday afternoons.



CURRICULUM

The curriculum structure combines a traditional rotational approach, with an emphasis on ambulatory training.

BLOCK ROTATIONS - First Year	,	
Internal Medicine Inpatient Service	12 weeks	
Pediatrics Inpatient/Newborn Care	8 weeks	
Critical Care	4 weeks	
Emergency Medicine	4 weeks	
General Surgery	4 weeks	
Obstetrics	8 weeks	
Inpatient Family Medicine (NF)	6 weeks	
Elective	4 weeks	
Family Medicine Community Outreach	2 weeks	
BLOCK ROTATIONS - Second Year	2 Wooke	
Night Float	6 weeks	
Podiatry	2 weeks	
Ambulatory Pediatrics	8 weeks	
Family Medicine Inpatient Service	6 weeks	
Behavioral Medicine	4 weeks	
Cardiology	4 weeks	
Critical Care	4 weeks	
Orthopedics	4 weeks	
Practice Management	2 weeks	
Elective Rotations	12 weeks	
BLOCK ROTATIONS - Third Year		
Inpatient Family Medicine	6 weeks	
Geriatrics	6 weeks	
Gynecology	4 weeks	
Emergency Medicine	4 weeks	
Ambulatory Medicine Subspecialty	4 weeks	
Surgical Subspecialty	2 weeks	
Sports Medicine	4 weeks	
Board Review	2 weeks	
Practice Management	2 weeks	
Electives	18 weeks	
Outpatient Family Medicine Experience		
PGY-1	1 - 2 half days per week	
PGY-2	2 - 3 half days per week	
PGY-3	3 - 5 half days per week	

BENEFITS SUMMARY 2023-2024

SALARY AND BENEFITS

Benefits	PGY-1	PGY-2	PGY-3
Salary*	\$53,989	\$55,921	\$57,960
Housing Allowance	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
TOTAL SALARY	\$57,589	\$59,521	\$61,560

^{*}Salaries are reviewed on an annual basis

Professional Fees:

The Board Exam fee will be paid for each third-year resident in good academic standing during the PGY-3 year.

USMLE Step 3 exam fee paid by the program.

CME Fund:

Each resident receives a fund, currently \$1,800, from which they may draw \$600 during the PGY-1, PGY-2 and PGY-3 years to support attendance at Continuing Medical Education meetings or for personal professional books, journals or materials - paid by Baton Rouge General. Approval criteria will apply to use of the funds.

Other Benefits:

White coats and laundry service are provided - paid by Baton Rouge General.

Paid health insurance for you and your family.

Free breakfast and lunch in the physician's lounge on weekdays, free meals in cafeteria on weekends and night float.



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VINCENT SHAW, JR., MD, CAQSM, FAAFP Program Director Family and Sports Medicine Programs

Dr. Shaw, a native of Opelousas, received his Bachelors of Science in Chemistry from Southern University A&M College and his Medical Degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans. He completed his Family Medicine Residency training at the Baton Rouge General Family Medicine Residency Program, and also completed a Sports Medicine Fellowship at LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans. He has been a faculty member for the Family Medicine

Residency Program since 2007 and currently serves as the Program Director for Baton Rouge General's Family Medicine Residency and Sports Medicine Fellowship Programs. Board Certified in Family Medicine with a Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ) in Sports Medicine, Dr. Shaw also serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserve and is a team physician for Southern University and LSU.



DESI VALENTINE, MDAssociate Program Director
Family Physician

Dr. Desi Valentine, a native of Houma, Louisiana, is board certified in family medicine. Dr. Valentine earned her medical degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans and completed her residency training at Baton Rouge General Medical Center's Family Medicine Residency Program. She is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians.



UBAID ABBASI, MD *Family Physician*

Dr. Ubaid Abbasi migrated from Pakistan at the age of seven. He grew up in Lake Charles, Louisiana where he graduated from McNeese State University obtaining his undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences. He furthered his education and earned his doctorate degree from Saba University School of Medicine. He completed his residency in family medicine from Baton Rouge General Family Medicine Residency Program during which he served as a Chief Resident and was awarded the Gerald R. Gehringer Award for his outstanding leadership and scholarly accomplishments.



MATTHEW BUMGARDNER, MD Associate Program Director Sports Medicine Fellowship Program Family Physician

Dr. Matthew Bumgardner earned his undergraduate degree from Centenary College of Louisiana and his medical degree from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport. He completed his residency training at Baton Rouge General's Family Medicine Program, where he served as chief resident, as well as a fellowship in Baton Rouge General's Sports Medicine Program.

He is a member of the American Medical Association, American Medical Society of Sports Medicine, American Academy of Family Physicians, and Louisiana Association of Family Physicians.

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ROBERT SUDDUTH, DO Family Physician

Robert Sudduth, DO, was born in Athens, GA, and was raised in Gulfport, MS. He attended The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS, where he received his undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences. Robert received both his master's degree in biomedical science and his doctorate degree from William Carey University in Hattiesburg, MS. He completed his residency at the Baton Rouge General Family Medicine Residency Program. He enjoys working out, fishing, golfing, fantasy football, spending time with family and friends, and most importantly, attending New Orleans Saints football games.



NATHAN SUGARMAN, MD *Family Physician*

Nathan Sugarman, MD, grew up in Los Angeles, California. He attended the University of California, Irvine where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in biology. Nathan received his Doctorate degree from the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. He completed his residency at the Baton Rouge General Family Medicine Residency Program where he served as chief resident. Dr. Sugarman is married and has one child. He enjoys traveling, learning about exotic animals, working on cars, playing video games, and spending time with family.



OANH H. TRUONG, MD *Family Physician*

A native of Baton Rouge and graduate of Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Dr. Truong is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Louisiana Association of Family Physicians, and the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine.

Dr. Truong earned an undergraduate degree in psychology from Rice University in Houston and a medical degree from LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. She completed her family medi-

cine residency training at Northwestern University's McGaw Medical Center, where she served as teaching chief and was part of the Global Health Clinical Scholars Program. At the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, she completed a fellowship in faculty development and global health. She also received a masters of public health from the University of Pittsburgh and a diploma in international medicine and public health from the INMED Institute for International Medicine in Kansas City, MO.



JAMES WADDILL, MD, FAAFP Family Physician

Dr. James Waddill is a native of St. Joseph, LA. He graduated magna cum laude from Louisiana Tech University with a degree in Zoology. He received his doctorate degree from LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport. He completed an internship and residency in Family Medicine at E. A. Conway Memorial Hospital in Monroe, Louisiana, and was appointed Chief Hospital Resident during his final year of residency. He has been board certified in Family Medicine since 1986 and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.



Mission Statement

To improve the lives of people we serve by producing well-rounded family physicians from diverse backgrounds that reflect those of our community who provide comprehensive care to patients of all ages and cultures.

Baton Rouge General's Family Medicine Residency Program is dedicated to addressing the health care needs of the community with a focus on prevention, health education and psychosocial concerns, the program is committed to developing health care providers who collaborate with families in preserving and enhancing complete wellness.

Balancing the art of the doctor-patient relationship and the latest science and technology, residents become providers of coordinated, comprehensive and accessible medical care to patients of all ages. The program places an emphasis on residents becoming ambulatory care experts and trains residents in effective collaboration with other clinical disciplines and segments of the community. Creating a unique learning environment that fosters individual growth and personal balance, the program is characterized by an atmosphere of collegiality, active decision making, innovation and scholarly inquiry.



Family Medicine Residency Program

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