



# Rural Program

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Dear Rural Program Friends,

Please read on for recent updates on midpoint LIC evaluations, benchmarks for learning at this point in the year, and answers to frequently asked questions about evaluating students.

We are also excited to share the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians' recent magazine, featuring Rural Program preceptors, graduates, students, and faculty!

Remember to claim your Rural Preceptor Tax Credit for 2023 if you are eligible! We will also soon be introducing a new (hopefully less arduous!) process for applying for a Volunteer Clinical Faculty appointment, so please stay tuned for more details.

On behalf of our friends in the CUSOM Department of Family Medicine, we are also sharing a survey that will provide insight into why Family Medicine physicians choose to teach medical students, or choose not to. Please take a few minutes to help with their research if you are a family doc!

As always, thank you for all you do to support the next generation of rural healthcare professionals.

Sincerely,

The CUSOM Rural Program Team

[Rural Program Website](#)



Check out the rest of the magazine [here!](#)

## Rural Program Preceptors and Faculty Featured in Colorado Family Physician Magazine

The Rural Program was well represented in the Winter 2024 edition of *Colorado Family Physician* magazine.

In her article [Why I Am a Preceptor](#), Dr. Lindsey Paulson of Wray Community District Hospital & Clinic captures the challenges and rewards of teaching medical students. The article features photos of Dr. Paulson, Rural Program graduate-turned-preceptor in Wray, Dr. Kaily Baer, Rural Program graduates Christine Krentz, Sean Wickers, and Ryan Imber, and current Rural Program student Ashlyn Richie.

Dr. Roberto Silva, our Rural Program Assistant Director, also contributed a reflection on his precepting experiences in [Nurturing Future Physicians as a Preceptor](#).

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## Midpoint Evaluations are Here!

Preceptors with current LIC students should have received a link to their midpoint evaluations on **February 21**. These evaluations are critical for determining a student's grades. Midpoint evaluations will close on **March 6**.

If you have any issues accessing or completing the evaluation, please notify Rural LIC Coordinators [Melissa Darzins](#) or [Julia Kendrick](#), or another member of our team. If you would like to discuss the student's performance, please reach out to [Dr. Silva](#), [Dr. Deutchman](#), [Dr. Lykke](#), or [Dr. Swanson](#).

## FAQs about Medical Student Evaluations

How much does my evaluation count in my student's grade? Am I responsible for all of their education? What do I say in an evaluation if I haven't worked with the student very much?

[Get answers to these questions and more!](#)

## How should my LIC student be performing?

The Rural LIC Syllabus contains benchmarks that provide a general idea of where students should be with their clinical skills by April. You can review those [here!](#)



## Rural and Frontier Health Care Preceptor Tax Credit

Primary Care preceptors who teach for 4 weeks/20 days in a rural or frontier county may be eligible for a \$1000 tax credit. [Click here to review eligibility information](#).

If you are eligible for this tax credit, please complete the [2023 form](#) and return it to a representative of the institution your students attend for certification. For CU Rural Program preceptors, please submit your completed form using this [link](#). Our team will be notified of your submission and will return your certified form via email. You will then need to submit the certified form to the CO Department of Revenue via email: [dor\\_preceptor@state.co.us](mailto:dor_preceptor@state.co.us)

If you receive notification from the DOR that the credit has been issued to you, you can claim the credit on your Colorado income tax return.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone in your practice who might also be eligible for this tax credit.

## Teaching/Precepting Survey for FM Physicians

If you are a Family Medicine physician, please consider taking a minute to complete [this survey](#) from our friends in the CUSOM Department of Family Medicine about the incentives and barriers that impact medical student clinical teaching. Please feel free to share this survey with your FM colleagues.

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