

Real Life Health Engagement

Modules LCP 180; 280 380; 480; 580 (and various others): L-CAS: Longitudinal Community Attachment Programme For Students

Course description

The University of Pretoria Department of Family Medicine Longitudinal Community Attachment programme for Students (L-CAS) links medical students from their first to fourth year to integrated primary care from the house to the hospital and back.

Community challenge

Community health education is an important component in sustaining community life due to the lack of enough information on biopsychosocial problems. Many communities have identified a need for problem-solving skills in order to find sustainable solutions for a variety of challenges that they encounter on a daily basis. The communities also encounter problems that relate to general health and dental care for children. A further challenge that communities are often confronted with is the coordination of health and social care in special needs homes. In general, there is a shortage of basic health services to key population groups.

Opportunity description

In L-CAS we introduce students to integrated, interdisciplinary and coordinated care primary health services outside the hospital environment. We also do consultation training in different situations and environments.

Impact

- Clinical health screening is done.
- Consultation with patients is undertaken.
- Community health education is provided.
- Biopsychosocial problems are identified and solutions are implemented.
- General health, developmental and dental screening of children in ECD centres is done.
- Assistance is provided with coordinated care in special needs homes.
- Helping and rendering health services to key populations.

Community partners

WBOT (Sub-district 1, Sedilega Clinic)
Phyllis Robertson & Various Crèches

