

Site Director's Note

There are a few Family Physicians-in-training who are deeply committed to a career in a rural setting. They look forward to the unique challenges and rewards of a small-town practice, and are seeking training that is tailored specifically toward this goal. It is for these physicians that the Dixon Rural Training Track (RTT) was developed.

Dixon is a town of about 16,000 persons with a rural catchment area of about 40,000. Located 45 miles southwest of Rockford, Illinois, KSB Hospital is a community hospital well represented by a broad range of primary and secondary care specialties. Strong support services are available at KSB through respiratory care, medical imaging (including full CT and MRI, and ultrasound capabilities, as well as peripheral vascular angiography) and a full service laboratory. Physical therapy and a fully integrated Sports and Occupational Medicine service are present.

During your three years in the Dixon RTT, you will have access to the resources of both the Rockford and Dixon medical communities. Year one is spent primarily in Rockford, where you will concentrate on inpatient rotations. Once weekly, you will travel to Dixon to begin developing your own Family Medicine model office continuity patient panel. Your second and third years will be spent primarily in Dixon with a combination of specialty rotations and continuity patient panel responsibilities.

Located along the Rock River, Dixon is a rural community with a generous range of local amenities and services and a strong school system. In acreage per capita, Dixon boasts one of the state's largest municipal park systems. Dixon offers a satisfying balance of a safe, warm rural atmosphere with easy access to more metropolitan resources when desired.

If you are that special physician with a commitment to a future in rural family medicine, we can provide the training that you seeking.

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