

Kennett - Twin Rivers Regional Medical Center

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The Site

Twin Rivers Medical Center offers excellent learning experiences for medical students in the areas of Surgery, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Family Medicine, Cardiology, and Emergency Medicine. Fifty percent of hospital physicians serve as community preceptors hosting student clinical rotations.

Students training at this site work with private practice physicians affiliated with the local community hospital system. Local medical faculty members operate private practice clinics that are located in medical buildings very close to the hospital facility. The hospital does have a few hospitalists with offices directly on site. This site also provides primary care clinical training experiences at the local Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and Migrant Health Center, which serves a significant migrant Hispanic population. Complimentary AHEC student housing is provided for students completing short term rotations and is located a short 5-10 minute drive from the hospital.

Students at this site are also offered optional off-site training opportunities in West Plains, Sikeston, Farmington and Poplar Bluff. These are not mandatory rotations and students who self-select for these experiences are provided free on-site AHEC housing during these rotations. Information on these sites can be found at www.missouridelta.com, www.poplarbluffregional.com, and www.ozarksmedicalcenter.com.

Site Statistics

City Population 11,260

Twin Rivers Regional Medical Center

1301 1st Street

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www.twinriversregional.com

Medical Staff	75
Size of Hospital	116 beds
Admits	4,928
Surgeries	2,692
Deliveries	515
ER Visits	20,628

Student Rotations	All Core and Required rotations can be completed at this site, except for Radiology. Radiology rotations can be completed in Poplar Bluff which is less than an hour away and student housing is available free of charge. Additional sub-specialists are geographically nearby.
Internship Programs	None
Residency Programs	This region does not currently have an active residency program in place, although plans are being explored to develop one. The nearest residencies to the region are in Jonesboro, Arkansas and Memphis, Tennessee.

Frequently Asked Questions

Describe didactics at your facility.

Preceptor lectures, CMEs, journal club, and student case conferences are provided. Student case conferences are monthly (except in summer months), and a schedule of lectures and CMEs is provided annually. Students do morning rounds with attendings and are often given reading assignments.

How many students, interns, and residents are on a rotation?

Student census fluctuates from two to four at any given time. Interns and residents rotate through the facility on occasion.

How often are students one-on-one with an attending or resident?

Students are always one-on-one with an attending physician. Residents only rotate at this site occasionally and do not get placed simultaneously with medical students completing clinical rotations with preceptors.

Are students offered/encouraged to actively participate in procedures?

This is one of the best parts of completing your clinical in a smaller community. Students are allowed to participate in many procedures. When students complete their Obstetrics/Gynecology rotations, they are actually allowed to deliver babies. You are always first assist in surgeries as there are not interns/residents in front of you.

Is the hospital affiliated with other hospitals? What other medical school affiliations does your facility have?

This is a single hospital facility in a corporate group. Medical schools that send students to this site include: KCOM in Kirksville, KCUMB in Kansas City, University of Missouri-Columbia, and UMKC in Kansas City

What is the trauma level of your emergency department? If your emergency department is not a Level I trauma center, will students have an opportunity to rotate at a Level I trauma center?

Not a designated trauma center. Students may complete excellent ER rotations at the hospital, as well as spend any extra time available to them with ER physicians who are always willing to have students on site. There is no Level I trauma center in this region.

What is the on-call policy for medical students?

Students are asked to follow preceptor call schedules during rotations. Depending on the clerkship, students may or may not have call because some preceptors do not take call and some do. Preceptors are very aware of student study needs and usually will not expect students to always follow their call schedules with them; however, it is left up to the preceptor to decide.

Is there 24-hour access to the library and Internet resources?

The hospital has computer workstations and a private lounge facility available 24 hours a day to access Internet resources. Students can also access MAHEC digital library resources from their own home computers via an assigned password system. There are over 100 electronic resources/databases in the digital library, including full-text and EBM (Evidence-Based Medicine) resources, such as OVID, MD Consult, Pepid, and others.

Is charting done electronically?

Electronic charting is done only in the ER at this time.

Is there a food allowance and how much?

Student meals are provided free of charge in the hospital cafeteria. Students can utilize their school issued name badges to receive meals.

Are pagers provided to students?

No, but preceptors are agreeable to dialing personal cell phones.

Are lockers available for students to use?

The medical lounge is in a locked, secure area, but lockers are not provided.

What unique qualities/opportunities does your facility have to offer?

In addition to basic hospital services, this facility provides 24 hour Emergency services, Inpatient and Outpatient Surgery, Ambulance Transport, Adult and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Sleep Disorder Services, Women's Health Services, Outpatient Oncology Services, Endoscopy Services, Pediatric Services, Lab Services, Pain Management Care, Radiology, Cardiopulmonary , an Acute Rehabilitation program, and state-of-the-art Intensive Care Unit. It also provides diagnostic and testing services, including an open MRI.

Site Visits

When are site visits scheduled?

Site visits can be scheduled at almost any time except for holidays.

Who should students contact to set up a site visit?

Please contact the Rotation Site Coordinator, Cindy Robinett, at 573.785.2444 Ext 3.

What is the site visit protocol at your site?

Students must contact the site coordinator at least two weeks before the planned visit. The site coordinator will make arrangements and let students know who/when/where to meet. Any request

made less than two weeks in advance will be considered, but may not be able to be arranged due to time constraints.

Area Information

Located 100 miles north of Memphis, Tennessee, Kennett is recognized as the hometown of nine-time Grammy Award winner Sheryl Crow, who sometimes provides concerts for the local community. Kennett boasts many recreational activities, such as golfing, tennis, swimming, boating, fishing, water-skiing, and also has many public park facilities. Local sporting events are also very popular in the community. Kennett is home to several local shops and specialty stores, and major shopping venues in Cape Girardeau or Memphis, Tennessee are a short one to two hour drive away.

Average cost of housing

Rental units range from \$450-\$650 per month Average housing costs range from \$100,000 to \$150,000, although smaller nice homes can be found for under \$90,000

Nearest major airport

Kennett Memorial Airport (TKX); Memphis International Airport (MEM) is about a 2 hour drive away

Nearest expressway

The hospital is located on Hwy 412, about 20 minutes west of I-55

Informational websites

www.kennettmo.com

Student Typical Day

Naturally, each rotation is a little different, but for the most part, rotations begin at 8 a.m. Upon arriving at this small community hospital, one is met with the most friendly, accommodating medical staff. They are very excited to have medical students and often provide parties and student social activities. On your first day you will report to Rhonda Hamlett the Medical Coordinator's office on your way to the patient care area. Rhonda provides a student orientation to training protocols and welcomes you to the hospital.

The morning and afternoon schedules vary depending on which rotation you are on, but they are usually broken up by eating lunch in the hospital cafeteria. The food in the cafeteria is free to medical students. If eating hospital food three times per day does not sound appealing to you, there are a couple grocery stores in town and, of course, a Wal-Mart store. There is also a wonderful restaurant named Sissy's which offers fine dining tucked away in the small town of Kennett.

If you are on a surgical rotation or an Obstetrics/Gynecology rotation you may get called back into the hospital during off hours. Call depends on your preceptor's schedule but you will still have plenty of study time. Students at this site may also hang out in the Emergency Room if you would like to catch interesting cases or simply have more opportunity for clinical exposure.