



Welcome to Unity Health Care and Southwest Health Center! We are excited that you will be learning with us. We hope to provide you with an enriching learning environment in exchange for your hard work and compassionate care for our patients.

There are many providers at the Southwest Health Center. On-site specialty care includes dentistry, obstetrics and gynecology, HIV care, and podiatry. Southwest sees mostly African American patients but also sees Asian, Hispanic, and African patients. Other special populations served by Southwest are HIV patients and homeless patients.

The health center building is located at 850 Delaware Ave, SW. Clinic hours are Monday through Friday from 8:15am to 4:45pm; plan to arrive at 8:15 and ask the front desk or the security officer to take you to your preceptor. Students share desk and computer space with providers and have access to a locked room for their personal possessions. Students can either drive or use the metro for transportation. Southwest is five to ten minutes walk from the Waterfront Metro Stop on the Green line. Parking is available on the street or in a parking lot. There are fast food places nearby in addition to a Safeway grocery store.

Be sure to explore the documents available on the student website found at: [http://www.unityhealthcare.org/Students/Residents\\_Students.htm](http://www.unityhealthcare.org/Students/Residents_Students.htm). The resources found on this site will help you understand issues regarding community health in Washington, DC. Another important resource is the DC Area Health Education Center (AHEC) curriculum found on the web at: <http://dcahec.gwumc.edu/education/index.html>. It was designed to help students develop an appreciation and working knowledge of community-oriented primary care, especially as it relates to D.C. and its communities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions. Enjoy your time at Unity.

Sincerely,

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