Leading Collaboration to Improve Health
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Medical Education in Peoria
A student-focused culture with teachers and faculty mentors who are friendly, supportive, and helpful is how graduates of the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria describe the unique culture. We are located in downtown Peoria’s medical district within six blocks of more than 950 patient beds at its two primary clinical affiliate hospitals. Future physicians training in Peoria benefit from small class sizes and experience hands-on medicine and clinical experiences across a wide variety of specialties and sub-specialties, often one-on-one with attending physicians and resident physicians. Multidisciplinary research is supported and encouraged. Research mentors offer students excellent opportunities to become active investigators while gaining experience and flourishing as a researcher. Research labs focus on cancer research as well as Alzheimer’s, multiple sclerosis, stroke, neurotoxicology of environmental agents, and ion channel research.

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Jump Simulation, a part of OSF Innovation, is an international leader in simulation and innovation. Jump offers medical students electives in medical simulation, telehealth and in health care innovation, research, and product development experiences, including funded projects as well as formal internships and research fellowships. Students also benefit from the latest technologies in medical education developed through the collaborative Jump ARCHES program with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Illinois at Chicago. This includes virtual reality, augmented reality, apps, and serious gaming. Jump replicates all areas of patient care, using real medical equipment and the latest in simulation technology for performance improvement and model development. Students, residents, and faculty have access to the Jump virtual hospital, simulated ambulatory clinic, regional transport center, and innovation labs.

OSF HealthCare

OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center is the fifth-largest medical center in Illinois and is the largest of 14 hospitals in the OSF HealthCare system. Owned and operated by The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, it’s a major teaching affiliate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria and is the training site for nine residencies and eight fellowships.

Saint Francis Medical Center is home to the area’s only Level I Trauma Center with a 24-hour medical air ambulance and includes OSF HealthCare Children’s Hospital of Illinois (the third largest pediatric hospital in Illinois) and the OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute which offers the only cardiology training fellowship in the region. OSF HealthCare Illinois Neurological Institute, one of the most comprehensive neuroscience centers in the Midwest, is also part of the OSF Saint Francis campus.

UnityPoint Health

UnityPoint Health – Central Illinois is another major teaching site for UICOMP, including physician training for two residencies, psychiatry and family medicine, and the family medicine obstetrics fellowship program.

UnityPoint Health includes three hospitals, two are located in Peoria and the third in Pekin. UnityPoint Health holds 646 beds, a state-of-the-art outpatient and imaging center, 67 clinics and the newly created behavioral health community partnered organization UnityPlace.

Located in downtown Peoria adjacent to UICOMP, UnityPoint Health – Methodist has a Joint Commission Disease Specific Certification for heart attack, heart failure, stroke, pneumonia, hip and knee replacement, and sleep disorders.

Research

UICOMP research integrates basic science, translational science, and clinical research including multidisciplinary research in health outcomes, education, and simulation. Cancer research is a primary focus of the basic science labs on campus. Similarly prominent at UICOMP is neuroscience research, encompassing Alzheimer’s, multiple sclerosis, stroke, neurotoxicology of environmental agents, and ion channel research.

Discover why Peoria has been nationally ranked for quality of life

It’s the best of both worlds: city living with a small-town vibe. Peoria offers rich cultural amenities, family-friendly activities and ample job opportunities. Located midway between Chicago and St. Louis, Peoria is an innovative city and central hub for healthcare, data analytics, entrepreneurship, heavy equipment manufacturing and agribusiness. The greater Peoria area is home to nearly 400,000 and about 1 million people live within a 60-mile radius. Information about the arts and entertainment scene can be found at www.discoverpeoria.com.

Some of what Peoria has to offer:
Low cost of living
Vibrant arts scene
Largest park district in Illinois
Minor league baseball and hockey
Airport with 11 direct destinations
2,000-acre wildlife park
Several miles of walking/bike paths
Two symphony orchestras
Museum with traveling Smithsonian exhibits
Large civic arena and theater
National touring Broadway/musical concerts
Growing craft beer and distillery scene complements the city’s nickname – “The Whiskey City”