Women's Health Scholar Requirements

Students have the opportunity to earn the formal designation of Women's Health Scholar, a program of study overseen by the Women's Health Education Program (WHEP), by fulfilling the four requirements listed below:

1. Take and pass the "Seminars in Women's Health" elective in either the 1st or 2nd year of medical school.

This pass/not-pass elective is a series of evening seminars offered each academic year at the Queen Lane campus. Successful completion of the elective requires participation in at least 8 of 10 seminars along with completion of a self-reflective evaluation for each seminar attended. If completed, the elective will appear on the student's transcript.

2. Create a women's health education resource by completing one of the following four options:

a. Twenty slide bulletin board to be posted outside of the WHEP office (QL, suite 228) whose topic correlates with one of the IFM Year Two modules (e.g., Cardiovascular, Endocrinology, GI etc.).

b. Four page women's health newsletter that includes current women's health articles or women's health news.

c. A two to four page user-friendly, patient education brochure on a girls' or women's health topic.

d. Create a 5 post blog series on a particular women's health topic.

3. Participate in community outreach/education.

Students must devote a minimum of 15 hours and demonstrate leadership in a community based experience. Students have wide latitude in choosing their community experience, but must receive prior approval from WHEP.

4. Write an academic paper on a particular women's health topic.

Students must complete a 15 - 20 page academic paper on a women's health topic of their choice, contingent upon approval by WHEP.

Time Line to Achieve the Designation of Women's Health Scholar:

For students who complete all four requirements by August 1 of their senior year, achievement of the Women's Health Scholar designation will be included in the Dean's letter and transcript for residency application. Students who complete the requirements by March 15 will receive acknowledgement in their final transcript but not in their Dean's letter. Students meeting the requirements by either deadline will be acknowledged at the graduation program.

Students interested in becoming a Women's Health Scholar should meet with Dr. Nunez, director of WHEP. Appointments can be made by calling 215.991.8144.