

Mountain Area Health Education Center

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Trends toward urbanization, surgical specialization, and the aging of the rural surgical workforce have increasingly left rural communities without a practicing general surgeon, the type of surgeon most needed in rural areas.

MAHEC's General Surgery Residency is designed to fill this critical gap by training general surgeons for rural practice in partnership with Mission Hospital, the region's referral hospital for tertiary and quaternary care, Mission Children's Hospital, Angel Medical Center, Charles George VA Medical Center, Haywood Regional Medical Center, Pardee Hospital, and UNC Medical Center.

Our 5-year residency program provides extensive training in the types of surgery most needed in rural areas including emergency, trauma, wound, burn, acute care, transplant, breast, pediatric, minimally invasive, oncology, endocrine, vascular, hepatobiliary, colorectal, endoscopy and pancreatic surgery.

Residency Program Overview

- Clinical practice in the second busiest surgical hospital in NC, Mission Hospital, an Acute Care Tertiary Center. Mission Hospital is licensed for: 763 beds, 17 operating rooms, and the ED admits 100,000 patients a year. The Trauma center admits 3,400 patients a year and the helicopter transports more than 1,000 patients a year.
- Surgical rotations at additional rural hospitals
- Training at MAHEC's state-of-the-art medical simulation center
- Interdisciplinary research support from UNC Health Sciences at MAHEC