The need for family medicine physicians in rural communities is greater than ever. To help address this gap, University of Minnesota/CentraCare Willmar Rural Family Medicine Residency will prepare you to serve the primary care needs of non-metropolitan groups that have been economically/socially marginalized.

Located about two hours west of Minneapolis, Willmar is known for its beautiful lakes and parks, abundant fishing, hiking and biking trails, golfing, and community events.

This program will be a 1:2 format, with the first year at St. Cloud Hospital for inpatient and specialty rotations with residents at St. Cloud-based UMN/CentraCare St. Cloud Family Medicine Residency Program. Residents will start their continuity clinic in Willmar during their first year. Years two and three will be in Willmar, with training specifically focused on developing the necessary skills for practice in a rural area.
CURRICULUM
You will complete rotations in the following areas: family medicine inpatient, family medicine outpatient, critical care, pediatrics, maternity care, women’s health, emergency medicine, surgery, orthopedics and sports medicine, infectious disease, psychiatry, cardiology, dermatology, geriatrics, community medicine, neurology, nephrology, endoscopy, ENT, ICU, PICU, urology, research, and electives.
These experiences will be tailored to prepare you to serve in a rural area, specifically: maternity care, emergency medicine, inpatient care and addiction services as well as procedures such as POCUS, colonoscopy, stress testing, and other skills needed to deliver care in a rural area.

FACULTY
Physician faculty all have extensive rural practice experience.
Areas of interest include rural health, maternity care, pediatrics, addiction services, leadership and healthcare policy, procedures, mental health, community outreach, and physician-patient communication.

CLINIC
CentraCare - Willmar Lakeland Clinic
This clinic will be your primary care home.
You will be embedded in this busy, well-established primary care clinic that features the following:
Continuity maternity care
Diverse patient population
Outpatient procedures
Integrated behavioral health
Experienced family medicine partners

PATIENT POPULATION
Medium-size community with a diverse patient population and underserved rural areas.
Within the Willmar school district, the student population is composed of 42 percent Latinx/Hispanic, 36 percent white, 15 percent African American/Black, and four percent Asian; communications are sent in four languages; and 22 percent of students are English learners.

HOSPITALS
CentraCare - St. Cloud Hospital
A 489-bed regional, tertiary care medical center with a community hospital feel.
Magnet designation in recognition of excellence in nursing.
Nationally ranked by U.S. News and World Report and Thomson Reuters.

CentraCare - Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar
100-bed regional support hospital.
Level III Trauma Center.
UMN Dental Training and Access Clinic.
Willmar Cancer Center.
600 newborn deliveries annually.
Inpatient mental health.