

## **Binghamton Clinical Campus FAQs**

### **Q: Is the curriculum at the Binghamton Clinical Campus different from that of the Syracuse Campus?**

A: No. Clinical clerkships use the same syllabus and have the same educational objectives at both campuses.

### **Q: Is one campus better than the other for certain specialties?**

A: No. Because both campuses have the same curriculum and students complete the same clerkships, neither is better than the other in terms of preparation for specific specialties.

### **Q: So what ARE the main differences between the campuses?**

A: The biggest difference is the structure of the Family Medicine (FM) clinical clerkship. In Syracuse, FM is a 5-week block clerkship, while in Binghamton FM is longitudinal, meaning students spend a half day each week throughout the academic year at their assigned clinical site. This longitudinal clerkship is often a favorite part of Binghamton Clinical Campus students' experiences, as it allows for deeper relationships with attendings and continuity of care with patients.

### **Q: Where will I complete my clerkship rotations?**

A: Our clinical affiliates include the [UHS Hospital System](#), [Lourdes Hospital](#), [Endwell Family Physicians](#), and a handful of other local practices.

- UHS Wilson Medical Center, a 280-bed facility, is designated a 24-hour level-2 adult trauma, stroke and chest pain center and is a regional referral center for a multitude of high-level medical and surgical services. UHS Binghamton General Hospital (BGH) holds 220 beds and provides general medical clinic services as well as 24-hour emergency care. BGH houses orthopedic surgery, chemical dependency treatment service, a behavioral health program, and gastroenterology. Students spend the bulk of their clerkship time at UHS facilities.
- Lourdes Hospital is an approximately 200-bed facility and is a Regional Cancer Center. Students rotate at Lourdes for the Emergency Medicine clerkship and some spend time in Lourdes facilities for Surgery and Family Medicine clerkships.
- Many of our Family Medicine preceptors are employed by Endwell Family Physicians, a highly regarded, locally-owned practice.

### **Q: What is the learning experience like in Binghamton?**

A: Binghamton Clinical Campus students have ample opportunity for front-row-seats to procedures and treatment. Fewer students and residents means plenty of active learning time and our students have reported being first-assist in surgery, delivering babies, operating a bone saw and more.

### **Q: Is the Binghamton campus better for students interested in Rural Medicine?**

A: While Binghamton is smaller than Syracuse, it is still a city. Both campuses provide opportunities for learning experiences in rural settings for those who are interested in Rural Medicine.

### **Q: Where would I live as a Binghamton Clinical Campus student?**

A: The Clinical Campus staff work hard to provide updated apartment information to each year's class. There is no University-run housing, but students can find affordable options in the Triple-Cities area (Binghamton-Endicott-Johnson City).

### **Q: What happens after the clerkship year?**

A: Once the clerkship year is complete, students may choose to stay in the Binghamton area to complete electives in Binghamton or return to Syracuse. Those who choose to stay in Binghamton for at least 12 elective credits may be eligible for up to 8-weeks of complimentary housing in Geneva Tower to complete electives at the main campus.