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HuMed – Outreach

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**This program is able to accommodate 80 students**

**Description/Duties:**

HuMed offers unique outreach opportunities throughout the year, one of which is at The Center for Exceptional Families at Oakwood Hospital:

The CEF is a valuable resource for children with disabilities ranging from ADHD to cerebral palsy. Their team consists of physicians, therapists, counselors, and social workers working together to fulfill all avenues of care for these children. Events are also held, including Fun Days, Birthday Parties, and Girls'/Boys' Night Out, which HuMed students can partake in for credit. This integrative approach creates a positive and stable community for these children. By volunteering at the Center for Exceptional Families events, medical students will become more aware of the needs of children with disabilities and help develop events that support the wellbeing of special-needs children. Medical students will witness the value of an integrative, family-centered approach to pediatric care.

**Commitment:** Time commitment will vary depending on when activities offered and what best fits into the student's personal schedule.

**Activities for Medical Students:**

Observing Agency/Organization staff interacts with clients/patients.

Opportunity to communicate health education information to clients/patients.

Special Project: Family activities at Oakwood Hospital