

Careers in Medical Education

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Developing an Infectious Diseases Career in Medical Education

Define career goals

When exploring a career in medical education, there are several paths available. Consider your niche and research opportunities in:

- Clinical education
- Teaching
- Mentorship/advising
- Curriculum design
- Educational leadership

Assemble a mentorship team

Identifying and working with a mentor is a key step to learning more about career possibilities in medical education. Explore mentorship opportunities:

- Locally within your division or nationally through groups like the IDSA Medical Education Community of Practice
- Outside of the infectious diseases specialty locally, regionally or nationally
- With peers or near-peers

Gain training & experience

- Build skills through seminars, online workshops and professional development opportunities at your institution.
- Consider formal programs, including:
 - Clinical Educator Tracks
 - Clinical Educator Faculty (i.e., Teaching Scholars Programs)
 - Medical Education Fellowships
 - Medical Education Masters Programs

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Seek teaching opportunities

CLASSROOM

- Undergraduate Medical Education: Give lectures, teach in the lab or lead small groups.
- Graduate Medical Education: Seek teaching opportunities for residents and fellows, including the morning report, noon conference and fellow core lectures.

CLINICAL SETTING

- Create an infection control/antimicrobial stewardship experience for medical students or trainees.
- Host learners in your clinics

Get involved

Explore leadership opportunities

- Undergraduate Medical Education: Course director/advisor, site director or assistant dean
- Graduate Medical Education: Site director or course director

Join committees

- Institution-based or national committees
- IDSA Medical Education Community of Practice

Participate in conferences & share your work

- Create a portfolio and keep it updated
- Submit your work to medical education journals and portals
- Attend local conferences or scholarship days
- Participate in regional meetings, such as the Association of American Medical Colleges' Group on Educational Affairs (AAMC-GEA)
- Attend and present at national conferences like **IDWeek**; other organizations with annual conferences include: AAMC, AAIM, RIME, AMEE and IAMSE