Marianna: In keeping with the mission of the FSU College of Medicine, the Rural Medical Education Program provides students the opportunity to receive all of their third-year clinical training in the rural communities of Marianna and Chattahoochee in the Florida Panhandle. The educational objectives and grading policies for the clerkships and electives in the Rural Medical Education Program are the same as those for students at the college's regional campuses.

The following clerkships are offered in Marianna where the training sites include Jackson Hospital and a number of physician practices:
- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Internal Medicine
- General Surgery
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
The psychiatry clerkship is offered in nearby Chattahoochee at Florida State Hospital.

Philip Burke, pictured above, spent his third year of Medical School in Marianna. He says he got more clinical experience than some classmates at other regional campuses. For example:
- He delivered a baby on day one of his OB-GYN rotation at Jackson Hospital.
- He admitted a patient on day one of his internal medicine rotation.
- He performed half of the 30 required major operations on his surgery rotation. Students at most medical schools primarily assist or observe.
- He heard from a classmate at one regional campus that she’d done only three sutures; he did nearly 50 on his own and assisted with nearly 30 more.

Each year during the College of Medicine’s Spring Break, Jackson Hospital in Marianna hosts a three day event entitled, “Spring Fling.” The event provides an opportunity for first and second year medical students to spend time in the Marianna community shadowing physicians who practice both in private practice offices and on rounds at Jackson Hospital.

John Byrd, a 2011 participant, says, “This was an amazing experience. I was impressed with the incredible diversity in the practice of a rural primary care physician.”

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