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**Community Campus Frequently Asked Questions**

- 1) Cost of Living: high. It's a tourist and college town so gas is expensive and so is rent
- 2) Financial Aid adjustment for each campus: don't know, not using financial aid
- 3) Housing: lots of variety from condos, apts, to houses in different types of neighborhoods. Rent is not cheap though because as a college town, there are more renters than places often and the owners know it!
- 4) Nightlife/Social: happening! Because of NAU old town flagstaff has lots of bars and restaurants. There is an excellent variety in food and prices. Wouldn't know about the club scene but lots of cultural and community events throughout the year
- 5) What are the Demographics of the area? The most liberal area of AZ by far: lot of dirty hippies and hipsters, college kids, folks who work at college (aka middle age college educated white couples), and then sunnyside on the east side is predominantly lower income hispanic
- 6) What are some of the other languages spoken in that area? Spanish, navajo
- 7) Do I live here for year 2-4? I lived in flagstaff for only year 2 and then moved on to Show Low, AZ for year 3-4. You may stay in flag all three years or head to kingman or Show Low for 3-4 depending on the dynamics of the group and how many students each site can take. My year we all ended up exactly where we wanted.
- 8) Where do people live at this campus? I lived in a house in a neighborhood 2 miles from the CHC. Other students lived in condos driving distance but not biking distance from the chc
- 9) With a family what are the best areas or schools for kids? Depends on if you want to live in an upscale HOA type neighborhood or not. Countryclub is higher end. Sunnyside is close but not an upscale

neighborhood (but still very safe and welcoming). We lived up north of the hospital and spent lots on rent but were around families. Cheshire is cheaper, newer, and has more families, but 5 miles out of town

- 10) What are the job opportunities for my spouse in the CHC area? My husband worked in a bike shop in town. Lots of restaurant jobs.
- 11) Do I have to come back to Mesa? I never did. There is a testing site for boards in flagstaff (super bonus for step 1 and 2!!)
- 12) Will all my rotations in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year be in the CHC? My year they were almost all but they are now expanding to other sites with more diversity in experience!
- 13) What is the drive time to the CHC from where I live? I rode my bike and it took 15 minutes
- 14) What does the typical weekly schedule of a 2<sup>nd</sup> year look like? Im a 4<sup>th</sup> year so I can talk to this
- 15) Will all my 3-4 rotations take place at the CHC? None of my rotations in 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> occur in the CHC since I moved to lakeside, az but all my rotations that are possible occur in the community. We return to flagstaff for Psych during 3<sup>rd</sup> year, go elsewhere (phoenix or new mexico) for in hospital pediatrics. In 4<sup>th</sup> year there is no anesthesiology or neurology in show low (no neuro in northern az so that occurs somewhere else of your choice)
- 16) Will I have any hospital rotations in the 3-4 years? Yup! In hospital internal medicine, surgery, and pediatrics during 3<sup>rd</sup> and ICU/ER/cardiology in the 4<sup>th</sup> year.
- 17) Can I do international rotations? Yes, you just have to approve them with the school and our RDMEs.
- 18) Do you have board prep at the community campuses? We had informal prep during 2<sup>nd</sup> year but nothing formal in 3<sup>rd</sup> year since we are spread around the region
- 19) Can I do rotations at other campuses or back home? Yes just work out that with the RDME and school. Like all sites, core rotations should be in your region.
- 20) Can I come and tour this campus? I cant speak to this