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MEDICAL STUDENTS VISIT OMAHA & WINNEBAGO RESERVATIONS

Omaha, Nebraska (March 2, 2006) --- On February 28th and March 1st, two groups of Creighton University Medical Center medical students performed a site visit to the Omaha and Winnebago Nations. The eight second-year medical students participated in the site visits for a Social Marginalization Module as part of a course instructed by Dr. Robert Coleman from the Creighton Department of Psychiatry.

During the site visit, the medical students learned about the health needs of the two Native American communities visiting both the Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center in Macy, Nebraska and the Winnebago Public Health Service Hospital in Winnebago, Nebraska. The students had the opportunity to visit with both practitioners and community members providing them with a broad perspective of the view of health needs. They also had the opportunity to learn about interprofessional aspect of the health care delivery system in these rural, Native American communities spending time with Dr. Patrick Cross, PT at the Four Hills of Life Wellness Center in Macy and Dr. Sophia Chao, PT at the Winnebago Hospital.

The site visit was sponsored by the Office of Interprofessional Scholarship, Service, and Education (OISSE) which offers interprofessional community engagement activities to students across the health sciences. For more on OISSE, visit <http://oisse.creighton.edu>.



Above: Medical students Jason Beste and Pete Graham listen to Dr. Sophia Chao describe her daily practice at the Winnebago Public Health Service Hospital in Winnebago, Nebraska.