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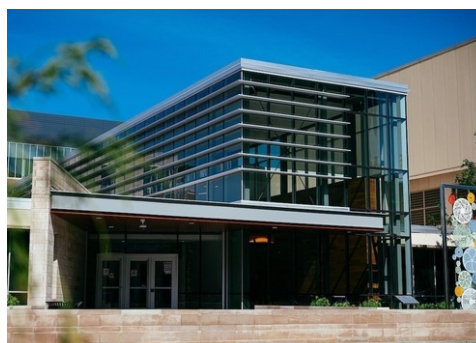


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ISU receives \$1.48 million grant for a project aiming to address rural health disparities



Indiana State University has received a grant of more than \$1.48 million from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to support primary care physician assistant training for rural and medically underserved areas of Indiana.

The grant will fund a five-year project called Preparing Physician Assistants for Rural Practice: Sycamore Physician Assistant Rural Care Program (SPARC). The grant project is the result of collaboration between ISU's Office of Sponsored Programs, the Physician Assistant Studies program, and health professional programs including physical therapy, nursing, social work. Liz Metzger of Sponsored Programs and Nicole Heck of Physician Assistant Studies have been instrumental in securing the highly competitive federal grant.

"The SPARC grant will leverage an interprofessional faculty team of physician assistants, physical therapists, social workers, and nurses to prepare students to practice medicine in rural and underserved areas of Indiana," said Dr. Caroline Mallory, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services. "This is a fine example of our commitment to improving the health of Indiana residents."

The primary goal of SPARC is to increase the number of physician assistant graduates who work in these communities. It has been designed to bolster and sustain mental health and pain management services in these areas, said Dr. John Pommier, Professor and Chair of the Department of Applied Medicine and Rehabilitation. [MORE](#)

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