

# COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING STREET HEALTH

#### PATHWAY: HEALTH EQUITY

# **Initiative Description**

Street Health is a clinical outreach initiative that provides health screenings, care packages for the homeless population and referrals for accessible follow-up care. The goal of the program is to bring basic primary care and specialized services to those who have the greatest barriers and to create relationships and build trust amongst future physicians and individuals experiencing homelessness in Hampton Roads

## **Annual Student Activities**

- Students will be oriented to unsheltered street homeless in Norfolk, VA
- Students and physician volunteers will conduct up to 12 screening clinics annually
- Other duties as assigned

# **Community Outcomes/Results**

- ↑ Access to healthcare among Norfolk's homeless population
- ↑ Continuity of care among Norfolk's homeless population
- ↑ Efficiency and effectiveness of both developing and existing programs that provide healthcare to the homeless

#### **Facilitator**

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## **Partners**

- City of Norfolk Office to End Homelessness
- Norfolk Department of Human Services
- Homeless Action and Response Team (HART)
- □ Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST)
- Anthem

## **The Need**

- Homelessness in Hampton Roads is a systemic challenge
- Homelessness affects both families & individuals
- Individuals who are homeless experience significant health challenges
- This vulnerable population would likely benefit from additional screening
- Access to healthcare among Norfolk's



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