Congratulations, you have been scheduled to practice at the School of Dentistry’s first permanent off-site community clinic in Hibbing, Minnesota. Hibbing Community College Dental Clinic is located approximately 200 miles north of Minneapolis and is operated as a joint venture between the University of Minnesota and the Hibbing Community College (HCC). The clinic is operated in collaboration with the existing dental assisting program at HCC. The patient population is primarily the low-income families of St. Louis, Lake, Cook, and Carlton Counties. Dental students assigned to this clinic become familiar with the characteristics of a rural practice, and develop an understanding of operating such a practice, as well as gain experience in developing quality dental treatment plans to meet the financial constraints of low-income patients.

The normal work week is Monday through Friday. The normal clinic day is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise determined by the Clinic Director. The daily schedule will include: 8:00 – 8:30 preparation and chart review, 8:30 – 12:00 noon patient treatment, 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch, 1:00 – 4:30 patient treatment, 4:30 – 5:00 daily review.

Students should plan to arrive one day in advance of their first working day and will need to coordinate their arrival with the clinic staff to guarantee access to the apartment. Students will reside in the apartment complex adjacent to Hibbing Community College campus. These apartments are an arduous three minute walk from the clinic. The housing is provided at no cost to the student. Male and female students will be housed in separate apartments; with up to four students will share a two bedroom apartment. The apartments have basic furnishings; however, students should plan to bring their own alarm clock and other personal items including both towels and toiletries (basic linens are provided). Students are responsible for their own food and laundry. Each student will be responsible to assure that any linens, towels, etc., which are property of the apartment, are laundered prior to departure this will assure a clean facility for students checking in after their departure.

Students are encouraged to carpool whenever possible. Directions are available on the student intranet portion of the school website.

The Hibbing Community College Dental Clinic is located on the campus. The address is: 1515 East 25th Street, Room C-153, Hibbing, Minnesota 55746

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