PERMIAN BASIN
The Cities of Midland and Odessa - "Two Cities, no Limits"

From the wind-swept plains to the clear, open skies, West Texas seems to go on forever. A land once known for cowboys, outlaws and oil barons, the Permian Basin is now home to state-of-the-art medical facilities and training opportunities at Texas Tech University HSC ~ Permian Basin. Working in the Midland-Odessa medical centers, students experience the unique challenges of rural health care while enjoying the amenities of a mid-size city.

Midland-Odessa is rapidly growing metropolitan area with a population of about 250,000. The Permian Basin is a great place to live and work! Midland-Odessa is an uncommon blend of cosmopolitan features without the congestion and hustle-bustle of larger cities. We are best-known for our famous friendly West Texas attitude.

The Permian Basin maintains a lower than average cost of living when compared to other major U.S. cities. Odessa’s cost of living is 20.8 percent below the national average based on 2005 figures. Currently the economy is booming with low unemployment rates, and affordable housing. Midland-Odessa is well positioned to become a core energy provider for the U.S. based on oil, natural gas, wind-farms, and alternative energy sources.

Travel in and out of Midland-Odessa is made easy with Midland International Airport, which is served by a number of major carriers, including Southwest Airlines, American Eagle, New Mexico Airlines, Continental Airlines, and ExpressJet Airlines. Dallas and Houston are just an hour away with a non-stop flight and can connect you to anywhere you wish to go.

Midland-Odessa enjoys a climate typical of West Texas with an average of 330 days of sunshine a year. Winters are typically mild with a few seasonable cold spells. There are many outdoor sports, music, and cultural activities for Permian Basin residents to enjoy. Midland-Odessa offers an interesting collection of multiple museums, community theatres, a planetarium, the MOSC (Midland-Odessa Symphony/Chorale), and a wide assortment of exciting annual events, festivals and entertainment throughout the year. Nearby attractions include Carlsbad Caverns, the Fort Davis Mountains, and Big Bend National Park. Discover for yourself the many reasons the Permian Basin is a great place to visit!

Clinical Experiences

We are a vibrant and progressive community-based medical school campus committed to providing state-of-the-art patient care, excellence in education and significant medical research. Our students receive personal attention from our faculty in an intimate educational setting. Our physicians provide both family-centered health care and a broad range of specialty services.

The Permian Basin Texas Tech Physicians provide service through affiliation with several major hospitals and a number of outpatient medical facilities. All are in close proximity to the Odessa TTUHSC campus. Medical Center Hospital, a 376 bed facility, is the regional referral center for 17 surrounding counties and provides a full spectrum of services. Most of the surrounding counties are medically underserved and Texas Tech University HSC ~ Permian Basin is proud to make a major impact in our local community's health.

During your training at the Permian Basin, you will join a team of professionals dedicated to providing first-rate personalized care. As a part of the medical team, you will gain valuable hands-on experience in all aspects of patient care. Students can expect a one-on-one experience with our faculty, including a unique surgical rotation highlighting active participation in performing procedures without the competition of other trainees.

In summary, the Permian Basin campus has an established history of training medical students. Our evaluations have been extremely positive and reflect on the excellent educational opportunities at this campus. The students appreciate working closely with the faculty and being an integral part of the team. We are a team of experienced, enthusiastic, and dedicated medical educators with a student-friendly West Texas attitude who look forward to meeting you!

To find out more about Texas Tech University HSC ~ Permian, talk to students, or arrange a visit, please call the Office of Medical Education at (432) 335-5265. Check out the campus website at: http://www.ttuhsc.edu/odessa/som/