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Medical student joins local doctor for four weeks

FERNLEY--First-year medical student Pamela Seiler began a four-week stay with Dr.

Connie Antone-Knoll recently. This is Seiler's first opportunity since beginning medical school to work with patients and learn about the day-to-day work of a physician.

Seiler and 38 of her classmates began their first year preceptorship with primary care physicians all over the state in mid-May. Seiler will finish working with Dr. Antone-Knoll June 15. The summer preceptorship is coordinated by Nevada Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), which works in partnership with the University of Nevada School of Medicine. This is the first opportunity students have to use the skills they have spent the past year learning in the classroom.

Each student experience is unique. All students work with their preceptor physician to design a learning experience best suited to meet their needs, according to AHEC Education Coordinator Jamie Anderson.