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Medical student joins local doctor for four weeks

ELKO--First-year medical student and former Elko resident Karen Wright began a four-week stay with Dr. Cal Lewis recently. This is Wright's first opportunity since beginning medical school to work with patients and learn about the day-to-day work of a physician.

Wright, a graduate of Elko High School, and 38 of her classmates began their first year preceptorship with physicians all over the state in mid-May. Wright will finish working with Dr. Lewis 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.