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Medical student joins local doctor for two weeks

LOVELOCK--First-year medical student Gail Korcheck began a two-week stay with Dr. Stanely McCart recently. This is Korcheck's first opportunity since beginning medical school to work with patients and learn about the day-to-day work of a physician.

Korcheck and 38 of her classmates began their first year preceptorship with primary care physicians all over the state in mid-May. Korcheck, who was particularly interrested in learning about rural medicine, will finish working with Dr. McCart June 1. 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 and knowledge 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.