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Medical student works with local doctor

BULLHEAD CITY- For the first time, a University of Nevada School of Medicine student will begin working with Dr. Peyton Riggs this month.

Senior medical student Rubin Saavedra will begin a four-week stay with Dr. Riggs, a local family practice physican, Aug. 29. Saavedra, along with all fourth-year students, is required to complete a month-long stay with a family practice physician in rural Nevada. He will work side-by-side with Dr. Riggs through Sept. 23 to learn more about the practice of rural medicine. Dr. Riggs is the newest member of a large group of rural physicians who open their practices to educate medical students.

"Bullhead City and Laughlin will help medical students understand medical care delivery in a boomtown atmosphere," according to Jamie Anderson, program coordinator.

The students' rural rotation is coordinated by the School of Medicine's Nevada Area Health Education Center program.