ESP Personal Statement 250 words

Describe your reasons for wanting to participate in the ESP, and how it will help you to achieve your short- and long-term academic career goals

During the last few years, I have spent a considerable amount of time learning about the process of designing and conducting asthma clinical trials. Being a part of research both during fellowship and as a faculty member has given me the skills to conduct scholarly work. However, my true passion is education and I am in need of additional knowledge and mentorship to help me apply those skills to the education arena. The Educational Scholars Program will provide me with the tools and experience I need to enhance my knowledge of curriculum design, assessment, and educational research. As an associate director for our pediatric residency program, I hope to increase the scholarly output of our program from residents, program directors, and other faculty interested in educational projects. With a new program director recently appointed, we are making several changes and enhancements to our program’s curriculum. I would like to evaluate those changes in a rigorous and scholarly manner and share our results with the rest of the education community in the hopes of advancing the field and assisting other programs with their educational offerings. I hope to make a career out of education and educational scholarship and help bring my residency program and institution to the forefront of this academic arena. I am confident that that the experiences and mentorship available through the ESP will help me reach my full potential as an educator.