

Western NC could get UNC Medical School

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Officials hope a proposal to create a branch campus of the UNC School of Medicine in Western North Carolina could bring more doctors and jobs to the region.

A proposal has been submitted by Mission Health and Hospitals, the Mountain Area Health Education Center and the Western North Carolina Health Network.

A similar branch campus proposal has been submitted by Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. Due to increasing enrollment at Chapel Hill, now may be the perfect time for expansion, officials say. Both proposals are to go before the UNC Board of Governors and the General Assembly.

The Western North Carolina Campus could open by Sept. 2011 if approved.