“It’s no exaggeration to say that I owe any success I’ve had in my research career to participation in the CPTS master’s degree program. Translational research is neither basic science, nor clinical research; it takes a broad understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of many research methods and study designs. But more importantly, in this era of team science, it takes tremendous colleagues to create an outstanding team. No one can be expert in every methodology or technique, but the ability to understand the needs of each member of the scientific team and communicate effectively is absolutely essential. The experiences and ties to faculty in other departments built during my CPTS experience allowed this to happen for me.”
Kevin P. High, MD, MS
Executive Vice President, Health System Affairs
Wake Forest Baptist Health
Professor of Medicine/Infectious Diseases
Wake Forest School of Medicine

“The CPTS program is a well-rounded, thorough program to prepare even an experienced faculty member for clinical research. My participation benefitted me greatly, leading to a successful application for an NIH Career Development Award and a thriving research platform for childhood obesity.”
Joseph Skelton, MD, MS
Associate Professor, Pediatrics Wake Forest School of Medicine
Director, Brenner Children’s Hospital

“Each passing year confirms for me what a valuable experience this master’s degree has been for my professional success. I am certain that this experience contributed to my success in becoming an NIMH principal investigator and to my academic promotion.”
W. Vaughn McCall, MD, MS
Case Distinguished University Chair
Department of Psychiatry and Health Behavior
The Medical College of Georgia

“The research training and subsequent mentorship I received as a participant in the CPTS program provided a foundation upon which I could build early success as a clinician researcher. In addition to relevant coursework, the master’s degree program opened doors to new mentors and multidisciplinary colleagues who have been critical to my success, creativity and career satisfaction.”
Heidi Klepin, MD, MS
Associate Professor
Hematology and Oncology
Wake Forest School of Medicine

“Prior to pursuing this degree, most of my research had stalled because I did not have the epidemiologic and statistical background to move projects along. The CPTS program has allowed me to increase my academic productivity significantly.”
Martinson Arnan, MD
Assistant Professor, Neurology
Wake Forest School of Medicine