



Title:	Visiting Student Electives: Clinical Prerequisites		Number:	030A
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Audience:	Visiting medical students requesting undergraduate electives			
Purpose:	To outline the clinical requirements for visiting Canadian and international medical students requesting electives			
Related Policies and Procedures:	N/A			
Exclusions:	UBC medical students			
Calendar Statement:	None required			
Contact:	Associate Director, Curriculum			

Preamble

Clerkship schedules vary greatly among medical schools. This can prevent visiting students from obtaining electives that are crucial for their CaRMS applications. This policy standardizes the prerequisite clinical experiences visiting students must have to be eligible for a UBC elective. It also takes into account the differences in curriculum and program lengths between Canadian and international medical schools, making access to UBC electives more equitable for all visiting students.

Policy

Students from Canadian medical schools requesting an elective at UBC must be in their penultimate *or* final year at the time of their elective and for most disciplines will have completed either a core rotation or clinical elective in the discipline in which they have been confirmed. For exceptions see below.

Students from international medical schools requesting an elective at UBC must be in their final year at the time of their elective and for most disciplines will have completed either a core rotation or clinical elective in the discipline in which they have been confirmed. For exceptions see below.

Exceptions:

Disciplines that do not require students from Canadian or international schools to complete a core rotation or clinical elective are:

- Public Health (completion of a core rotation or clinical elective in Family Medicine is preferred)
- Emergency Medicine
- Orthopedics
- Pathology
- Medical Genetics
- Radiology

For surgical specialties (e.g.: Urology), a core rotation or clinical elective in General Surgery is sufficient. For medical subspecialties (e.g.: Neurology) a core rotation or clinical rotation in General Internal Medicine is sufficient.



Review History

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