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HELP WITH

OBSERVERSHIP, SHAWDOWING AND CLERKSHIP

Swedish

<http://www.swedish.org/for-health-professionals/graduate-medical-education/information-for-students-and-observers>

Information for Students and Observers

OBSERVERS

Swedish Medical Center offers Observership for up to 40 hours in one month, once per academic year (July 1 – June 30).

Steps:

1. Find a provider working at Swedish and contact their office directly to arrange placement.

Once a provider is confirmed for your requested dates, apply 4 weeks in advance by visiting: <http://ehealth.swedish.org/gme>

In an effort to make this clinical experience safe and rewarding for observers and patients, observers are asked to provide documentation regarding immunizations, insurance and completed background check. These materials may take time to acquire and are listed here for convenience. Full details of all required materials will be sent to you once your application is submitted.

POLICIES – which category do Indian physicians fall in

[Observer Policy for US Pre-Med and Physicians](#)

[Observer Policy for International Invited Guests](#)

What if you are not an invited guest? –

QUESTIONS?

Please call the Swedish Health Services Graduate Medical Education Administration office at 206-320-5301

UW Medicine

<http://www.uwmedicine.org/uw-medical-center/observership>

Clinical Observations at UW Medical Center

- **Please read the following information carefully to ensure your application is complete:**
- Observable medical staff at UWMC includes: Physicians, Dentists, Psychologists, ARNPs, RNs, CNMs, CRNAs, Microbiologists and other PhD level Laboratory personnel, Optometrists, Pharmacists, PAs, and Podiatrists.
- Clinical observation is mandated by UW Medicine Compliance and applies to observational activity only. No patient care or "hands on" medical training will be conducted. Observers will not perform any medical procedures on patients. They will not have direct contact, or unsupervised access to patients. There will be no compensation provided by the Medical Administration. The observer or sponsoring provider/department is responsible for arranging visas, travel, and accommodations.
- It is the observer's responsibility to identify a provider to host them. Observational privileges will not be granted without the agreement of a UWMC provider to take full responsibility for the observer's time at UWMC.
- If a provider has not been identified the observer may [contact the department in the area of interest](#) to discuss setting up an observational experience.

Pre-Medical Students

- Visit the [School of Medicine website](#) to set up an observership and apply.

Vendors

- All vendors are required to register with [VendorMate](#)

Observing at Harborview

- Visit the [HMC Observation Privileges](#) page to find more information about observing at Harborview.

Immunizations

- Observers are required to comply with all UWMC Immunization Policies and Procedures. **Applications with incomplete immunization documentation will not be approved.**

- Observers must submit records of a single TB skin test placed within one year of your observation date. In addition, they must complete and submit the TB symptom survey included in the packet within thirty days prior to their observation date.
 - All applicants must provide a copy of their PPD results, which includes written documentation of the skin test reaction size.
 - Applicants with positive PPD results must submit any available supporting documentation, such as a positive TB skin test reading and chest x-ray results. In addition, they must complete and submit the TB symptom survey included in the packet within thirty days prior to their observation date.

- Applicants must provide proof of immunization by providing copies of your immunization history. Contact UWMC Employee Health if you have specific questions, 598-4848.

How To Apply

1. Fill out the application.
 2. Sign the agreements on page two and three of the application.
 3. **Applications without a signature in the “Clinical Staff Sponsor” sections of the form will NOT be processed or approved.**
 - If the observer will be shadowing multiple providers within the same department or clinic, please write the additional names the space provided on page four of the form.
 - If the observer will be with more than three departments or clinics, an additional copy of page four with the provider’s information and signature of approval is required.
 4. Type a letter of intent on page five of the application.
 5. Attach your immunization history, as outlined on page six of the application.
 - **Applications without documentation of TB screening will not be approved.** The PPD must have been placed within one year prior to the desired observation start date.
 - **Applications with incomplete immunization histories will not be approved.**
 6. Scan the completed application, save it as a pdf, and email it to the Medical Director’s Office at observer@uw.edu for the Medical Director’s approval and signature.
 7. Call 206-598-4848 to make an appointment with UWMC Employee Health to review your vaccination history. They are open Monday through Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm.
 8. **Allow 2 weeks for processing. Applications submitted less than two weeks from the observation start date may not be processed and approved in time.**
- Click here for the form: [Application and Agreement for Observational Activities](#)

After Approval

- The Observer must bring the approval memo and application, provided by the Medical Director’s Office, to Public Safety (located in BB-120) to obtain a temporary identification badge.

This badge will allow the observer into patient care areas and must be worn visibly at all times. Individuals without a UWMC badge may be asked by Security to leave patient care areas.

– If you have questions or need further information please contact the Medical Director's office at observer@uw.edu

Seattle Children's Observership and Shadowing

<http://www.seattlechildrens.org/healthcare-professionals/education/observership/>

Seattle Children's offers medical observerships, an educational opportunity to shadow experts at our world-class hospital.

Medical observerships are intended for:

- Individuals who are 18 years of age or older and out of high school
- Individuals who are interested in the medical field
- Individuals who work in healthcare and are interested in different aspects of a pediatric hospital setting and not seeking or being granted medical education credit. This includes all University of Washington medical students.

Medical observerships do not fulfill requirements for high school senior projects. Those who are still in high school are not allowed to observe. See a description of our opportunities for [high school and youth service projects](#).

If you are interested in observing at Seattle Children's, you must complete an online observership request form and applicable HIPAA paperwork. We ask that you indicate which areas of the hospital you would like to observe (e.g., cardiology clinic, orthopedics, etc.). Please note that not all departments are able to accept observation requests. A description of our departments can be found on the [Clinics and Programs](#) section of our website.

Submit the appropriate observership request form:

- [UWP](#)
- [All others \(including University of Washington medical students\)](#)

These forms are a request to observe. If the request is granted, you will receive the applicable HIPAA paperwork. This paperwork must be completed, turned in and processed before you can observe.

The review process takes approximately three weeks. Due to the high volume of requests we receive, we cannot accommodate all of the requests. All requests are subject to availability.

For more information, please see the [FAQ](#).

Virginia Mason

<https://www.virginiamason.org/visitingeniormedicalstudentelectives>

Medical Students on Campus

Virginia Mason offers observerships and clerkship experiences for all levels of training in a variety of fields. Only currently enrolled students will be considered.

Fourth year inpatient medical student clerkship rotations:

Four-week clerkship elective rotations in hospital medicine, general surgery, and anesthesiology are offered to currently enrolled fourth year medical students who are interested in careers in one of these three fields of medicine. These serve mainly as a teaching experience with any "service" function being incidental. The application window for the upcoming academic year is April 1 - May 15, 2016. Elective rotation dates are listed below. Do not assume you have been accepted for the elective until you receive a letter of approval from us. [Learn more about fourth year rotations.](#)

Available fourth year rotation dates:

Internal Medicine

- Aug. 22 - Sept. 16, 2016
- Sept. 19 - Oct. 14, 2016
- Oct. 17 - Nov. 11, 2016
- Nov. 14 - Dec. 9, 2016

General Surgery and Anesthesiology

- Aug. 8 - Sept. 2, 2016 (not available for Anesthesiology)
- Sept. 6 - 30, 2016
- Oct. 3 - 28, 2016
- Oct. 31 - Nov. 25, 2016 (not available for General Surgery)

Urology (2016 application window closed)

- July 3 - 28, 2017
- Aug. 7 - Sept. 1, 2017
- Sept. 4 - 29, 2017
- Oct. 2 - 27, 2017

Outpatient Medicine Clerkships and Observerships

Application Form

Inquiries regarding outpatient medicine and observerships must first submit an [application form](#).

Once your inquiry form is submitted with complete information, it will be directed to the proper department. At that time, the department will notify you regarding their availability to accommodate your request. If approved, you will be sent a packet of information to be filled out and returned.

Third and fourth year outpatient clerkships:

Third and fourth year clerkships are available in the outpatient setting and are approved by the individual departments based on the availability within the department at your requested time (apply above).

First and second year observerships:

Preclinical observerships are available and are approved by the individual departments based on the availability with the department at your requested time. All students must first submit (apply above).

Third year inpatient medicine and surgery core clerkships:

Third year core inpatient medicine and surgery clerkships are offered for University of Washington students only and are arranged through the University of Washington.

Kenyan Doctors

<https://medicine.uw.edu/news/seattle-observership-rotation-kenyan-doctors>

February 29, 2016

Seattle Observership rotation for Kenyan doctors

Menu

Education

For the past three years, the University of Washington has had the opportunity to host and partner with University of Nairobi registrars at the Naivasha Sub-County Hospital in Kenya, as part of UW's Clinical Education Partnership Initiative (CEPI).

CEPI's mission is to train and empower the next generation of Kenyan physicians, and thereby strengthen the Kenyan medical system.

Clinical rotation in Seattle

In the spirit of promoting reciprocal partnership for our residency programs and continued cultural and intellectual exchange, we are excited to announce the CEPI clinical rotation in Seattle. This rotation gives University of Nairobi registrars the opportunity to complete a 4-week clinical observership as a visiting resident.

Registrars will rotate through multiple inpatient general medicine and subspecialty services and outpatient clinics at the University of Washington Medical Center and Harborview Medical Center.

The UW residency program in Kenya

Developing the residency program in Kenya started in May of 2011, when a group of 14 physicians and administrators from the University of Nairobi visited the University of Washington and toured some of the WWAMI sites. The following May, Dr. William Bremner, chair of the Department of Medicine, visited Naivasha.

Taking a page from the WWAMI model of medical education - to have students learn medicine where it is practiced (in the community and not just in academic hospital settings) - the University of Nairobi has expanded clinical training to rural areas outside of Nairobi and has been recruiting and training local physicians who can then mentor interns, students and residents.

In the first year the UW had 14 residents from internal medicine, radiology, general surgery, OB/GYN, and family medicine rotate through the Naivasha Sub-County Hospital.

CEPI is funded by an NIH programmatic award under the Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI), and the UW Departments of Medicine and Global Health.

Clinical rotation in Naivasha

The UW Internal Medicine Residency Program offers a 1-month elective in Kenya, designed for residents interested in a global health experience providing care and clinical teaching in a rural, resource-limited setting.

In partnership with trainees from the University of Nairobi, residents from all departments work under the supervision of a UW Internal Medicine Chief Resident based in Naivasha and alongside Kenyan physicians and health care providers.

They manage patients in the outpatient and inpatient setting who present with medical problems commonly encountered in Kenya and work under the economic and social constraints that exist in low-income countries.

"The common goal of doing what's best for the patients is something that transcends international borders"

-Dr. Aliza Monroe-Wise, UW inaugural chief resident in Naivasha, Kenya (2012)

For more information about this program, please visit the [UW Internal Medicine Residency site](#).