

AE 010 LCME 11.3 Electives Policy

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Definitions

Electives: Electives are clinical or non-clinical experiences that students choose based on their interests, as opposed to required core courses. Electives allow students to explore specialties, deepen their knowledge in certain areas, or gain experience in settings or disciplines that may not be covered extensively in the standard program.

Extramural Electives: Clinical or non-clinical electives that are offered under the auspices of another medical school, institution, or organization. These are sometimes referred to as “away rotations.”

Statement of Purpose

This policy is intended to ensure compliance with LCME Standard 11.3: If a medical student at a medical school is permitted to take an elective under the auspices of another medical school, institution, or organization, a centralized system exists in the dean’s office at the home school to review the proposed extramural elective prior to approval and to ensure the return of a performance assessment of the student and evaluation of the elective by the student. Information about such issues as the following are available, as appropriate, to the student and the medical school in order to inform the student’s and the school’s review of the experience prior to its approval:

- Potential risks to the health and safety of patients, students, and the community.
- The availability of emergency care.
- The possibility of natural disasters, political instability, and exposure to disease.
- The need for additional preparation prior to, support during, and follow-up after the elective.
- The level and quality of supervision.
- Any potential challenges to the code of medical ethics adopted by the home school.

Entities Affected by This Policy

This policy applies to all Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine students and faculty involved in elective scheduling in Phase 3 of the Medical Degree (“MD”) program.

Required Acknowledgement

This policy is posted in the Student Handbook, the Electives Catalog, reviewed during the clinical preparation course, and accessible online for student and faculty reference in the school's curriculum management system, MedHub.

Policy

In accordance with LCME Standard 11.3, all extramural elective rotations, including international electives, offered outside of the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV must be sponsored by an LCME-accredited medical school. The elective must be listed in the Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) catalog, or listed as an elective offering in the sponsoring school's official course catalog.

Extramural elective schedules must be approved by the dean of student affairs and career services and the dean of clinical education.

Eligibility:

- Students are permitted to attend extramural rotations only during Phase 3 of the curriculum.
- Students must be in good academic standing and must have completed all requirements for Phases 1 and 2, including any required remediation.
- Students are limited to a total of twelve (12) weeks of extramural electives, of which a total of four (4) weeks may be international.
- Students are not permitted to do extramural electives during the month of March (students must be physically present in Las Vegas during Match Week).
- Students are not permitted to do extramural electives during Capstone weeks.
- International electives cannot be used toward graduation requirements.

Additional Requirements for International Electives

1. Students must submit information describing potential political, health, or safety concerns that may place an individual student at risk for international electives. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. State Department information for individual countries must be included with the application for an international elective.
2. Students must provide documentation of evacuation and repatriation insurance prior to approval of an international elective.
3. Students must provide emergency contact information for the U.S. and for the foreign country prior to approval of an international elective.
4. Students must provide documentation from a physician for travel and immunizations, which are recommended or required prior to travel. The student is responsible for the cost of all immunizations required for international electives.
5. The student must report to, and register with, the U.S. Embassy immediately upon arrival in the foreign country (<https://www.usembassy.gov/>).
6. The student is responsible to purchase any additional malpractice insurance required for participation in an international elective, which must be obtained prior to approval of the elective.

Review of Policy

This policy is reviewed by the clerkship directors and the Curriculum Oversight Committee (COC) every three (3) years per the previous date of approval.

Related Documents

None

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