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Information for Medical Schools regarding Clinical Clerkships at UNSW Australia

Experience provided by Clinical Clerkships

UNSW Medicine offers Clinical Clerkships (electives) via our clinical teaching hospitals to non-UNSW medical students. The Clerkship placement provides students the opportunity to further develop knowledge and skills in their selected discipline. Successful applicants will attend clinics, ward rounds and with permission, record the history and perform physical examinations of patients in the wards. If the clerkship placement is during a medicine teaching period, lectures and tutorials in the clinical school may also be available. Clerkships are offered for a minimum of 4 weeks to a maximum of 8 weeks duration only (with the exception of Trauma at Liverpool Hospital, which prefers students to stay between 6 - 10 weeks in length).

Details of application process

Further information about the Clinical Clerkships with UNSW Medicine including the areas of study available, the application process and administration fee is available at <https://med.unsw.edu.au/clerkships>. This includes information on the documents required from applicants. The letter of offer issued to successful applicants provides information on the hospital, nominated supervisor, supervisor specialty and dates of the Clerkship. Successful applicants are enrolled as a Non-Award student of UNSW Australia, are issued with a student identification card and have access to library, information technology and other student services for the period of their Clinical Clerkship.

Agreements with institutions

UNSW Medicine receives applications for Clinical Clerkships from students of a substantial number of medical schools worldwide. **Given the substantial administrative burden and need for legal review we cannot enter into formal agreements with all the institutions whose students would like to complete a Clinical Clerkship with UNSW Medicine.** If your institution requires a formal agreement for student placements then you are welcome to contact us about this and we will consider the request. However we would prefer not to enter in to agreements that are likely to apply to only one student.

If your institution is considering a reciprocal arrangement please note that UNSW Medicine does not require a formal agreement with institutions hosting our students for elective placements. For each of our students applying for an elective placement we do provide information about our program, the student's academic standing, English language proficiency, compliance with immunisation requirements and legal liability insurance.

Information from supervisors

The supervisors for a Clinical Clerkship at UNSW Australia are receiving a diversity of requests for information such as learning objectives, placement description and teaching activities as well as assessment of student performance. **This has become an excessive burden for supervisors and if your institution requires such information then a Clinical Clerkship at UNSW Australia may not be possible.** Supervisors are happy to complete an assessment form to provide feedback on student performance.

Yours sincerely,



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