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| Course Code: | MEDI-G800 |
| Name of Rotation/Elective: | Medical Teaching Service (MTS) Acting Internship |
| Duration: | 4 weeks |
| Possible Rotation Dates: | * August 26 – September 20, 2024 * September 23 – October 18, 2024 * October 21 – November 15, 2024 * November 18 – December 13, 2024 * January 6 – 31 2025 |
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| Applicant Requirements: | 1. Must have a passing score for USMLE Step 1 or COMLEX Level 1. Applicants who have taken USMLE Step 1 are strongly preferred. 2. Personal Statement: Why Prisma Health–Upstate? Why Internal Medicine? (Typically one page; minimum 2 paragraphs) 3. Letter of Recommendation from one clinical faculty. This letter should speak to the applicant's character, reliability, and suitability for this field. |
| Course Location: | Prisma Health Upstate - Greenville Memorial Hospital |
| Typical Schedule: | **Daily Schedule**Workdays will usually begin around 5:00 to 6:00 am to allow enough time for pre-rounds.Workdays will usually conclude by 5:00 pm, unless on the Day Call admitting team (in which case, work will conclude after the 7:00 pm handoff of the admitting pager to the Overnight Call team).Attending physicians and supervising residents may modify work hours in order to ensure patients receive optimal care and students meet duty hour limits (see below).   **Overnight Call**   * Students will take in-house overnight call every 6th night on the medical teaching service. During overnight call, the admitting team is carrying the pager from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, admitting patients from the Emergency Department and outside facilities. * When scheduled for overnight call, students DO work the day shift making it a 28-hour shift (students should not arrive before 6AM). * On post-call days, students and residents are expected to complete their patient care duties and leave the hospital by 10AM in order to comply with duty-hour restrictions. Students are excused from conference attendance on post-call days. * The last Thursday of the rotation is the last possible night for overnight call shifts. If a student’s team is scheduled for Night Call on the final Friday of the rotation, it is appropriate instead to work with the day team the final day (with consent/approval of the upper-level resident). All students are released from clinical responsibilities at 5 pm on the last Friday of the rotation.     **Days Off**   * Per LCME accreditation guidelines, medical students will take 1 day in 7 free from all educational and clinical responsibilities, averaged over the course, inclusive of call. *One day* is defined as 1 continuous 24-hour period free from all clinical and educational duties. * Students are scheduled to work all holidays with their teams, with the exception of Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving. Residents and attendings may grant additional holiday time off as they feel appropriate, IF the course director has already approved. |
| Course Objectives: | Clinical Objectives—Skills to be Mastered  1. Assume leadership of the medical care of patients, under the supervision of the upper-level resident and attending physician 2. Refine the basic techniques learned as a third-year medical student for the medical interview, physical examination, and case presentation, with emphasis on improving accuracy and efficiency 3. Refine diagnostic decision-making skills, to include prioritizing problems, constructing a differential diagnosis, selecting diagnostic tests, proposing and initiating treatment plans, and adjusting plans based on patient response 4. Design practical treatment plans that consider the patient’s financial resources, home environment, personal and cultural beliefs, cognitive or physical limitations, and preferences 5. Assist patients and their families in complicated ethical and social issues, such as estimating prognosis, determining advance directives, and making end-of-life decisions 6. Develop the interpersonal and communication skills necessary to establish an effective therapeutic relationship with patients and their families 7. Triage patients according to medical acuity and to determine which patients require hospitalization and which patients may be treated in the outpatient environment 8. Determine the appropriate follow-up for problems managed in the outpatient environment 9. Recognize those disorders requiring joint management with or referral to a medical subspecialist 10. Provide the appropriate preventive healthcare services to maintain patient health and prevent disease 11. Interact effectively with patients and their families and with other members of the inpatient health care team, including nurses, medical technicians, respiratory technicians, dietitians, social workers, and home health providers 12. Improve medical knowledge through *self-directed* reading of texts, journals, and on-line references 13. Research the medical literature for answers to clinical questions arising in patient care and apply the findings to management of patients |
| Course Description: | The M4 Medicine Acting Internship Rotation is a four-week inpatient rotation that is an elective option for fourth year medical students from the University Of South Carolina School Of Medicine – Greenville and for visiting medical students from other universities. Students will be assigned to general medicine inpatient ward teams on the teaching services. Clinical learning will be supplemented by lectures and self-directed learning. The educational goals of the rotation are based on the national recommendations of the Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine. ***Visiting students will receive a Pass/Fail for the completed course.***    Clinical learning is supplemented by self-directed reading and required conferences. Conferences include informal discussions, lectures, grand rounds, and bedside rounds.    Acting interns take in-house overnight call with their team every sixth night and receive one day free of patient care duties per week. |