

# Senior Year

This year is used for students to broaden and deepen clinical education after the core rotations, to continue core experience at a higher level involving more responsibility, to establish clinical competence within the training standards of an approved residency program in order to facilitate acceptance into a post-graduate training program, and to choose a group of electives that best serves the academic needs of the student and is suitable for the student's career choice.

Sub internships and electives at clinical centers or other affiliated hospitals with appropriately related postgraduate programs can be arranged by the Office of Clinical Science.

Many electives are offered by clinical centers and affiliated hospitals; these can be found by emailing the clinical department. A spreadsheet called "Elective Opportunities" allows students to look for electives by hospital and/or specialty. As a general rule, all electives should be at least four weeks long. In clinical centers and affiliated hospitals, placement in electives is made by the Clinical Science dept.

University policy allows students to enroll in up to eight weeks of elective rotations in out of network hospitals. No more than eight weeks or two rotations at a single site. In every instance in which a student seeks to take an elective outside the XUSOM network, prior written approval must be obtained from the clinical Dean of the School of Medicine and a single elective affiliation agreement must be signed by the hospital (Appendix D). Special elective requests beyond these guidelines also require prior approval by the Dean. No credit will be granted retroactively if approval is not obtained beforehand.

Licensure requirements in the US vary from state to state and from year to year. A few states currently do not accept clinical training in hospitals that are not part of the XUSOM network. Students who know their destination should verify the licensure laws and regulations in this regard with the specific national or state licensing agency. Those who wish to practice medicine outside the US should verify the licensure requirements of the relevant country.

**Graduation Survey** - Before and After Graduation: XUSOM students need to be a part of the community of scholars and professionals who have gone before and will come after. In order to best serve our student body and aid students in career placements, we need information on your successes and achievements after graduation. We expect that you will respond to these queries for information.