

University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM)  
Policy regarding third year clerkships

The third year of medical school is a critical formative period in a medical student's development as a physician, creating and nurturing not just the core values of every physician, but also their identity with their alma mater. The core clinical clerkship rotations are thoughtfully developed based on comprehensive understanding of the preceding two year curriculum. The faculty of UNSOM are committed to providing our students with the best possible foundation to pursue a path of excellence in any medical field. Unique aspects of clinical education at UNSOM include a high degree of interaction with attending physicians and ample hands on experience. Indeed, these qualities are consistently listed as positives on our surveys of graduates.

The core clerkship rotations are recommended by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).<sup>1</sup> The LCME mandates that the school protect the interest of our enrolled students by ensuring that institutional resources are not diminished by accepting transfer or visiting students.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly in order to maintain the high quality of our core clerkship rotations and preserve the level of interaction and participation that our students enjoy, it is our policy to allow only UNSOM students to participate in the third year clerkship activities.

Students who wish to transfer to our school from other LCME accredited institutions must have had comparable education to that of the students in the class he/she would be joining.<sup>3,4</sup> For more information on transferring to the UNSOM please refer to the following website:

[http://www.unr.edu/med/dept/asa/prospective\\_applicants/adm\\_transferpolicy.htm](http://www.unr.edu/med/dept/asa/prospective_applicants/adm_transferpolicy.htm).

Students who wish to pursue fourth year elective experiences sponsored by UNSOM must first demonstrate that they have comparable qualifications to our students prior to consideration for any fourth year rotations.<sup>5</sup> For more information on applying for elective opportunities please refer to the following website:

<http://www.unr.edu/med/dept/ome/electives/ElecVisitingStu.pdf>.

1 LCME Accreditation Standards Function & Structure of a Medical School ED-15

<http://www.lcme.org/functionslist.htm> retrieved July 11, 2006

2 LCME Accreditation Standards Function & Structure of a Medical School MS-12

<http://www.lcme.org/functionslist.htm> retrieved July 11, 2006

3 LCME Accreditation Standards Function & Structure of a Medical School MS-13

<http://www.lcme.org/functionslist.htm> retrieved July 11, 2006

4 LCME Accreditation Standards Function & Structure of a Medical School MS-14

<http://www.lcme.org/functionslist.htm> retrieved July 11, 2006

5 LCME Accreditation Standards Function & Structure of a Medical School MS-17

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