



Visiting Clerkship Program

The Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia | Penn Medicine



The Visiting Clerkship Program encompasses numerous opportunities for 4th year medical students to explore rotations at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP), Penn Presbyterian Hospital (Presby), and Pennsylvania Hospital (Pennsy) in several subspecialties. This program seeks to address some of the obstacles that can limit access to medical training. The clerkships include both sub-internship and elective experiences in top-ranked residency programs. Students have the opportunity to spend time learning first-hand what it is like to be a resident at these institutions and are paired with mentors to aid in their rotation success and preparation for the Match Process.

Program Highlights

- Each student is paired with a Faculty or Resident mentor in an area of their interest
- Each student will be given the opportunity to meet with Residency Program Leadership
- Funding/Stipends of \$1500-\$2000 to cover travel and housing
- Opportunity to interact with current residents, fellows, and faculty at social events

Clerkship Programs

We offer sub-internships (acting internships) and electives with outpatient and consult clinical exposure in the following specialties:

Anesthesiology	Neurosurgery	Plastic Surgery
Dermatology	Obstetrics & Gynecology	Psychiatry
Emergency Medicine	Ophthalmology	Radiation Oncology
Family Medicine	Otolaryngology	Radiology
General Surgery	Pathology	Urology
Internal Medicine	Pediatrics	Vascular Surgery
Neurology	Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	

Application Requirements and Information

The application for our Clerkship opens in February and is available through the Perelman School of Medicine's VLSO application. Search "Perelman School of Medicine" under the Elective Catalogue. Then you can find the specific application by looking up the specialty of your choice and selecting "Visiting Clerkship Program."

VSLO Website: <https://students-residents.aamc.org/visiting-student-learning-opportunities/visiting-student-learning-opportunities-vslo>

Perelman School of Medicine Visiting Student Website: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/student/application-and-dates.html>

All applicants must be rising 4th year (or final year if additional degrees or program longer than 4 years) medical students and should apply for the clerkship program that correlates to the subspecialty they are pursuing in the match. **Application deadline is May 9th – however, some programs will have ongoing reviews and acceptances.** The following materials are required and will be completed/uploaded via the VLSO application site:

- Student Information Form
- Immunization Record (VSLO form is acceptable)
- CV/Resume
- Transcript (official or unofficial)
- Photograph
- Proof of Health Insurance
- Personal Statement expressing interest for specialty/clerkship program
- Short essay question
- Letter of Support (not required for Emergency Medicine; letters should preferentially be submitted by an attending physician in the specialty to which you are applying but any attending physician letter will be accepted)

Rotation dates

Available rotations and dates for each specialty vary based on program.

- July 7, 2025 – August 1, 2025 (only available for General Surgery, Otolaryngology, Radiation Oncology, and Urology. Applicants interested in this block must submit materials by April 14th.)
- August 4, 2025 – August 29, 2025
- September 2, 2025 – September 26, 2025
- September 29, 2025 – October 24, 2025
- October 27, 2025 – November 21, 2025

Learn more about the community we have here at Penn & CHOP!



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