



4th Year Elective Coursework Designations:

100 Level Electives: Seminar type/self-study, Non-Clinical

These electives explore the basic sciences as well as the clinical aspects of an organ system and its disease states or focus on a particular field of study. These electives do not have a significant amount of patient contact- therefore they are not “clinical” and do not count toward licensing requirements.

200 Level Electives: Primarily Consult Services

These electives allow students to utilize and build upon the fundamental information and skills acquired during required specialty clerkships of the third-year in a practical approach, rather than relying largely on textbooks and theoretical skills alone. They should be structured to provide students with deeper insight into complex medical problems and should stress development of the students’ intellectual process by which decisions are made and how to gather and synthesize the data required to develop a diagnostic and management plan for the patient.

300 Level Electives: Outpatient Sub-Internship

These 4th year electives are primarily outpatient, and in all cases allow the student to have increased responsibility in patient-care decision-making. The student will be expected to function like an intern.

- Must meet the following criteria to be classified as a 300 level elective:
 - The elective should involve the *comprehensive care of significantly ill/complex patient cases* in diverse patient populations.
 - If there are outpatient *and* inpatient responsibilities as a part of the elective, the outpatient component should be >50%
 - Students must have substantial or primary patient care responsibilities, not just see patients in consultation.
 - Students should work-up at least 5 new patients per week (minimum of 15 per rotation).
 - Students should actively participate in the continuous care of patients when applicable.
 - The elective must be at least 3 consecutive weeks in duration

400 Level Electives: Inpatient Sub-Internship

- Must meet all of the 300 level criteria mentioned above, as well as satisfy the following criteria in order to be classified as a 400 Level Elective:
 - 400 level Electives occur predominantly in the inpatient setting.
 - If there are inpatient *and* outpatient responsibilities as a part of the elective, the inpatient component should be >50%
 - Students must function at the equivalent level of an intern, with night-call and clinic/ED responsibilities as applicable. Night call and duty hours should be equal to that of the housestaff (PGY-I).