

Canadian Elective Clinical Clerkships: *An Introduction*



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This guide is intended to be an introduction to the process of scheduling elective clinical rotations in Canada. It is not a complete and comprehensive guide but rather it is intended to inform AUC's Canadian students on some of the options available to them. All students should perform their due diligence when contacting any clinical training sites. The information contained herein is subject to change at any time.

The best place to begin your search for electives in Canada would be the [Association of Faculties of Medicine \(AFMC\) Student Portal](#). It is the centralized application service for visiting electives for all Canadian faculties of medicine. The services are offered for Canadian medical students as well as international medical students, also known as Canadians Studying Abroad (CSA). Following is a list of programs that have recently accepted CSAs:

[Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine](#)

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[McGill University Faculty of Medicine](#)

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Please be mindful when selecting your electives that the dates fall within the appropriate time periods. Any choices that have requested dates beyond 26 weeks from the date of submitting your application will not be considered.

Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

Please select 3 DIFFERENT choices with only one set of dates for all 3. Please indicate additional availability in the student comments section.

Applications are accepted 17 - 28 weeks in advance of the elective. No exceptions will be made.

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The Royal College, the College of Family Physicians of Canada, and the Collège des médecins du Québec maintain national standards for the evaluation and accreditation of Canadian residency programs. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.royalcollege.ca/rcsite/education-strategy-accreditation/pgme-training-programs/accreditation-residency-programs-e>

Two-week elective rotations in Canada are a lot more common than they are in the United States. The ability to schedule four-week rotations will depend on the availability of the various programs you will contact.

Document Requirements for Electives in Each Canadian Medical School

Here are the links to each school's websites. We encourage you to check them often, as requirements change without warning.

McMaster University:

http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/mdprog/visiting_electives.html

Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty of Medicine:

<http://www.med.mun.ca/UGradME/Visiting-Students/Applicants-from-Non-Canadian-Non-LCME-Accredited-M.aspx>

University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine:

<http://med.uottawa.ca/undergraduate/education/electives>

University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine:

[http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/medicine/education/undergraduate/media/Visiting Elective Guidelines.pdf](http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/medicine/education/undergraduate/media/Visiting_Elective_Guidelines.pdf)

University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine:

<http://www.medicine.usask.ca/education/medical/undergrad/current-students/electives/International%20Elective%20Guidelines.pdf>

University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine:

<http://mdprogram.med.ubc.ca/visiting-student-elective-program/eligibility-criteria/>

AUC Recommendation:

To simplify the process of traveling between Canada and the United States, you may want to consider applying for a [NEXUS Card](#). NEXUS is a joint Canada–United States program designed to let pre-approved, low-risk travelers cross the US/Canadian border in an expedited manner. Members of the program can avoid long waits at border entry points by using self-serve kiosks at airports, reserved lanes at land crossings, or by phoning border officials when entering by water.

There is an official [Government of Canada website for NEXUS applications](#). The NEXUS fee is \$50 (CAN or US). Third party service providers may offer services for submitting your application and may charge an additional processing fee. This additional fee is not part of the official NEXUS application fee and is retained by the third-party service provider. Expedited services offered by such parties will not assist in expediting your application process. There is a non-refundable processing fee of \$50 (Canada or US dollars) per applicant for a five-year membership card. This card will prove invaluable as you travel frequently between Canada and the USA.

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Below please find listed the clinical sites and the electives AUC students have completed at them in the since 2014:

Medicine (Elective)	Dalhousie University Faculty of Med	NS
Medicine (Family Practice)	Dalhousie University Faculty of Med	NS
Medicine (Gastroenterology)	Dalhousie University Faculty of Med	NS
Medicine (Hematology/Oncology)	Dalhousie University Faculty of Med	NS
Medicine (Oncology)	Dalhousie University Faculty of Med	NS
OB/GYN (Elective)	Dalhousie University Faculty of Med	NS
Surgery (Cardiovascular)	Dalhousie University Faculty of Med	NS
Medicine (Emergency)	McGill University Facultie of Med.	QC
Medicine (Family Practice)	McGill University Facultie of Med.	QC
Medicine (Gerontology)	McGill University Facultie of Med.	QC
Medicine (Elective)	McMaster Univ Faculty of Health Sciences	ON
Medicine (Gastroenterology)	McMaster Univ Faculty of Health Sciences	ON
Medicine (Infectious Disease)	McMaster Univ Faculty of Health Sciences	ON
Medicine (Intensive Care Unit)	McMaster Univ Faculty of Health Sciences	ON
Medicine (Nephrology)	McMaster Univ Faculty of Health Sciences	ON
Medicine (Neurology)	McMaster Univ Faculty of Health Sciences	ON
Medicine (Pulmonary)	McMaster Univ Faculty of Health Sciences	ON
Pediatrics (Hem/Onc)	McMaster Univ Faculty of Health Sciences	ON
Psychiatry (Elective)	McMaster Univ Faculty of Health Sciences	ON
Surgery (Sub-I)	McMaster Univ Faculty of Health Sciences	ON
Pediatrics (Infectious Diseases)	Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland	NL
Psychiatry (Emergency)	Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland	NL
Medicine (Family Practice)	Northern Ontario School of Med Peterborough Regional Health Centre McMaster University	ON
Medicine (PM&R)	Royal Inland Hospital	BC
Medicine (Emergency)	Rural Ontario Medical Center	ON
Pediatrics (Neurology)	The Hospital for Sick Children	ON
OB/GYN (Reproductive Endocrinology)	Toronto West Fertility Center	ON
Medicine (Anatomical Pathology)	Univ of Manitoba	MB
Surgery (Orthopedics)	Univ of Manitoba	MB
Medicine (Dermatology)	Univ of Ottawa School of Medicine	ON
Medicine (Radiology)	Univ of Ottawa School of Medicine	ON
Medicine (Emergency)	Univ of Saskatchewan Regina General Hospital	SA
Medicine (Endocrinology)	Univ of Saskatchewan Regina General Hospital	SA
Medicine (Family Practice)	Univ of Saskatchewan Regina General Hospital	SA
Medicine (Hematology)	Univ of Saskatchewan Regina General Hospital	SA
Medicine (Oncology)	Univ of Saskatchewan Regina General Hospital	SA
Medicine (Ophthalmology)	Univ of Saskatchewan Regina General Hospital	SA
Medicine (Radiation/Oncology)	Univ of Saskatchewan Regina General Hospital	SA

Medicine (Radiology)	Univ of Saskatchewan Regina General Hospital	SA
Medicine (Rural Family Medicine)	Univ of Saskatchewan Regina General Hospital	SA
Pediatrics (Elective)	Univ of Saskatchewan Regina General Hospital	SA
Surgery (Anesthesiology)	Univ of Saskatchewan Regina General Hospital	SA
Surgery (Orthopedics)	Univ of Saskatchewan Regina General Hospital	SA
Surgery (Pathology)	Univ of Saskatchewan Regina General Hospital	SA
Medicine (Family Practice)	Univ of Toronto Faculty of Medicine	ON
Medicine (Rheumatology)	Univ of Toronto Faculty of Medicine	ON
Medicine (Sub-I)	Univ of Toronto Faculty of Medicine	ON
Psychiatry (Child/Adolescent)	Univ of Toronto Faculty of Medicine	ON
Surgery (Anesthesiology)	Univ of Toronto Faculty of Medicine	ON
Medicine (Cardiology)	Univ of Western Ontario	ON
Medicine (Endocrinology)	Univ of Western Ontario	ON
Surgery (Anesthesiology)	Univ of Western Ontario	ON
Surgery (Orthopedics)	Univ of Western Ontario	ON
Surgery (Pathology)	Univ of Western Ontario	ON
Medicine (Emergency)	Univ. of Western Ontario	ON
Medicine (Family Practice)	Univ. of Western Ontario	ON
Surgery (Elective)	Univ. of Western Ontario	ON
Medicine (Family Practice)	University of Windsor	ON
Medicine (Radiology)	Vancouver Hosp & Health Science Ctr Univ of British Columbia	BC
Medicine (Rural Family Medicine)	Weeneebayko General Hospital	ON