Suggested Elective Rotations
This guide was prepared by AUC’s Office of Student Professional Development (OSPD) with the intention of assisting students in strategically selecting Elective clinical rotations.

OSPD assists students who are preparing for residency by advising on the application process and providing necessary documents to match-related organizations such as the National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP), Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS), Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates® (ECFMG), Electronic Residency Application Service® (ERAS) and the Medical Council of Canada (MCC). The department offers specialized resources to help students learn about requirements for different specialties and residency programs. OSPD also assists graduates with physician licensure.

While the purpose of this guide is not to serve as a definitive source for all information available, it is ultimately each student’s responsibility to account for accurate and up-to-date information. This guide is designed to facilitate much of the strategy for successfully submitting residency applications.

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¹ AUC institutionally reported data from 2012 – 2018.
Anesthesiology

Mean USMLE Step 1 Score 240
Mean USMLE Step 2 CK Score 243

AUC graduates who obtained Anesthesiology residency positions between 2013 and 2018 completed the following elective rotations:

- Mean of 4 weeks of Surgery (Anesthesiology) – consider completing in a different hospital to provide new educational experiences and to broaden professional network
- Family Medicine (71.4%)
- Radiology (45.2%)
- Emergency (40.5%)
- Neurology (31%)
- Cardiology (31%)
- Pulmonary (31%)
- Surgery-Other electives (33.3%)
- Intensive Care Unit or Critical Care Unit (28.6%)

Other electives completed include: Medicine Sub-Internship, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Gastroenterology, Nephrology, Allergy & Immunology, Infectious Disease
**Emergency Medicine**

Mean USMLE Step 1 Score  235  
Mean USMLE Step 2 CK Score  243  

AUC graduates who obtained Emergency Medicine residency positions between 2013 and 2018 completed the following elective rotations:

*Mean of 8 weeks of Medicine (Emergency) – consider completing two rotations in two different hospitals to provide new educational experiences and to broaden professional network*

*Family Medicine (100%)*  
*Cardiology (72.2%)*  
*Surgery (Anesthesiology) (66.7%)*  
*Neurology (50%)*  
*Radiology (33.3%)*  
*Medicine (Sub-Internship) (33.3%)*  
*Pulmonary (31%)*  
*Intensive Care Unit or Critical Care Unit (28.6%)*  

*Other electives completed include: Ambulatory, Endocrinology, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Gastroenterology, Nephrology, Allergy & Immunology, Infectious Disease, other Surgery electives*
Family Medicine

Mean USMLE Step 1 Score 216
Mean USMLE Step 2 CK Score 221

AUC graduates who obtained Family Medicine residency positions between 2013 and 2018 completed the following elective rotations:

Mean of 8 weeks of Family Medicine – consider completing two rotations in different hospitals to provide new educational experiences and to broaden professional network

Neurology (55.4%)
Emergency (51%)
Cardiology (50%)
Surgery electives (39.3%)
Radiology (38.9%)
Medicine (Sub-Internship) (31.6%)
Pediatrics electives (31.6%)
Gastroenterology (27.1%)
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (20.9%)
Hematology/Oncology (19.2%)
Nephrology (16.9%)
Psychiatry electives (13.8%)
Ob/Gyn electives (12.2%)

Other electives completed include: Ambulatory, Dermatology, Endocrinology, Pulmonary, Infectious Diseases, Gerontology, Critical Care, Rheumatology
General Surgery

Mean USMLE Step 1 Score 243
Mean USMLE Step 2 CK Score 244

AUC graduates who obtained General Surgery residency positions between 2013 and 2018 completed the following elective rotations:

Mean of 8 weeks of Surgery electives – consider completing two rotations in different hospitals to provide new educational experiences and to broaden professional network

Family Medicine (93%)
Surgery Sub-Internship (88%)
Emergency (61%)
Radiology (53.5%)
Neurology (50%)
Cardiology (50%)
Gastroenterology (29%)
Pediatrics electives (21%)
Intensive Care Unit (21%)
Anesthesiology (21%)
Ob/Gyn electives (18%)
Medicine Sub-Internship (18%)
Pulmonary (18%)

Other electives completed include: Critical Care Unit, Nephrology, Trauma, Thoracic, HPB, Transplant, Plastic, Orthopedics, Neurosurgery
Internal Medicine

Mean USMLE Step 1 Score 229
Mean USMLE Step 2 CK Score 234

AUC graduates who obtained Internal Medicine residency positions between 2013 and 2018 completed the following elective rotations:

- Family Medicine (100%)
- Medicine Sub-Internship (71%)
- Cardiology (64%)
- Emergency (52%)
- Radiology (52%)
- Neurology (48%)
- Hematology/Oncology (32%)
- Gastroenterology (31%)
- Infectious Diseases (27%)
- Nephrology (24%)
- Intensive Care Unit (20%)
- Endocrinology (19%)
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (11%)
- Ophthalmology (11%)
- Ambulatory (9%)
- Critical Care (7%)
- Dermatology (2%)

- OB/GYN electives (2%)
- Pediatrics electives (14%)
- Psychiatry electives (13%)
- Surgery electives (41%)
Neurology

Mean USMLE Step 1 Score 223
Mean USMLE Step 2 CK Score 229

AUC graduates who obtained Neurology residency positions between 2013 and 2018 completed the following elective rotations:

Mean of 8 weeks of Neurology electives – consider completing two rotations in different hospitals to provide new educational experiences and to broaden professional network

Neurology (100%)
Family Medicine (100%)
Cardiology (63%)
Radiology (50%)
Gastroenterology (38%)
Emergency Medicine (38%)

Pediatrics electives (63%)
Psychiatry electives (13%)
Surgery electives (38%)

Other electives include: Dermatology, Endocrinology, Geriatrics, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Lipidology, Nephrology
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Mean USMLE Step 1 Score 230
Mean USMLE Step 2 CK Score 242

AUC graduates who obtained Ob/Gyn residency positions between 2013 and 2018 completed the following elective rotations:

Mean of 6 weeks of Ob/Gyn subspecialty electives (Maternal Fetal Medicine, Oncology, Reproductive Endocrinology Sub-Internship, Ultrasound, Urology)

Family Medicine (100%)
Emergency (64.7%)
Surgery electives (64.7%)
Radiology (52.9%)
Neurology (47.1%)

Other electives completed include: Endocrinology; Gastroenterology; Hematology/Oncology; Intensive Care Unit; Infectious Diseases; Medicine (Sub-Internship); Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R)
**Pathology**

Mean USMLE Step 1 Score 225  
Mean USMLE Step 2 CK Score 229  

AUC graduates who obtained Pathology residency positions between 2013 and 2018 completed the following elective rotations:

*Mean of 6 weeks of Pathology subspecialty electives*

Pathology – either Medicine or Surgery (100%)  
Family Medicine (87%)  
Hematology/Oncology (47%)  
Neurology (40%)  
Radiology (40%)  
Medicine Sub-Internship (34%)  
Emergency Medicine (27%)  
Gastroenterology (20%)

Pediatrics electives (7%)  
Psychiatry electives (13%)  
Surgery electives (7%)

Other electives include: Dermatology, Endocrinology, Geriatrics, Infectious Diseases, Lipidology, Nephrology
**Pediatrics**

Mean USMLE Step 1 Score 225  
Mean USMLE Step 2 CK Score 234

AUC graduates who obtained Pediatrics residency positions between 2013 and 2018 completed the following elective rotations:

*Mean of 8 weeks of Pediatrics sub-specialty electives -*
  - Sub-Internship (51%)
  - Endocrinology (27%)
  - Neonatology (22%)
  - Allergy/Immunology (15%)
  - Emergency (10%)

*Family Medicine (100%)*  
*Neurology (59%)*  
*Cardiology (44%)*  
*Emergency Medicine (42%)*  
*Radiology (34%)*  
*Hematology/Oncology (32%)*  
*Endocrinology (24%)*  
*Medicine Sub-Internship (17%)*  
*Gastroenterology (12%)*

*Psychiatry electives (12%)*  
*Surgery electives (22%)*

*Other electives include: Dermatology, Critical Care Unit, Infectious Diseases, Intensive Care Unit, Pulmonary*
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R)

Mean USMLE Step 1 Score 224
Mean USMLE Step 2 CK Score 234

AUC graduates who obtained PM&R residency positions between 2013 and 2018 completed the following elective rotations:

Mean of 4 weeks of PM&R electives

Family Medicine (100%)
Neurology (82%)
Radiology (64%)
Cardiology (36%)
Surgery electives (36%)
Emergency Medicine (27%)
Medicine Sub-Internship (27%)
Hematology/Oncology (18%)
Nephrology (18%)
Pulmonary (18%)

Other electives include: Dermatology, Critical Care Unit, Infectious Diseases, Intensive Care Unit, Psychiatry electives, Rheumatology
Psychiatry

Mean USMLE Step 1 Score 216
Mean USMLE Step 2 CK Score 229

AUC graduates who obtained Psychiatry residency positions between 2013 and 2018 completed the following elective rotations:

Mean of 6.5 weeks of Psychiatry subspecialty electives –
Sub-Internship (68%)
Addiction (28%)
Child/Adolescent (28%)
Elective (28%)
Other (Emergency, Forensic)

Family Medicine (100%)
Neurology (100%)
Radiology (58%)
Cardiology (58%)
Hematology/Oncology (35%)
Medicine Sub-Internship (30%)
Pediatrics electives (28%)
Surgery electives (28%)
Emergency Medicine (23%)
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (23%)

Other electives include: Ambulatory, Gastroenterology, Infectious Diseases, Nephrology, Pulmonary
AUC graduates who obtained Radiology residency positions between 2013 and 2018 completed the following elective rotations:

*Mean of 6 weeks of Radiology electives*

- Family Medicine (75%)
- Neurology (54%)
- Surgery electives (54%)
- Emergency Medicine (46%)
- Cardiology (38%)
- Medicine Sub-Internship (33%)
- Gastroenterology (29%)
- Ophthalmology (29%)
- Hematology/Oncology (25%)
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (21%)

*Other electives include: Endocrinology, Infectious Disease, Lipidology, Nephrology, Pulmonary*