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**Identify Your Specialty & Desired Location**

Consider the rotations you have enjoyed the most.

Review the suggested elective rotation information based on graduates that have matched in your preferred specialty using the *Suggested Elective Guide*.

Research the licensing requirements for the regions you are interested in as certain states may require completion of specific electives (ex: California & Texas require 4 weeks of Family Medicine clerkship for medical licensure).
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*Subspecialty/Sub-Internships*

- Complete a Sub-I in your preferred specialty.
- Complete a rotation in a complementary specialty or subspecialty to help better understand the specialty, increase your experience, and boost your application.
- Consider completing a rotation at a location that you are interested in for residency to serve as an audition rotation and to request a LoR.
- Research programs you are interested in applying to for residency to see if they have requirements regarding certain electives or require applicants to complete a rotation at their site.
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Keep in Mind

- Request LoRs from rotations that interest you. This will open your opportunities up to more potential specialties if you are undecided.

- Complete a Family Medicine elective. This can help build a foundation for any future specialty.

- Consider electives in areas you would like more exposure to, or that could help you improve certain weaknesses.

- Clerkships carry more weight in your residency application, but if you have downtime between rotations, observerships can serve as an opportunity to gain exposure to a private practice or hospital setting where clerkships may not be an option.
Non-Affiliated Sites

On occasion, students will choose to complete elective clerkships at sites that are unaffiliated with AUC.

AUC students may complete only 2 electives for a total of 8 weeks of elective clerkships per unaffiliated site.

Audition rotations provide students with the opportunity to rotate at a site of interest with the goal of obtaining a LoR and an interview.

When choosing a site, focus on sites that have a positive and effective relationship and history with IMGs. Consider locations that have AUC graduates as residents. This can help ensure the most productive learning experience.

*Please Note:* AUC students are unable to rotate in certain states due to state legislature (ex: New Jersey), but many students are able to gain residency and fellowship positions in those states despite being unable to complete a rotation in the state as a medical student.
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Students and graduates can schedule an appointment to discuss the residency application process and match strategy with an OSPD Advisor.

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