



American University of the Caribbean
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Office of Career Advisement

Elective Rotations & Researching Specialties



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Elective Rotation Overview

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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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UME Student Services

Scheduling Electives FAQ

How do I schedule elective rotations?

How do I schedule an elective rotation at an unaffiliated site?

Do electives at unaffiliated sites have to be ACGME-accredited?

How many rotation weeks are allowed for unaffiliated sites?

Is there reimbursement for unaffiliated sites?

How do I apply to Canadian sites?

UME can assist with the questions above. Please reach out to umestudentservices@aucmed.edu.