

## Clinical Elective Clerkship General Policies

Below are policies that apply to clinical electives. Students will want to pay attention to these when scheduling coursework to be certain sufficient credits for graduation have been anticipated. If there are questions, consult the School's registrar staff.

- All clerkships are approved by the respective clinical departments, School of Medicine curriculum committees and the UW Curriculum Office for a maximum number of allowable credits.
  - EXAMPLE: **MED 682 P-Clinical Cardiology and Electrocardiography (8)** is approved as a 4-week, full-time elective for 8 credits. The maximum number of credits a student can earn for this clerkship is 8. Similarly, the clerkship cannot be taken for credit for less than four weeks.
- Some clerkships have been approved for variable credit and may be repeated.
- EXAMPLE: **MED 699, P-WWAMI Medicine Special Electives (\*, max 24)** is approved to be taken for 2, 4, or 6 weeks full-time for up to 12 weeks or 24 credits. Thus, a student could take MED 699 as a 4-week full-time elective in Cardiology and then MED 699, as a 4 week, full-time elective in Respiratory.
- Students are allowed to take a maximum of three 4-week, full-time elective clerkships in a given specialty, and these credits will be counted toward the minimum number of clinical elective credit required for graduation. \*
  - EXAMPLE: A student could take:
  - ORTHP 677 P-Musculoskeletal Trauma Clerkship (\*, max 8) for 4 wks = 8
  - ORTHP 680 P-General Orthopaedic Clerkship (\*, max 8) for 4 wks = 8
  - ORTHP 682 P-Outpatient Orthopaedics (8 credits) for 4 wks = 8

**Total Credits = 24**

\*Rotations outside of the WWAMI region (697 course numbers) and Internal Medicine clerkships are exempt from this policy. Other exemptions to this policy must be approved by departmental clerkship director.