



CLERKSHIP CLINICAL ENRICHMENT POLICY

EFFECTIVE DATE:	5/11/25	NEXT REVIEW:	5/30/2026
APPROVED BY:	Academic Programs		
CATEGORY:	Academic Programs		
APPLIES TO:	Students in the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) Program		

REFERENCES AND RELATED POLICIES:

- Clerkship Attendance Policy

PURPOSE

This policy will define the policy and procedure for Clinical Enrichment while in the clerkship.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

1. MSUCOM approved Clinical Enrichment provides the opportunity for a student to gain experience in a field of medicine while ensuring medical liability coverage and supervision.
 - a. Optimal times of use may be in year 3 to explore fields of interest and in year 4 to explore residency programs of interest when unable to schedule an audition elective.
2. The student must complete the Clinical Enrichment Application and have approval from the MSUCOM clerkship team prior to any Clinical Enrichment experience.
3. MSUCOM Clinical Enrichment experiences may be utilized by an MSUCOM clerkship student in one of two ways:
 - a. While on an enrolled/assigned rotation-
 - i. A clerkship student, while on an enrolled/assigned rotation, may utilize Clinical Enrichment to gain experience outside of the assigned rotation in an interested field of medicine.
 - ii. Clinical Enrichment may only be utilized if there are gap times on the enrolled/assigned rotation. A student is not permitted to take personal time off

or miss any enrolled rotation activities, commitments, or requirements to complete clinical enrichment.

- iii. The student can apply for one enrichment experience field per rotation.
Example: if the student is enrolled in a pediatrics course/rotation and has received MSUCOM approval for Clinical Enrichment in emergency medicine, the enrichment is only allowed in emergency medicine.
- iv. A student may participate in clinical enrichment only upon approval from MSUCOM clerkship.
 - 1. Once approved, the student may participate in the approved enrichment experience throughout the enrolled course.
 - 2. When the student moves to another enrolled rotation, the student will need to complete another enrichment form.

b. While on vacation-

- i. A clerkship student, while on vacation, may utilize Clinical Enrichment to gain experience in a field of interest.
 - ii. The student may spend a maximum of one week on the clinical enrichment experience while on vacation.
 - iii. Due to limited staffing available during the December vacation time, students who wish to complete a Clinical Enrichment during the December vacation must have their application submitted to the Clerkship team by December 10th.
- 4. The student's Clinical Enrichment experience must comply with the MSUCOM Duty Hours and Fatigue Mitigation Policy.
 - 5. No credit is received for Clinical Enrichment
 - 6. A student must have active enrollment in courses in the same semester the clinical enrichment occurs.
 - 7. No evaluations are required during Clinical Enrichment.
 - 8. Clinical Enrichment will not appear on MSU transcripts.
 - 9. Any questions should be directed to the students' Clerkship Resource Specialist (com.clerkship@msu.edu).
 - 10. Failure to comply with the policy will result in submission to the CGPI professionalism committee.