

IM 621
CLINICAL GLOBAL
MEDICINE CLERKSHIP

CLERKSHIP ELECTIVE ROTATION SYLLABUS

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At Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM), we are constantly working to improve our curriculum and to meet accreditation guidelines. We need to meet the challenges of modern medicine that force us to innovate. While changes will generally be instituted at the beginning of the school year, changes may also be implemented semester to semester.

Please be mindful of the need to read your syllabi before beginning your rotation.

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ROTATION REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENT	SUBMISSION METHOD (For submission due dates, refer to table at the end of the syllabus)
Pre-Requisite Requirements as per Required Prerequisites in this syllabus	On-line in D2L Dropbox
Mid Rotation Feedback Form	Completed 100% and needing no revisions to the appropriate drop box in D2L
Submit a copy of the work schedule that you were assigned	On-line in D2L Dropbox
Reflective Essay – post rotation	On-line in D2L Dropbox for Final Reflective Essay
Attending Evaluation of Clerkship Student	Students must select their attending physician as directed within the rotation description in Medtrics. At the start of the last week of the rotation, students will need to request an evaluation in Medtrics. By requesting an attending evaluation from their assigned attending physician, the attending physician will receive an automated email link connecting them to their assigned Attending Evaluation within Medtrics. Attendings will be able to electronically access and submit the forms on behalf of their students.
Student Evaluation of Clerkship Rotation	Students will submit their rotation evaluations electronically at the conclusion of every rotation by accessing the Medtrics system: https://msucom.medtricslab.com/users/login/ . By the last week of each rotation, students will receive an automated email link connecting them to their assigned evaluation. Students can also access pending evaluations on the 'Home' or 'Evaluations' tabs within their Medtrics accounts.

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

This course is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to actively engage in patient-based learning experiences under the guidance of a faculty member (preceptor) in collaboration, as appropriate, with residents and/or fellows.

Rotations are typically six weeks, 9 credit hours in duration. Timeframes for each rotation are decided in April-May of the third year, to adjust the remainder of the schedule to allow for completion of all requirements for graduation, but changes may be required considering various epidemic and pandemic conditions. Timeframes for each rotation are decided at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the rotation.

Rotation schedules **are not** to be submitted until the last Friday-Sunday of the rotation. You must document your actual schedule worked. You are required to document any time off for illness, boards, etc. that caused a deviation from the schedule you were provided. **All rotation days must be accounted for.**

The overall performance of course participants will be evaluated through customary assessment instruments normally employed by the department for core rotations, at the discretion of the instructor of record.

ELECTIVE COURSE SCHEDULING

Preapproval

- This course requires preapproval. The student must contact the IOR for approval and must work directly with the Department of Osteopathic Medical Specialties for all travel, paperwork, and other pre- and post-trip requirements in a timely fashion.
 - Confirmation of approval from the IOR is to be sent to COM.Clerkship@msu.edu for final clerkship approval and scheduling.

Required Prerequisites

- This course requires the following prerequisites:
 - Admission to a College of Medicine at Michigan State University (COM or CHM)
 - Satisfactory completion of core clerkships during year 3 – no N grades on any core rotation
 - Satisfactory completion of IM 618, Clinical Tropical Medicine, during year 2 of the curriculum
 - Satisfactory completion of Part 2 of national boards prior to September 15 of the academic year in which travel is planned (i.e., must have a passing score on file with the Registrar/Clerkship Office/Student Services of your respective college)
 - Declaration of the elective rotation you will be completing - (Internal Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Pediatrics, Anesthesia, Emergency Medicine, or General Surgery)
 - Specific Malawi Course Pre-Requisite Requirements:
 - Attendance at an orientation meeting prior to departure.
 - Satisfactory completion of required paperwork to travel in a timely manner as defined in the year of travel.
 - Demonstration of financial feasibility.
 - Submit a reflective essay/blog post prior to departure, minimum of one page.
 - Required vaccinations completed prior to departure.
 - Required travel documents, i.e., passport, Visa, etc.

Course Confirmation and Enrollment

- The student must be an active student at MSUCOM.
- Student must complete five core rotations prior to any elective rotation.

- It is the student's responsibility to provide the elective site/rotation acceptance material to the COM.Clerkship@msu.edu for MSU confirmation and scheduling.
 - MSUCOM clerkship confirmation is complete when the rotation is visible on the students Medtrics schedule.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure enrollment prior to beginning any course/rotation.
 - Enrollment will be processed by the MSUCOM Registrar's Office upon clerkship confirmation.
 - Enrollment can be verified by the student by reviewing the Student Information System
- MSUCOM confirmation must occur at least 30 days in advance of the rotation.
- Once confirmed, the rotation may only be cancelled 30 days or more in advance of the start date.

ROTATION FORMAT

Course participants will meet the preceptor on the first day of the rotation at a predetermined location to be oriented to rotation hours, location(s), and expected duties and responsibilities while on-service.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOALS

1. To learn the etiology, diagnosis, management, and control of local endemic and epidemic infectious diseases.
2. To provide general patient care using the resources available.
3. To learn to care for patients with the assistance of interpreters.
4. To derive differential diagnoses and develop management plans utilizing the resources available in the setting.
5. To develop professionally in a new setting (demonstrate ethical behavior, develop collegial relationships with peers and staff, devote adequate attention to emotional and physical self-care, display a willingness to be enriched by the overseas experience).

OBJECTIVES

The Clinical Global Medicine Clerkship provides an introduction for medical students to the practice of medicine in a resource-poor setting. The primary goals of this clerkship include:

1. Facilitating awareness of issues involved in the delivery of health care in developing countries.
2. Fostering the development of the student's professional attitude, behavior, and sensitivity to the challenges and issues of health care in developing countries.
3. Promoting the acquisition of the knowledge and skills necessary to function in health care settings in developing countries.
4. Developing cultural awareness (customs, nutrition, traditional medical beliefs, etc.) of the patient population.
5. Appreciating the practice of medicine as related to the specialty of the preceptor.

6. Assimilating and demonstrating understanding of patient care through ongoing interaction and dialogue with, as well as formative feedback from, the preceptor.
7. Demonstrating an understanding of the (seven) osteopathic core competencies (as applicable).

Students may augment this list with additional objectives.

COLLEGE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

In addition to the above course-specific goals and learning objectives, this clerkship rotation also facilitates student progress in attaining the College Program Objectives. Please refer to the complete list provided on the MSUCOM website (<https://com.msu.edu/>) and in the Student Handbook.

REFERENCES

REQUIRED STUDY RESOURCES

Desire 2 Learn (D2L): Please find online content for this course in D2L (<https://d2l.msu.edu/>). Once logged in with your MSU Net ID, your course will appear on the D2L landing page. If you do not see your course on the landing page, search for the course with the following criteria, and pin it to your homepage: **Clinical Global Medicine**

If you encounter any issues accessing this D2L course, please email the CA (on the title page of this syllabus). It is your responsibility to make sure you have access to the course D2L page on the first day of the course.

Student D2L email addresses must be forwarded to your MSU email account.

SUGGESTED STUDY RESOURCES

Recommended Texts

There is no assigned textbook. Reading assignments are under the purview of the preceptor.

WEEKLY READINGS/OBJECTIVES/ASSIGNMENTS

MID ROTATION FEEDBACK FORM

This form is required for this rotation, including both four- and six-week rotations.

Four-week Rotation: This will need to be completed by the Attending or Resident at the end of week two of the rotation. It should be dated no later than the 3rd Wednesday of the rotation. Students must upload the form to a D2L drop box by 11:59pm on third Sunday of the clerkship to be eligible to obtain a Pass in the rotation.

Six-week Rotation: This will need to be completed by the Attending or Resident at the end of week three of the rotation. It should be dated no later than the 4th Wednesday of the rotation. Students must upload the form to a D2L drop box by 11:59pm on the fourth Sunday of the clerkship to be eligible to obtain a Pass in the rotation.

ASSIGNMENTS

Post Rotation Reflective Essay: minimum two pages, double spaced, 12-point font, with your name, title of rotation, and service to which you were assigned.

ROTATION EVALUATIONS

Attending Evaluation of Student

Attending Evaluation of the Student is completed electronically via Medtrics by the supervisor designated within the Medtrics rotation description. To initiate this evaluation, each student must select their attending physician as directed within the rotation description in Medtrics. Students will receive an email from Medtrics to select the attending 7 days prior to the end of the rotation. Should your rotation lack a rotation description or if you have any questions, please contact COM.Clerkship@msu.edu. Upon selecting the attending physician directed within the Medtrics rotation description, the attending physician will receive an automated email link connecting them to their assigned Attending Evaluation within Medtrics.

Attendings will be able to electronically access and submit the Attending Evaluation of the Student. Attendings will access the electronic form within Medtrics by selecting the email link on a smart device. No login (username/password) will be required for attendings to access their pending evaluation(s) assigned to them. After the electronic form has been submitted by their attending, students can review the Attending Evaluation of the Student that were completed by visiting the 'Evaluations' module (in the 'About Me' tab) of their Medtrics profiles.

Students are encouraged to seek formative/verbal feedback on their performance at least weekly. Students are also encouraged to discuss the Attending Evaluation of the Student with the supervisor completing the evaluation.

Any evidence of tampering or modification while in the possession of the student will be considered "unprofessional behavior" and will be referred to the Committee on Student Evaluation (COSE).

Student Evaluation of Clerkship Rotation

Students will submit their rotation evaluations electronically at the conclusion of every rotation by accessing the Medtrics system:

<https://msucom.medtricslab.com/users/login/>. By the last week of each rotation, students will receive an automated email link connecting them to their assigned evaluation for the respective rotation. Students can also access their pending evaluations on the 'Home' or 'Evaluations' tabs within their Medtrics accounts.

Unsatisfactory Clinical Performance

The Instructor of Record will review/investigate a student's performance on a rotation when a concern is raised by the supervisor(s), and/or when the Attending Evaluation of Clerkship Student contains any below expectation marks within the professionalism area, any unsatisfactory written comments, or a total of two or more below average marks on the evaluation. After investigations, the Instructor of Record will determine a final grade for the student.

Professionalism concerns, as well as accolades, will also be referred to the MSUCOM Spartan Committee Clearinghouse for resolution, per MSUCOM's Common Ground Framework for Professional Conduct.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

The following assignments are eligible for corrective action. Students who were not successful on these assignments during the course, will receive an NGR grade and be permitted to go through a 'corrective action' process. Corrective Action will be due no later than 14 days after the last day of the rotation at 11:59pm:

- Mid Rotation Feedback Form
- Post copy of work schedule
- Reflective Essay – post rotation

The student is responsible for contacting the Course Assistant (on the title page of this syllabus) if they believe missing assignments were reported in error, or if they are unclear about the corrective action process.

While it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the Attending Evaluation of Clerkship Student is completed, this requirement may extend beyond the corrective action deadline.

If a student **successfully completes** the corrective action process, as determined by the IOR, the student will receive credit for the deficient academic grading requirement(s) and be eligible for a change in rotation grade (from NGR to Pass, pending the Attending Evaluation of Clerkship Student)

As determined by the IOR, the student will receive an N grade for the course if all assignments and the corrective action process are **not completed** successfully within 14 days after the last day of rotation at 11:59pm (except for the Attending Evaluation). Additionally, a letter of unprofessional behavior for late submission of assignments will be sent to the MSUCOM Spartan Community Clearinghouse.

BASE HOSPITAL REQUIREMENTS

Students are responsible for completing all additional requirements set by the hospital/clinical site at which they are completing a rotation. Students are not responsible for reporting to MSUCOM the results of any requirements that exist outside of those listed above.

COURSE GRADES

All rotation requirements must be completed to determine a grade for the course. Students are required to ensure their rotation requirements are completed and submitted correctly.

P/Pass – means that credit is granted, and that the student achieved a level of performance judged to be satisfactory by the department according to the student's didactic and clinical performance.

NGR/No Grade Reported – means that a final grade ('Pass' or 'No Grade') cannot be determined due to one or more missing course requirements. The NGR grade will be changed to a final grade once all the completed course requirements have been submitted to and processed by MSUCOM (either to the department or Clerkship Team). An 'NGR' grade will NOT remain on a student's transcript.

N/No Grade – means that no credit is granted, and that the student did not achieve a level of performance judged to be satisfactory by the department according to the student's didactic and clinical performance.

N Grade Policy

Students who fail this rotation will have to repeat the entire rotation and fulfill all (clinical and academic) requirements.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

- *The student **will** meet the following **clinical responsibilities** during this rotation:*
 - Students are expected to function collaboratively on health care teams that include health professionals from other disciplines in the provision of quality, patient-centered care.
- *The student **will** meet the following **academic responsibilities** during this rotation:*
 - Students are expected to identify, access, interpret and apply medical evidence contained in the scientific literature related to patients' health problems.
 - Students are expected to: assess their personal learning needs specific to this clinical rotation, engage in deliberate, independent learning activities to address their gaps in knowledge, skills, or attitudes; and solicit feedback and use it daily to continuously improve their clinical practice.
 - It is the **student's** responsibility to notify the Clerkship Office (com.clerkship@msu.edu) immediately if they are placed on quarantine or contract COVID and follow all MSUCOM COVID policies and procedures.

MSU COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE STANDARD POLICIES

The following are standard MSUCOM policies across all Clerkship rotations.

CLERKSHIP ATTENDANCE POLICY

MSUCOM requires student participation in clerkship rotations and clinical activities with consistent attendance to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary for successful program completion. This policy will define the policy and procedures regarding absences for clerkship activities. [Policy - Clerkship Absence 2025.pdf](#)

POLICY FOR MEDICAL STUDENT SUPERVISION

The MSUCOM curriculum includes required clinical experiences in a variety of clinical learning environments. The Medical Student Supervision Policy outlines all supervision agreements and expectations. [Clerkship Medical Student Supervision Policy.pdf](#)

MSUCOM STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Student Handbook is published electronically by MSUCOM for students in the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program. This handbook does not supersede other Michigan State University or College of Osteopathic Medicine policies, regulations, agreements, or guidelines. <https://osteopathicmedicine.msu.edu/current-students/student-handbook>.

COMMON GROUND FRAMEWORK FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

The Common Ground Framework provides the MSUCOM community with a reminder of the unity of mind, body, and spirit that underlines the field of osteopathic medicine. The framework is a set of guiding, foundational principles that underpin professional conduct and integrity and applies to all professionals at work within the shared college community, independent of their specific roles or responsibilities.

<https://osteopathicmedicine.msu.edu/about-us/common-ground-professionalism-initiative>

MEDICAL STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The rights and responsibilities of students enrolled in MSUCOM are defined by the medical colleges of Michigan State University, including the College of Osteopathic Medicine, the College of Human Medicine, and the College of Veterinary Medicine. Students enrolled in the professional curricula of these colleges are identified as “medical students.” These colleges collectively define “Medical Student Rights and Responsibilities” (MSRR). This document addresses academic rights and responsibilities, governance, procedures for complaints, due process, and other topics. The current version is available on the MSU Spartan Life website at the address below: <http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/medical-student-rights-and-responsibilities-mssr>

MSU EMAIL

MSU email is the official communication from faculty and staff to students and students are responsible for checking it daily and maintaining their MSU email accounts so that messages can be received. Students are responsible for responding to email in a timely manner or as otherwise outlined in course communication.

Forwarding MSU email to another email account or failure to check email are not valid excuses for missing a deadline or other requirements of the DO program.

Please Note: Student D2L email addresses must be forwarded to your MSU email account.

Further, students must use secure email when working in a hospital, clinic, or other health care setting if discussion of patient information is involved. MSUNet (msu.edu) email is secure; many web-based email systems including Hotmail, Gmail, and Yahoo are not. <https://osteopathicmedicine.msu.edu/current-students/student-handbook>.

DUTY HOURS AND FATIGUE MITIGATION

The accreditation standards for graduate medical education programs include restrictions on the duty hours of residents. Additionally, institutions are expected to promote a clinical learning environment in which duty hours are monitored and strategies exist to mitigate the effects of fatigue. [Clerkship Duty Hours and Fatigue Mitigation Policy.pdf](#)

STUDENT EXPOSURE PROCEDURE

A protocol has been developed by the University Physician to report incidents of exposure, e.g., needle sticks, mucous membrane exposure, tuberculosis exposure, etc., and it may be found here:

<https://osteopathicmedicine.msu.edu/current-students/clerkship-medical-education/injury-and-property-damage-reports>

Contact Associate Dean for Clerkship Education, Dr. Susan Enright (enright4@msu.edu), if exposure incident occurs. Also, immediately contact the local, in Country, MSU COM physician if an exposure incident occurs.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION LETTERS

Michigan State University is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services, and activities. Requests for accommodations by persons with disabilities may be made by contacting the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD) at 517-884-RCPD, or on the web at www.rcpd.msu.edu. Once a student's eligibility for (clinical and/or testing) accommodation(s) are determined, the student may be issued an Accommodation Letter. Students must present their letter to the Clerkship Team (COM.Clerkship@msu.edu) at the start of the semester in which they intend to use their accommodations (for tests, projects, labs, etc.). Accommodation requests received after the semester onset will be honored whenever possible.

If modifications, updates, or extensions to an existing letter are made after the semester begins, it is the responsibility of the student to submit the newest version to the Clerkship Team if he/she intends to utilize the accommodation going forward.

SUMMARY OF GRADING REQUIREMENTS

*For any below information requiring an item be uploaded to D2L, students must ensure it is put into the correct folder within the correct section for their course.

Requirement	Submission Method	Pass	No Grade Reported	No Pass
Pre-Requisite Requirements as per Required Prerequisites in this syllabus	On-line in D2L Dropbox	Prior to departure from the United States	Will be the conditional grade until all requirements of this rotation are met	Not Applicable
Mid Rotation Feedback Form	Submit via D2L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed, scanned, and uploaded to D2L. Must be 100% complete and needing no revisions by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four-week rotations- 11:59 pm on the 3rd Sunday of the rotation. Six-week rotations- 11:59pm on the 4th Sunday of the rotation. 	Will be the conditional grade until all requirements of this rotation are met.	Failure to complete 100% and upload by 14 days after the last day of the rotation at 11:59 pm
Submit a copy of the work schedule that you were assigned	On-line in D2L Dropbox	Completed within 2 weeks of the end of rotation.	Will be the conditional grade until all requirements of this rotation are met	Failure to complete 100% and upload by 14 days after the last day of the rotation at 11:59 pm
Reflective Essay – post rotation	On-line in D2L Dropbox for Final Reflective Essay	Completed within 2 weeks of the end of rotation	Will be the conditional grade until all requirements of this rotation are met	Failure to complete 100% and upload by 14 days after the last day of the rotation at 11:59 pm

Requirement	Submission Method	Pass	No Grade Reported	No Pass
Attending Evaluation of Clerkship Student	Attendings receive an automated email link connecting them to their assigned evaluation(s) within Medtrics, where they may access and submit the electronic form(s) directly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student may receive “Below Expectations” in up to one (1) subcategory. • Overall categories must receive “Meets Expectations” or “Exceeds Expectations” 	Will be the conditional grade until all requirements of this rotation are met	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receives two (2) or more “Below Expectations” within the subcategory sections. • Receives comments that indicate below expectations of performance. • See Unsatisfactory Clinical Performance above
Student Evaluation of Clerkship Rotation	Can be accessed and submitted electronically by students within the dashboard of their Medtrics profiles	Completed 100% by 11:59 pm the last day of the rotation	Will be the conditional grade until all requirements of this rotation are met.	Failure to complete and submit within 14 days from the last day of the rotation



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MID-ROTATION FEEDBACK FORM

Rotation Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Evaluator Name: _____

Evaluator Signature: _____

Date of review with Student: _____

1. This assessment is based on:

- ☐ My own observations and interactions with the student.
☐ Feedback received from other faculty and/or resident supervisors.

2. The student is progressing satisfactorily for their level of training:

☐ YES ☐ NO

If NO, please summarize areas needing improvement below:

3. Overall comments on student performance

Strengths:	Areas of Improvement:

4. Please check only areas of student **DIFFICULTY**:

<input type="checkbox"/>	On time for all activities of the rotation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present/Prepared for all activities of rotation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Respectful/courteous to patients, staff, peers, attending's	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student is aware of limitations and appropriately seeks assistance when needed
<input type="checkbox"/>	A great team player (helpful, reliable, proactive)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accepting of feedback and made necessary changes because of the feedback
<input type="checkbox"/>	Engaged in learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Honest and trustworthy
<input type="checkbox"/>	A good patient advocate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Work ethic