

OST 688

Global Health: Cuba- Clinical Immersion

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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INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

OST 688 Global Health: Cuba – Clinical Immersion is a 4-credit hour course that provides students with an introduction to the health care delivery model in Cuba while experiencing the country's rich culture. Students will explore the public health and community medicine model by on site observation of the delivery of community health clinics, maternal health, pediatric care, and geriatric care.

ELECTIVE COURSE SCHEDULING

Preapproval

- This course does not require preapproval from the IOR. The student should follow the below directions for elective course confirmation and enrollment.

Required Prerequisites

- This course does not require any prerequisite courses.
- An application is required for every elective rotation.
- Membership in the MSUCOM Student Organization – International Osteopathic Medical Organization (IOMO)

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
 - Once the student receives rotation acceptance from the host site, students must provide the elective application and host site approval to IGH@msu.edu for application review and to share with COM.clerkship@msu.edu for MSUCOM confirmation and scheduling as well as approval from Office of International Health and Safety globalsafety@msu.edu for approval of the destination.
- 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

OST 688 Global Health: Cuba – Clinical Immersion program will consist of students rotating through the departments of three main teaching hospitals in Havana. There will be lectures and presentations by Cuban health care officials and clinicians, and opportunities for students to closely observe and participate in the care of patients while learning about Cuba's history and culture.

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.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOALS

1. The primary goal of this elective is to introduce the structure and function of the Cuban Health System, and to immerse the student in the culture of Cuba.
2. The student will be challenged through lectures and observations to identify the attributes and dynamics of what makes the Cuban health system, despite scarcity of national resources, a leader in the western hemisphere in maternal/infant mortality and the delivery of public health.
3. Lastly, the program will provide ample cultural activities and opportunities for students to identify those aspects of culture that might affect current health care conditions.

OBJECTIVES

1. Analyze the attributes of the Cuban Health System
2. Delivery of Public and Community Health in Cuba
3. Health Care Delivery in a Hospital Setting
4. Interaction with Cuban clinicians and public health officials
5. Consideration of future opportunities in global health
6. Immersion in Cuban culture and history and developing cultural competencies.
7. Develop conversational and medical Spanish language.
8. Develop lifelong learning skills.

COMPETENCIES

1. Patient Care
 - a. Empathy and compassion in patient care interactions
2. Interpersonal and Communication Skills
 - a. Communicate effectively in a multi-disciplinary setting.
 - b. Creatively work ways of communicating with the patient when language barriers are present.
 - c. Demonstrate accurate record keeping.
3. Medical Knowledge
 - a. Demonstrate an understanding of the psychosocial and healthcare needs for patients in all life stage.
4. Professionalism
 - a. Practice with professionalism, compassion, and concern in a legal, ethical, and moral fashion.
5. Practice Based Learning
 - a. Demonstrate an understanding of public health concepts, health promotion, and disease prevention
 - b. Be always curious with the expectation to continue learning.

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:

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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.

ROTATION REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENT	SUBMISSION METHOD	DUE DATE Please refer to D2L for actual (month/day) due dates
Attendance at pre-travel orientation	In-person or Zoom meeting	2-3 weeks prior to departure
Completion of pre-trip survey (optional)	Survey link	Within 48-72 hours of departure
Student must participate in all pre-planning meetings as well as scheduled activities	Attendance	As assigned
Journal assignments/reflection	Email to igh@msu.edu	1 week after official end date of elective
Completion of post-trip survey (optional, strongly encouraged)	Survey link	Within 48-72 hours of course end date
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	Last Day of Rotation

REQUIREMENT	SUBMISSION METHOD	DUE DATE Please refer to D2L for actual (month/day) due dates
	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.	Last Day of Rotation

WEEKLY READINGS/OBJECTIVES/ASSIGNMENTS

There will be daily debriefing sessions, topics assigned daily during the trip. Topics are related to Cuban Health Care System as well as specific questions to the specialty the student is doing during the program.

STUDENT ACTIVITY LOGS

There will be daily reflection essays/journaling assessments with daily prompts.

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.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).

Grades are held until all rotation requirements are received. Students are required to ensure their rotation requirements are completed correctly.

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

There is no corrective action available for this course.

As determined by the IOR, the student will receive an N grade for the course if all assignments 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.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

During the two or four weeks of the rotation, the student is required to meet clinical and academic responsibilities and participate in all scheduled activities.

- *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 on a daily basis to continuously improve their clinical practice.

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. [Clerkship-Absence-Policy.pdf \(msu.edu\)](#)

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.

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.

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.

COURSE GRADES

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 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

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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

Requirement	Submission Method	Pass	No Grade Reported	No Pass
Attendance at pre-travel orientation	In-person or zoom meeting	Not mandatory for grade	Not mandatory for grade	Not mandatory for grade
Daily journal assignments/summative reflection essay	E-mailed to igh@msu.edu	Completed 100% and emailed by 11:59 pm the last day of the course	Will stand as the conditional grade until all requirements of this rotation are met	Failure to complete and upload within two weeks after the rotation ends
Daily group debriefs	Participation	Students may receive up to one "Below Expectations" Mark in any subcategory with the overall categories at "Meets Expectations."	Will stand as the conditional grade until all requirements of this rotation are met	Failure to participate.
Pre-trip and post-trip surveys	Link emailed within 72 hours of departure/return	Not mandatory for grade	Not mandatory for grade	Not mandatory for grade
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

Requirement	Submission Method	Pass	No Grade Reported	No Pass
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 end of the rotation