Course Information for AY16-17

FCM-501: Family and Community Medicine: Family Medicine - St. Elizabeth’s Hospital

Course Type: Direct Patient Care (DPE)
Elective type: Sub internship

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Course description: The Family Practice In-Patient Service (FPIS) is a team of family practice residents supervised by a family practice staff. This team provides the inpatient care for the SLU- FP Residency patients admitted to Saint Elizabeth’s Hospital in Belleville, Illinois. The FPIS covers patients admitted to the Intensive Care Unit, general medical and telemetry wards. The goal of this sub-internship is to give fourth year medical students the opportunity to hone skills in the diagnosis and management of medical problems in the setting of a Family Practice inpatient team. In addition to the director, upper-level residents and faculty members on FPIS will supervise Sub-Interns.

Objectives: Over the course of this sub-internship, the student will:

- Perform a thorough history and physical exam of complicated and uncomplicated medical patients.
- Present the history, physical exam and differential diagnosis of each patient in oral and written form.
- Develop a plan for the inpatient and subsequent outpatient management of each patient admitted to his or her care.
- Write routine all admission and daily orders, admission history and physicals, daily progress notes and discharge paperwork.
- Acquire an expanded knowledge base of the medical problems of each patient admitted to their care.
- Learn the key elements to the evaluation and treatment of common and uncommon problems in the areas of infectious disease, cardiology, oncology, gastroenterology, endocrinology and general medicine. Additionally obstetric & nursery topics.
- Develop skills for the effective use and interpretation of laboratory and radiology studies.
- Learn appropriate utilization of subspecialty consultations.
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal and communication skills in interactions with patients, family, ancillary staff, residents and faculty.
Develop an understanding of the non-medical impact of inpatient medical care on patients and their families.

Student responsibilities
Each sub-intern will spend two of the three weeks on the FPIS team at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital as a vital member of the team, assuming increased responsibility and involvement in the care of their patients. It is anticipated that the sub-intern will cover an average of 3-4 patients on a daily basis. The daily notes and routine orders will be completed with the supervision of the senior resident and/or attending physician. Presentation of their patients at rounds with emphasis on differential diagnosis and treatment plans will be the responsibility of the student.

During one of their weeks, the sub-intern will work on the OB/NICU services. While on OB/Nursery the sub-intern will attend vaginal deliveries, assist in cesarean sections and perform circumcisions in addition to following patients in labor & triage patients.

Additionally the sub-intern will be expected to attend all teaching and work rounds as well as Wednesday afternoon teaching conferences at the family practice center. The sub-intern will take one call per week on the above named services.

Educational methods
Rounds, Small Group Discussion

Evaluation methods
The attending faculty (rotates weekly) and senior resident will complete written evaluations of the sub-intern's performance. The course director based on these evaluations will make a written composite and final grade. A meeting with the course director will take place at the beginning of the third week.

Student Experiences
Common Problems/Diseases: Coronary Artery Disease, Congestive Heart Failure, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and acute exacerbation, Abdominal Pain, Pancreatitis

Percent Inpatient: 100% Percent Outpatient: 0% Percent Consultation: 0%

Approximate number of patients evaluated each month per student: 12

Average number of patients each month on service: 40

Nightcall: Yes - one per week.

Report to on first day
Students should arrive at 8:00 a.m. at the SLU Belleville Residency Program if prior contact has not been made by the Residency Coordinator.

Course Sites
St. Elizabeth's Hospital 211 South Third Street Belleville, Illinois 62220

Course Duration
3 Weeks

Credits (count toward graduation requirements)
3

Availability for SLU students
Number accepted: 2

Available to M4 in periods 302-304, 306-310, 312-314

Availability for Visiting students
This elective is not available for visiting students.

To Add/Drop after restriction days
The Year 3/4 Schedule Change form can be obtained in the Academic Records Office (LRC 101). You must complete the form, obtain the necessary departmental signatures, and return the form to the Academic Records Office at least 30 days before the course you are dropping or adding begins. This may seem like a long time, but it is very important for departments to have accurate knowledge of the students in their courses so that faculty and resources are ready.

Contact Therese Heidemann (slumeded@slu.edu) or Jennifer Greathouse (slumeded@slu.edu) in the Office of Curricular Affairs for more information.