Medical Student Rotations

University of Florida Orthopaedic Surgery Clerkship - Gainesville

The University of Florida’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in Gainesville offers four-week clinical clerkships throughout the academic year to qualified fourth year students. The educational experience with duties similar to a first-year resident will provide the student with an overview to Orthopaedic Surgery and its practice. Additionally, the clerkship will provide insight into the University of Florida’s Orthopaedic Surgery residency in Gainesville. In this externship, students will have the opportunity to rotate through various Orthopaedic specialties, including:

- Trauma
- Sports Medicine
- Hand and Upper Extremity
- Foot & Ankle
- Pediatric Orthopaedics
- Adult Reconstruction Surgery
- Adult Spine
- Orthopaedic Oncology

Students actively participate in daily inpatient rounds and morning conference followed by operative cases, assisting junior residents in the emergency room, or outpatient clinics. Students are expected to take call during the rotation.

The clerkship is listed as "Clinical Sciences of the Musculoskeletal System" in the fourth year catalog and the director is Dr. Richard Vlasak.

Application

Visiting student applications are considered in order of receipt and should be submitted at least 8 weeks in advance. Rotation dates can be found on the Office of Student Affairs webpage. (http://osa.med.ufl.edu/catalogue/visiting-medical-student-clerkships/ [1]) We will attempt to accommodate alternative schedules, but accommodation is not guaranteed. Access is limited in June and July to accommodate UF students. Please indicate your first, second, and third choices of rotation periods.

Applicants must apply in VSAS as well as providing the following information to the Orthopaedic Surgery Education Office at (rotators@ortho.ufl.edu [2]):

- Dates of rotation request including alternative rotation request
- Current CV including USMLE Step 1 Score
- Brief personal statement on your interest in the University of Florida
- Medical school transcript

VSAS application can be found at: https://services.aamc.org/20/vsas/ [3]

When applications are complete, they will be reviewed by the Orthopaedic Surgery Program Director. The applicant will be informed via email of acceptance and once the Office of Student Affairs confirms the applicant has fulfilled UF requirements we will schedule and confirm your rotation via VSAS.
The student will need to accept the rotation in VSAS.

The link for the UF College of Medicine’s Office of Student Affairs for visiting students is: [1]
http://osa.med.ufl.edu/catalogue/visiting-medical-student-clerkships/

University of Florida – Jacksonville is a separate residency with their own process. Please follow the link for further information: [4]
http://hscj.ufl.edu/orthopaedic-surgery/residency/

If you have any questions during the process please email: rotators@ortho.ufl.edu [2]

Please address all further questions and correspondence to:
Education Office
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