

ELECTIVE NAME:

Orthopedic Surgery

COURSE NO:

SUR 613

PREREQUISITE:

Required Junior Surgery Clerkship

INSTITUTION:

Spectrum Health Butterworth
Spectrum Health Blodgett
Saint Mary's Health Care

DESCRIPTION:

This clerkship is designed to provide an understanding of broad scope of orthopedics with emphasis placed on diagnostic and management skills including emergencies. The student will be given an understanding of orthopedics and trauma, a basic understanding of pathophysiology of common orthopedic problems, how to identify the problems, and initiate good treatment. This elective will offer students exposure to musculoskeletal injuries and reconstructive surgery. The student will assist on a variety of orthopedic procedures with subsequent post-operative follow-up. Attempts are made to tailor the orthopedic experience, to maximize the student's exposure to possible future areas of endeavor. The rotation will include a one week experience at Spectrum Health Butterworth, one week at Spectrum Health Blodgett and two weeks at Saint Mary's Health Care.
Inpatient: 80%; Outpatient: 20%.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

10 calls/month (includes both in house and home call)
Daily rounding on patients (including weekends when scheduled for call)

ORIENTATION:

All students will report to the Orthopedic Surgery Residency Office on their first morning for a required orientation. The orientation will be scheduled for 8 a.m. If you are visiting student, a second required orientation will be scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on your first day to go over general requirements and to pick up your MERC nametag and pager.

EVALUATION:

Preceptor(s) will be asked to submit a written evaluation at the conclusion of the clerkship based upon clinical performance, completion of assigned/recommended reading assignments, and active involvement on the clerkship. Faculty are encouraged to provide ongoing feedback throughout elective rotations.