



SURGERY CLERKSHIP

AY 2023–2024

COURSE OVERVIEW

SURG3000 is an 8-week-long core clerkship with a general surgery service and a surgical subspecialty service. Students will receive hands-on skills training, inter-professional & interpersonal communication, and collaboration skills, and experience hands-on patient care.



COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to attend weekly didactic sessions, weekly surgical conference, and participate in standardized patient exams, simulation skills testing, and complete a list of required experiences while on our clerkship.

NBME SHELF EXAM

The NBME Shelf Exam is administered at the end of each 8 week block. The raw score of the shelf sets the ceiling for the overall grade (Honors, High Pass, Pass) for students.

EVALUATIONS

Students receive evaluations from their preceptors on clinical services, which are graded. Students also have the opportunity to evaluate their preceptors anonymously.

OSCE

OSCE is our standardized patient exam. Students will review a patient chart, perform an exam and determine differential diagnosis. The curriculum comes from the ACS, and is graded based on faculty feedback.

ACS MODULES

Students are expected to complete all modules assigned through the American College of Surgeon's core clerkship curriculum during this course.

REQUIRED CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

Students have a list of 7 surgical cases they are required to observe and submit an H&P for. There is also an institutional list of observed and preformed submitted through eMedley.

PROFESSIONALISM

In surgery, we grade professionalism. Professionalism is not just in clinic or in the OR, it is at conferences, in the halls, and in communication with staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE TASK

Students are asked to keep up with administrative tasks in a timely manner on the clerkship. This includes checking email, staying up to date in CANVAS, and submitting and receiving all credentialing before the clerkship begins.

SIM SKILLS TESTING

Students are trained and graded on technical skills, specifically suturing and knot tying. During the clerkship students can practice their skills in the SIM Center in Murphy.

PROFESSIONAL ATTRIBUTES OF PHYSICIANS

- 1.) Demonstrate compassion, integrity, and respect for others.
- 2.) Demonstrate responsiveness to patient needs, that supersedes self-interest.
- 3.) Demonstrate respect for patient privacy and autonomy.
- 4.) Demonstrate accountability to patients, society, and the profession.
- 5.) Demonstrate sensitivity & responsiveness to a diverse patient population, including, but not limited to diversity in gender age, culture race, religion disabilities in sexual orientation.
- 6.) Demonstrate a commitment to ethical principles pertaining to provision or withholding of care, confidentiality, informed consent, and business practices, including compliance with relevant laws, policies, and regulations.

OBJECTIVES

- Patient Care
- Knowledge for Practice
- Practice-based Learning and Improvement
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- Community Engagement and Service
- Professionalism
- Systems-Based Practices
- Interprofessional Collaboration
- Personal and Professional Development



CLERKSHIP SITES

- Acute Care Service - Tulane Medical Center
- Minimally Invasive/Bariatrics - Tulane Medical Center & Lakeside Hospital
- Endocrine & Oncological Surgery - Tulane Medical Center
- Transplant - Tulane Medical Center
- Bariatrics - University Medical Center
- Trauma - University Medical Center
- TICU - University Medical Center
- CT/Vascular - Tulane Medical Center
- Pediatric Surgery - Children's Hospital New Orleans
- UMC Green - University Medical Center
- Vascular Surgery - East Jefferson Hospital
- Colo-Rectal Surgery - East Jefferson Hospital
- General Surgery - Veteran's Affairs Hospital New Orleans
- General Surgery - Lakeview Regional Medical Center (Covington, LA)
- General Surgery - Our Lady of the Lake (Baton Rouge, LA)
- General Surgery - North Oaks Hospital (Hammond, LA)
- Urology: VA Hospital, Tulane, UMC
- Orthopedic Surgery: VA Hospital, Tulane, UMC
- ENT: VA Hospital, Tulane, UMC



SURGERY ELECTIVES

4TH YEAR ELECTIVES

When scheduling opens for 4th year electives, email Caroline at crhodes3@tulane.edu to reserve your elective. It is first come first serve for all elective spots.

SURG3500 - ACTING INTERN

4 week long acting internship with surgery

Graded through evaluations and by submitting the required clinical experiences in eMedley

Graded H/HP/P

SURG4002 & SURG4004

SURG4002 - 2 week surgery elective

SURG4004 - 4 week surgery elective

* Not an AI

Graded P/F

SURG3040 & SURG3120

SURG3040 - Surgery Research elective

SURG3120 - Outpatient Surgery elective with breast surgery

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- Pediatric Surgery - Children's Hospital New Orleans
- UMC Green - University Medical Center
- Plastic Surgery - Lakeview Regional Medical Center, Lakeside Hospital & Tulane Medical Center
- General Surgery - Lakeview Regional Medical Center



OUTPATIENT SITES

- Breast Surgery
- Hand Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics
- Plastic Surgery
- Urology
- Neurosurgery



HONORS SURGERY

HONORS SURGERY is a 4 week elective available every August, exclusively for 4th year students who are applying to General Surgery Residency. This elective is a residency prep course based off of the American College of Surgeon's curriculum. Students will have a series of lecture, hands on simulation experience, OR simulation, and more during this course. At the end of the course, students receive a certificate from the ACS and the Department of Surgery.

APPLYING TO HONORS SURGERY

NOVEMBER: Email Caroline that you are interested in Honors Surgery. There will be a mass email to the entire graduating class to join the interest list. You will need your updated CV and a personal statement.

MARCH: Email invitations for interviews will go out to students who applied.

APRIL/MAY: Students will interview with Dr. Paramesh, Dr. Jaffe, & Dr. McGrew.

JUNE 1ST: Decision emails will be sent to students regarding the program.

JUNE 30TH: Final day to accept or decline your spot in Honors Surgery.



CONTACT INFORMATION



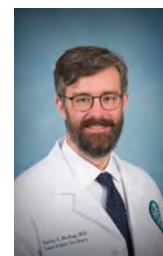
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