Seattle Preceptorship Guide

What is a Preceptorship?
A preceptorship is an elective mentored experience in which a practicing physician volunteers to give personal instruction, training, and supervision to a medical student during the first or second year of medical school. Preceptorships offer the preclinical student an opportunity to follow a patient over time, to get to know the particular clinical field and to experience a clinical setting over a period of eight weeks.

Selecting and Arranging your Preceptorship
Preceptorships are elective experiences for students in their first or second year of medical school. Preceptorships for Seattle students are available through winter quarter of year two. Some preceptorships have prerequisites such as having completed a prior preceptorship or second year standing. Students should begin by contacting the department of interest in advance (normally by the end of the previous quarter). Students register themselves for preceptorships via MyUW.

- Preceptorships are often set up as eight 4-hour sessions over a period of eight weeks.
- Specific departmental requirements are available through the department preceptorship coordinator. Availability within each department is limited, and preceptorships are registered on a first come first serve basis.
- When contacting the preceptorship coordinator, plan to share your interests and availability, and plan to have alternate times & quarters available.
- Preceptorships must be arranged outside of Foundations of Clinical Medicine and class time.
- Students may need to plan to travel outside of the University in some cases to complete preceptorships.
- Upon completion, students will receive an invitation by email to complete an evaluation of their preceptorship.
- UWSOM does not waive late registration fees. Registration deadlines are the same as the upper campus Registration Period II dates which can be found here.

Note: Shadowing at Harborview Medical Center (HMC) must be pre-approved by the Medical Director’s Office. The student or department must submit student’s and physician’s name, and start and end date, to the HMC Medical Director’s Office prior to the start date.
Departmental Contact Information

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Family Medicine
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Neurological Surgery
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Urology
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