OPHTHALMOLOGY

Course name and number: Clinical Ophthalmology: Clinical Clerkship: OPHTH420a.

Coordinator:

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Faculty:

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Duration: 4 weeks

Availability: All blocks (Best for aspiring ophthalmologists to take this early because Ophthalmology is an early match.)

Number of students: 4

Objectives:

This four-week course is designed to familiarize aspiring ophthalmologists and non-ophthalmologists with general ophthalmic problems and skills that are useful to all physicians. Includes exposure to all aspects of general ophthalmology with a concentration on the student's individual interests.

The work week will include observing surgery (mainly cataracts, also retina and glaucoma cases) and participating in clinics. Students will be expected to participate in all inpatient consults and to attend weekly didactic on Wednesday afternoon and any full day lectures that occur while on rotation. The students are also welcome to attend any seminars within our basic science laboratories.

Students will be expected to learn basic skills such as slit lamp examination and use of the direct ophthalmoscope. They will also be expected to learn basic ophthalmic terms and concepts in addition to gaining familiarity with commonly encountered ophthalmic conditions.

Means of Implementation:

The Student will be assigned to work directly with one of the senior residents or faculty members for two weeks in Baton Rouge at Our Lady of the Lake (housing may be provided), and two weeks in New Orleans working at UMCNO and the Health Care Network. The rotation will include surgery observations and progressive responsibility for patient workup and treatment plans. The Student is expected to attend in-patient consults and full day lecture (if held within the rotation) and Wednesday didactic sessions each week. Students will have the option to attend neuroscience and subspecialty conferences and journal clubs as they occur.

Evaluation Method:

The grade is the accumulation of faculty evaluations; any attending with whom the student is in contact during the rotation may request to submit one. The grade is an average of the evaluations.