

Course Number and Name: Acting Internship – New Orleans MED 418 (Secondary Acting Internship), MED 419 (Primary Acting Internship)

Available Hospitals: UMCNO, OMC-Kenner, and Touro Infirmary

Faculty: Faculty of the LSU Internal Medicine Department in New Orleans

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Duration: 4 weeks

Availability: Senior acting internships may be taken as an elective if spots are available after assignment of acting internships to students at the LSU School of Medicine (New Orleans).

Objectives/Means of Implementation:

The Department of Medicine offers this Senior Acting Internship at the University Medical Center– New Orleans (UMCNO), Ochsner Medical Center-Kenner (OMC-K), and Touro Infirmary to allow the senior student to function as an integral member of a clinical team responsible for inpatient care of ill patients in a setting which will closely simulate their expected experience as house officers. Acting Interns will be under the supervision of house officers and faculty at each affiliated hospital. The participating hospital will establish criteria for student supervision recognizing that there may be minor variations in the level of clinical responsibility permitted to the student. In general, students will be regarded as interns with the limitation that their patient care activities are under the continuous supervision of responsible and qualified physicians.

In this setting, students are expected to perfect their skills in diagnosis, the handling of patients with specific emphasis on independent formulation of plans for management, refine techniques for the writing of appropriate orders for all phases of inpatient care, prescription writing, and the performance of diagnostic invasive procedures such as lumbar puncture, thoracentesis, paracentesis, etc. In each instance, the determination of need for these procedures must have prior approval by appropriate responsible physicians. Immediate supervision by a physician is imperative whenever such a procedure is undertaken. Acting interns will also be expected to complete at least one night shift (except for rotations at OMC-K) over the course of their rotation, with opportunity to complete up to 3 night shifts.

At the conclusion of this block, the Department of Medicine will presume that it has provided all students with the basic fund of knowledge required for a foundation in clinical medicine. Students will be expected to build upon this foundation by continued self-education during the remainder of their medical school curriculum, during subsequent years of training as a house officer, and during their professional life as practicing physicians.

Evaluation:

The final evaluation form will be completed by the attending staff on the team on New Innovations. A mid-course feedback form and H&P form must be completed and turned in at the end of your rotation.