

Clerkship Duty Hours

(Adopted by the Curriculum Oversight Committee)

Students on clinical clerkships should not spend more than 80 hours per week (on average over the duration of the clerkship) in clinical and didactic learning activities. Students who are assigned to overnight call in the hospital should not have patient care responsibilities after 1:00 PM on the following day. Students will still be expected to attend mandatory didactic activities even after overnight call. In-house call must occur no more frequently than every third night, averaged over a four-week period. Students should have at least 24 consecutive hours off/week averaged over the duration of the clerkship. This policy holds true for all required clerkships, including Neurosciences.

If a student has concerns that their duty hours have been exceeded, they should contact the Director of the Clinical Sciences Curriculum and Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education (Dr. Robin English), the Associate Dean for Student Affairs (Dr. Cathy Lazarus), or the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs (Dr. Fred Lopez),.