



Office of the Dean  
School of Medicine

**Policy Title:** Policy on Clerkship Phase Work Hours

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**Body Responsible for Review/Revision/Approval:** Clerkship Director Committee; Curriculum Steering Committee

**Responsible Dean:** Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education

**Relevant LCME Element:  
(if applicable)** 8.8

**Policy Statement/Purpose:**

The clerkship phase of the curriculum includes patient care activities as well as didactic learning activities. The clerkship directors developed this policy to be similar to ACGME requirements for residency duty hours.

**Policy Directives:**

Students on required clinical rotations 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. However, students are expected to attend mandatory didactic activities even after overnight call. In-house call must occur no more frequently than every third night, averaged over the rotation. Students must have a minimum of one day in seven free of clinical work and required education averaged over the duration of the rotation. Weekends, school holidays, and absences are included in this “one day in seven” guideline.

If a student has concerns that their duty hours have been exceeded, they should contact the clerkship director as soon as possible and can do so without concern that their clerkship evaluation will be negatively affected by the report. If students are not comfortable contacting the clerkship director, they should contact the Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, the Director of Student Affairs, the Associate Dean for Student Affairs, or one of the Assistant Deans for Student Affairs.