 ELECTIVES

Section Five
STUDENT RUN HOMELESS FAMILY CLINIC

DESCRIPTION: The Student Run Homeless Family Clinic is managed and staged by UCLA medical students with volunteer faculty supervision under the aegis of the Department of Family Medicine. Students will receive a one-week elective pass/fail credit. The Westwood clinic is located at Salvation Army Transitional Family Housing and has a large pediatric population and the child immunization program. “Samoshel” is located in Santa Monica and serves a homeless adult population. The Mobile Clinic has recently joined as a third site. This clinic provides care to an at-risk youth and a predominantly homeless population with a high incidence of IV drug use.

2006-2007 ROTATIONS BEGIN WEEKS:
By Arrangement (October 1, 2006, last day to add and December 1, 2006, last day to drop)

DURATION: Longitudinal (1 week credit will be awarded)

AVAILABLE TO EXTERNS: No

STUDENTS / PERIOD: max 16

STUDENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:
1. Become familiar with the psychology, motivation, and dynamics underlying addiction and the impact on the addicted individual and his or her family.
2. Acquire an understanding of the principles of addiction treatment.
3. Develop an appreciation for group therapy and peer support as therapeutic tools.
4. Gain insight into the experience of patients undergoing treatment for addiction.

STUDENT EXPERIENCES

COMMON PROBLEMS/DISEASES

INPATIENT: 0%
OUTPATIENT: 100%

CLOSE CONTACT WITH:
X FULL TIME FACULTY
X CLINICAL FACULTY
X FELLOWS
X RESIDENTS
INTERNS
OTHER

APPROXIMATE # OF PATIENTS EVALUATED EACH WEEK BY STUDENT: 1 – 2
TOTAL # OF PATIENTS EVALUATED EACH WEEK BY ENTIRE SERVICE: 25

TYPICAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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ON-CALL SCHEDULE & WEEKEND ACTIVITIES: SAC Westwood and Santa Monica: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. clinic on Saturdays (2 scheduled per month) Mobile Clinic: Wednesday nights 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Requirements include: 1) attendance at October orientation; 2) participation in a minimum of 7 clinics; 3) attendance at a minimum of 2 evening lectures. 4) Students are required to write up an interview with a homeless person that addresses the factors that lead to the individual becoming homeless. PCC students may use FP253.03 to satisfy their PCC longitudinal experience requirement.
**Adding the Student Run Family Homeless Clinic Elective**

1. **At least one month before the elective begins, contact the student coordinator (Melinda Perlo) listed on the elective profile page, for course availability.** If the course is available, ask the student coordinator to pencil your name in on the roster until he/she receives your Drop/Add Form.

2. **Follow-up by completing an UCLA Elective Drop/Add Form.**
   The form is located in the Student Affairs Office and on the Medical Student website at [http://www.medstudent.ucla.edu/sao/clinical/dropadd.pdf](http://www.medstudent.ucla.edu/sao/clinical/dropadd.pdf)

3. **Submit the form to student coordinator for the course chair’s signature at least one month before the rotation is scheduled to begin.** You may hand deliver, FAX, or mail the form to the student coordinator.

4. **Return the signed Drop/Add Form to Dayna Moore in the Student Affairs Office.** You may ask the student coordinator to send it or you may hand deliver the form yourself. It is your responsibility to ensure that the paperwork is completed and returned to the Student Affairs Office at least one month before the rotation is scheduled to begin.

5. **Dayna will add the elective to your schedule within the week of receiving your Elective Drop/Add Form.**
   The Student Run Homeless Family Clinic will be added to your schedule during winter break since it is a longitudinal elective.

**Note:** To potentially add a course after the one-month deadline, you must receive an approval signature from the course chair and the Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Neil Parker.

**Dropping the Student Run Family Homeless Clinic Elective**

Follow the steps above (adding the elective) to drop the elective.

Talking to the student coordinator of an elective is not a substitution for completing a Drop/Add Form in a timely manner. Also, if you fail to appear for a clerkship and/or have not submitted a drop form at least one month in advance, you may receive a ‘FAIL’ on your transcript.