The six-week clinical clerkship in Obstetrics and Gynecology is offered at four teaching hospitals: UCLA Center for the Health Sciences, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, and the Olive View-UCLA Medical Center.

The objective of the clerkship is to acquaint the student with the varied aspects of the medical care for women, with emphasis on acquiring the basic skills of gynecologic and obstetrical history taking and physical examination, participating and assuming responsibility in the evaluation and care of outpatients and inpatients, and acquiring practical experience in the operating and delivery room areas with close supervision by the staff.

Formal and informal daily teaching sessions and rounds with the faculty and resident staff are an integral part of the six-week experience. The Problem Based Learning System is used with daily sessions at the Center for Health Sciences and at least twice weekly sessions held at the other teaching hospitals. Those sessions are constructed so as to cover the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynecology Care objectives under the guidance of faculty preceptors. Students are on call no more than every fourth night. The criteria used in determining the final grade are the ward evaluation and the written examination. You must pass both components in order to pass the clerkship. All students are expected to attain a passing score on the National Board of Medical Examiners shelf exam in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Students must achieve a score at the 11th percentile of students taking this examination nationwide to pass the shelf exam. Students must enter a minimum of 20 patient encounters in their PDA Patient Logs in order to pass the clerkship. Students must conduct an H&P and provide an assessment and management plan. The requirement may be completed in both the inpatient and outpatient portions of the clerkship. Students must turn in a completed clinical encounter checklist card at the end of the clerkship to their student coordinator. Failure to meet this requirement will result in a grade of Incomplete. Students are expected to complete weekly self-assessments composed of 10 questions on ANGEL. Failure to complete all the self-assessments by the end of the clerkship will result in a grade of Incomplete.

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Criteria for Letters of Distinction in Obstetrics and Gynecology

85th percentile or above on the written examination and judged to have truly exemplary clinical activities.