



UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (UME) ELECTIVE FAQs

[General Information](#)

Elective rotations are solely for fourth year medical students (M.D. or D.O.). These rotations are not for other student types.

Affiliated Schools

Cleveland Clinic Florida is affiliated with numerous domestic and international medical schools. If you are unsure if your medical school is affiliated with Cleveland Clinic Florida (CCF), please contact our UME Coordinator at medstudents@ccf.org.

[Application Information](#)

General Minimum Score Requirements

We will accept your Step 1, Step 2, or COMLEX 1 or COMLEX 2 score.

- Step 1 must be proof of pass
- Step 2 minimum score requirement: 220
- COMLEX minimum score requirement: 550

**See rotation description for further details and specific score requirements.*

What if I do not meet the minimum requirement?

- We will accept your Step 2 score in place of Step 1.
- Returning students who completed core rotations at CCF who do not meet the 220 requirement should contact their school directly to initiate an appeal process.

Application Submission and Deadlines

Please see the application for specific submission dates and deadlines.

CCF begins accepting applications on the 1st of the month, 4 months prior to the start of the rotation. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be notified via email of acceptance, denial, or wait-list status within 30 days of the application submission date.

How do I increase my chances of getting scheduled?

- Since applications are accepted in the order that they are received, when the application submission window opens, apply at midnight.
- List alternate elective choices in case your first choice is not available.

Do I have to submit a new application each month for future electives?

- Yes, because applications are not accepted early, you will need to apply monthly based on the application submission dates for the requested rotation month.



Fees

Application fee?

- There are no application or processing fees. There are no deposits required.

Cancellation fee?

- Any cancellations made within 90 days of the start of the rotation, your school will be billed in full.

Documentation Requirements

The following items must be included with your application:

- Professional front-facing headshot photo with solid, white background (JPG Format)
- Current curriculum vitae
- Copy of current year's health insurance card or proof of health insurance
- Step 1 or 2, or COMLEX 1 or 2 score
- Copy of Passport & Visa (if not a US Citizen)

The following documents are required to be **kept on file by your school**. You do NOT need to submit these to Cleveland Clinic directly, however you must ensure your school has up-to-date documentation of the items below:

1. Flu Vaccine (current season)
2. PPD (dated within 1 year of the rotation) or Negative Chest X-Ray (dated within 2 years of the rotation)
3. Titers/Vaccination records (dated within 3 years)
4. 10 panel Drug Screening (dated within 1 year of the rotation)
5. Background Check (dated within 1 year of the rotation)
6. Letter of Good Standing from University

Note: All documentation must be in English.

[Rotation Information](#)

Rotation Availability

Offered elective rotations are subject to change. Due to the high volume of applicants, scheduling is more competitive during certain time of the year (April-November). Most rotations are offered year-round; however some departments may not offer rotations in the month of December.

Can I change my rotation after I accept?

- Changes may be requested, but depending on the timeframe and availability of rotations, changes may be granted on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the UME Department.

A faculty member has told me I can rotate in their department. Is this allowed?

- No. All scheduling must go through the UME Department to ensure fairness to all students who apply and to keep rotations within their capacity limits.



Rotation Dates

Please see the application for specific rotation dates.

All rotations begin on the 1st Monday of each month and are 4 weeks in length. If the Monday is a U.S. business holiday, the rotation will begin on Tuesday. There are no exceptions to rotation dates. Extended rotations may be considered on a case-by-case basis, however there are no guarantees. All requests must be approved by the UME Department.

Conflict of Dates

We are aware that many students' academic calendars do not align with CCF, however in order to accommodate the maximum number of students, we cannot make exceptions to these dates.

Working Hours/Schedules

Clinic (outpatient) services are typically 8 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday. Hospital services vary with each department and may include weekends, nights, and call.

When will I receive my schedule?

For most rotations, the preceptor will provide schedule information on the first day of the rotation. For other rotations, the schedule will be distributed by the UME Coordinator the week before the start date.

Orientation

All students must attend mandatory orientation on the first day of their first rotation at CCF. There are no exceptions. Returning Core students do not need to repeat elective orientation. Orientation information will be sent approximately 4 weeks prior to the start of the rotation.

Meals

There are no discounts or stipends for meals. On-site food options include the main cafeteria, Subway and the Braathen café with Starbucks.

Medical Care While on Rotation

If you need non-emergency medical care while you are at CCF, students may visit the walk-in clinic or schedule an appointment. Check with your personal health insurance policy for coverage information.

If you need emergency medical care while you are at CCF, students may visit the Emergency Room. Check with your personal health insurance policy for emergency coverage information.

Can I receive services from the Employee Health department?

- No, students may not receive services from Employee Health.

Housing

While housing is not provided by CCF, you can contact medstudents@ccf.org or the UME Coordinator for a list of local housing and apartment rentals available as well as extended stay hotels.

Parking

A parking map will be provided to you with your orientation information. There is no fee for parking.

Parking anywhere other than the designated student parking lot may affect the professionalism portion of your grade and could result in receiving a ticket, parking violation sticker, or boot.

Locker Storage

Lockers are available for medical student use while on rotation on a first come, first served basis. Locks are NOT provided by CCF.

Student Research

Research is not allowed during scheduled rotations. If you are interested in student research or have questions regarding use of data obtained while on your rotation, please contact the UME Coordinator for further details.

Letters of Recommendation (LOR) and ERAS

For assistance with LORs and ERAS, please contact the UME Coordinator directly or send an email to medstudents@ccf.org. All LOR requests must come thru the UME department. Please include your photo, CV & your ERAS request letter to your UME Coordinator at CCF.

Can I contact the physician directly to ask for an LOR?

- Yes, you may request an LOR directly from the physician, but you need to copy the UME Coordinator on the email correspondence as well.

Who should I send the ERAS Letter Request to?

- You should send the ERAS Letter Request with Letter ID directly to the UME Coordinator.

Processing time: Once a completed LOR is submitted to the UME Department, it will be uploaded to ERAS within 1-3 business days.

Policy Information

Smoking Policy

Cleveland Clinic Florida is a Non-Smoking facility, including Weston Road. Smoking on campus will result in immediate dismissal.

Hurricane Policy

If a "Hurricane Watch" has been issued, students will remain in their rotation. Once a "Hurricane Warning" has been issued, students should stay home and/or leave the facility immediately.



Attendance Policy/Absences

Two (2) excused absences are permitted per four (4) week rotation. Students must notify the UME Coordinator as well as the preceptor ASAP.

Depending on the rotation, make-up shifts may be allowed and/or required. Other rotations may NOT allow make-up shifts. Absences exceeding two (2) may affect the professionalism portion of your grade or result in an incomplete or withdrawal from the rotation.

What about absences during interview season?

- Please be mindful of our attendance policy when scheduling interviews during your rotation. Interviews are excused; however the two (2) day policy still applies.

Holidays

Clinic (outpatient) services observe the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Hospital services do not observe holidays. Students must follow their given schedule and/or request permission to have a holiday off, however this will count towards your two (2) allowed absences.

Dress Code

School and CCF Badges must be worn at all times and be worn above the waist.

- Outpatient Facility and ER Medicine – Professional business attire and white coat.
- All Surgical rotations, Anesthesia, ICU, on-call, overnight, weekends and/or in the OR only – **Burgundy scrubs (not provided by CCF).**
- Your white coats must be worn at all times except in the OR. In the OR, access to the scrub machine will be provided.

[Thank you for your interest in elective rotations at Cleveland Clinic Florida.](#)
[Should you have any additional questions, please email the Undergraduate Medical Education office at \[medstudents@ccf.org\]\(mailto:medstudents@ccf.org\).](#)