

Explore and Focus Phase Clinical Elective Clerkship Policy

Below are policies that apply to clinical electives. Students will want to pay attention to these when scheduling coursework to be certain sufficient credits for graduation have been anticipated. If there are questions, consult the School's registrar staff. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the departmental clerkship director.

- All clerkships are approved by the respective clinical departments, School of Medicine curriculum committees and the UW Curriculum Office for a maximum number of allowable credits.
 - EXAMPLE: **MEDECK 603 Clinical Cardiology and Electrocardiography (8)** is approved as a 4-week, full-time elective for 8 credits. The maximum number of credits a student can earn for this clerkship is 8. Similarly, the clerkship cannot be taken for credit for less than four weeks.
- Some clerkships have been approved for variable credit and may be repeated.
- EXAMPLE: **MEDECK 699, WWAMI Medicine Special Electives (*, max 24)** is approved to be taken for 2, 4, or 6 weeks full-time for up to 12 weeks or 24 credits. Thus, a student could take MEDECK 699 as a 4-week full-time elective in Cardiology and then MEDECK 699, as a 4 week, full-time elective in Respiratory.
- Effective for the entering class of 2016 and subsequent classes*, students are allowed to take a maximum of 32 credits of Explore and Focus phase elective clerkships** in a given specialty, and these credits will be counted toward the minimum number of clinical elective credit required for graduation. **
 - EXAMPLE: A student could take:

○ ORTHP 677 P-Musculoskeletal Trauma Clerkship (*, max 8) for 4 wks	=	8
○ ORTHP 680 P-General Orthopaedic Clerkship (*, max 8) for 4 wks	=	8
○ ORTHP 682 P-Outpatient Orthopaedics (8 credits) for 4 wks	=	8
○ ORTHP 697 Away Clerkship (8 credits) for 4 weeks	=	<u>8</u>
Total Credits	=	32

*Students who have expanded their fourth year are exempt from this policy.

**Explore and Focus phase clerkships may be taken in the Patient Care phase if departmental prerequisites have been met. Explore and Focus Phase Required Clerkships (Emergency Medicine and Neurology) and Explore and Focus Phase Advanced Patient Care Clerkships are excluded from this policy.