

Description of APC experience: The APC clerkship is an 8-credit clinical experience during which the student acts at an advanced level. Some, but not all APC clerkships are sub-internships. APC clerkships may take place in an inpatient and/or outpatient setting. The clinical work may be primary or consultative.

The primary goals of the APC rotation are for the student to:

1. Take primary responsibility for aspects of patient care with appropriate supervision
2. Refine core clinical skills
3. Improve clinical reasoning and expand medical knowledge
4. Work as an integral part of the care team
5. Demonstrate independence and an ability to think critically, skills necessary to transition to residency

APC rotation structural requirements:

1. The student should work under the direct supervision of one or more attending physicians or senior residents in the manner of a first-year resident in that specialty.
2. The rotation should allow the student to become responsible for the care of an appropriate number of patients, which usually will be more than the number of patients a third-year student would follow in that specialty.
3. While sub-internships must be full-time four-week experiences, other APC rotations may be longitudinal as long as students complete the number of clinical hours required for an 8-credit clerkship.

The student must have access to regular supervision and feedback while being permitted the opportunity to function somewhat independently as appropriate for their skill level.

Description of sub-internship experience: A subset of APC clerkships are sub-internships (APC-S), in which students function like interns of a particular specialty in preparation for residency. Most sub-internships are primarily inpatient but may be in the outpatient setting. Sub-interns are part of a team or work with attending physicians in a primary rather than consultative role. Criteria to qualify as a sub-internship are listed below. Additional criteria for sub-internships are set by individual departments and must be approved by the Explore and Focus Phase Committee.

Criteria to qualify as a sub-internship:

1. The rotation must be principally clinical.
2. The rotation must be full-time and at least 4 weeks in length.
3. The rotation must either involve the student functioning as part of a team of residents, or alternatively the student must work under the direct supervision of one or more attending physicians in the manner that approximates as closely as possible a first-year resident in that specialty.
4. The rotation must allow the student to become responsible for the care of more than one patient at a time, with the opportunity to follow those patients as an intern in that specialty would.
5. The student must have access to regular supervision and feedback while being permitted the opportunity to function somewhat independently as appropriate.

The figure below illustrates the relationship between sub-internships (APC-S) and APC courses.

