



WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

EARLY CLINICAL EXPERIENCES (ECE)

In an effort to provide students with early clinical experiences during their first and second years at WCUCOM, we are piloting a clinical field visit for the OMS1 students as part of the Doctoring Skills II course. Students will be assigned a partner and a day to complete a two-hour structured observation experience at an assigned clinic. Students will be responsible for watching an introductory segment on D2L approximately 1 week prior to their assigned observation day. Following their observational experience, students will gather for a one-hour small group discussion. Completion of all parts of this experience (including written assignments) will result in a Pass/Fail grade as a component of the course.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of the field visit, the student will be able to:

- Describe how clinic staffing, patient intake procedures, and interoffice communication contribute to clinic operations.
- Identify the roles and responsibilities of the physician in providing for the needs of the rural underserved.
- Distinguish between the roles/responsibilities of physicians and other health care professionals.
- Articulate the importance of communication skills in the physician-patient relationship.
- Demonstrate empathy toward patients' perspectives on health and illness.
- Interact professionally with health care providers and/or patients in a clinical environment.
- Engage in personal reflection and critical thinking as related to the clinical learning experience.
- Demonstrate adherence to the professionalism components required of this ECE Observation.
 - Dress appropriately – wear WCU white coat at all times
 - Be on time – coordinate arrival at the same time as your partner
 - Ask to speak to another provider in the clinic if you can't find your contact person
 - Stay for the assigned time period
 - Be respectful when asking questions of providers
 - Follow specific directives given to you before and at the time of the visit
 - Bring your ECE Observation Form to complete and have signed by the contact person or the physician before you leave the clinic.

- Do not complete paperwork during patient encounters.
- Do not wear cologne, perfume or scented material during field visit.

REQUIRED COMPONENTS

The field visit experience will consist of the following elements:

1. Orientation to clinic processes/procedures/requirements by clinic staff
2. Introduction to SeMRHI – D2L module – review prior to clinic visit
Brief overview of clinic visit goals, rural health issues and clinic offerings
3. Clinic observational experience
Report for field visit at assigned time with partner
Complete ECE Form and upload to D2L dropbox
Complete Discussion Group Form
4. Post-Observation Discussion with Small Group Leader/s
Report to small group discussion at assigned time; bring Group Discussion Form
After discussion, upload Group Discussion Form to D2L dropbox