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