

## **Third Year Elective Options**

### **Electives during the 3<sup>rd</sup> year are OPTIONAL, not required**

#### **Career Exploration**

This elective option is available to students during their various vacation times in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Students who take this elective will be given credit, 1 to 4 weeks, toward the required elective time in the fourth year. This can be completed by doing 4 1-week experiences, 2 2-week experiences; anyway, you choose how to split the time.

The following is a list of departments participating:

- Pediatrics
- Ob/Gyn
- Orthopedics
- Anesthesia
- Surgery
- Emergency Medicine
- Radiology, DR & IR
- Ophthalmology
- Urology
- Neurology
- Radiation Oncology
- Internal Medicine
- Neurosurgery
- Pathology
- Psychiatry
- PM&R
- Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery

#### **If you are interested in participating in the Career Exploration please do the following:**

Please send an email to Kristen Darnell, [k0darn01@louisville.edu](mailto:k0darn01@louisville.edu) with the dates of your vacation period and your top 3 choices, including subspecialties. This request must be submitted at least 4 weeks in advance.

If you would like to complete this experience with non UofL faculty, that's fine. The student will need to make the arrangements with the outside physician, and then send an email to Sherri Gary, [slgary01@louisville.edu](mailto:slgary01@louisville.edu), with the name, address, type of practice and the dates of the experience at least 2 weeks in advance of starting.

#### **Clinical Electives**

Some clinical electives are available to 3<sup>rd</sup> year students. To see what's available, go to our website, <http://netapps.louisville.edu/MECourseCatalog> and go to *MD Courses A-Z* and click on topic of choice for available electives. If the description says Prerequisite: 3<sup>rd</sup> year standing, then it is an option to take during the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Most clinical electives are full with 4<sup>th</sup> year students; however, Student Affairs can see what's available. It is easier to schedule a career exploration elective than a clinical elective. Either way counts towards the elective requirement for 4<sup>th</sup> year.

#### **If you are interested in participating in a clinical elective, please do the following:**

Send an email to Sherri Gary, [slgary01@louisville.edu](mailto:slgary01@louisville.edu), listing the dates for the elective and your top 2 choices. This request must be submitted at least 4 weeks in advance.

#### **Other Options**

If you are a participant in one of the distinction tracks, you may also work on your project or any other research project. Please email Sherri Gary for additional information.