

FAQs for Externs

How do I apply?

All USMLE Accredited allopathic (MD) and Osteopathic (DO) medical students are required to apply for 4th year electives using VSAS. International medical students must apply hard copy, see the Information for International Students tab for instructions.

When will I hear?

We handle application in order of receipt; after you apply via VSAS your application goes to your school for verification and release. Once they release your application to us, it will be placed in line for processing. We will begin processing applications in April and will continue to work through all applications as quickly as possible. At the latest, you will have an answer at least 45 days prior to the elective start date.

When and what fees are due?

No money is due until you receive an elective offer. The fees are \$150 application processing fee for all medical students. In addition to the application processing fee, Osteopathic and Foreign applicants do have an additional administrative fee of \$4,000 – please see information on these fees separately.

How and when do I submit additional requirements for a rotation?

If you are notified of additional requirements you must complete such as updated vaccinations or a mask fit test, email them to Erica Hyman, Erica.hyman@ucdenver.edu. For drug screens, home evaluation forms or influenza vaccines, you must upload these to VSAS.

Where should I live during my rotation?

On campus housing is not available. Two websites that students often use are <http://rotatingroom.com/> and www.airbnb.com.

How many electives can I do at University of Colorado?

Visiting students are only eligible for one 4-week elective in an academic year.

What if all my grades are not on my transcript?

Submit the transcript as it is, and we will request a new upload if necessary.

Where will I be assigned?

Location assignments will occur once your clerkship is approved and you are assigned to a course coordinator. In general, Pediatric courses are at Children's Hospital and others are at the University of Colorado Hospital unless otherwise identified. However, you should confirm your assigned location with the course coordinator.

My schools dates for rotations are different than the University of Colorado; can I come at a time not listed? Unfortunately no, our dates are fixed and inflexible. Most electives are 4 weeks in duration; 2-week rotations are only offered to visiting students if there is not a 4-week option.

Do you accept foreign medical graduates?

You must be an active student in good standing and in your final year of medical school. Please see the Information for International Students tab for more information. Graduates of any type are not eligible for an externship.

Please direct additional questions to Erica Hyman via email at erica.hyman@ucdenver.edu.