



Information for International Students Applicant to Kaohsiung Medical University Hospital's Short-Term Clerkship (For Partner Exchange)

Kaohsiung Medical University Hospital (KMUH) offers clinical elective programs for international medical and medical-related students. In order to be eligible for clinical electives at our hospital, the following requirements must be met:

- (1) Applicant must be in good academic standing in their own school.
- (2) Proficient in English or Mandarin, particularly in speaking, listening, and reading comprehension are required.
- (3) **Applicant of a 4-year course must finish the second year to apply.**
- (4) **Applicant of a 6-year course must finish the third year to apply.**
- (5) Students enrolled in the People's Republic of China's medical school may NOT apply.
- (6) Applicants will be required to attend a **5-minute online video interview** as part of the selection process.
- (7) This application is ONLY available for the students from *KMU's partner institutions*.

HOW TO APPLY:

All documents must be received **4 MONTHS** prior to the beginning of the elective program. (The whole process is going to take around 1.5-2 months or longer, earlier submission is recommended)

- (1) A completed application form with the Curriculum Vitae (C.V.) and autobiography.
- (2) 1 inch photo (height 3.5mm, width 2.74mm) or a selfie in a clean background.
- (3) A supporting letter from the Director of Academic (Student) Affairs Dean of the Medical School. This letter should confirm the year of the applicant, academic standing, expected graduation date and the approval of taking elective program at KMUH.
- (4) Copy of a valid passport. (must be at least 6 months before expiration for international travel)
- (5) Transcripts from first year to the most recent ones, or performance records, list of completed academic courses at school. (including ranking)
- (6) Proof of insurance that covers student's travel to Taiwan. (most basic one is acceptable)

- (7) Report of chest X-ray examination, 3 months within to the start of the elective course, If there is an abnormality, a diagnostic certificate indicating non-active pulmonary tuberculosis should be provided.
(This should be a written formal radiology report of the chest X-ray, not the image file of the X-ray itself.)
- (8) Report of Hepatitis B surface antigen and antibody test, 3 years within to the start of the elective course, if the results are negative, it is recommended to receive preventive vaccination.
(This should be a blood test report, instead of a record of hepatitis B vaccination.)
- (9) Report of Measles Virus IgG & Rubella IgG antibody tests, conducted within 5 years prior to the start of the elective course. If the test results show a negative or weak positive result, proof of receiving at least one dose of the MMR vaccine within the past 15 years must be provided.
- (10) Applicants who have documented proof of receiving at least one dose of the MMR vaccine within the past 15 years are exempt from the measles and rubella antibody tests. ****Regarding items 8-9, If only numerical values are provided, please include the interpretation of results based on the hospital's reference standards (e.g., "Positive," "Negative").****
- (11) Record of COVID-19 vaccine, Two doses of vaccine and booster dose must all be completed over 14 days before the starting day of your electives.

* Please combine the completed application form with the documents listed above (items 1-5) into a single PDF file. Attached the PDF and the photo separately in the same email. Submit the PDF and photo to email tsaiyc@kmu.edu.tw (Contact: Ms. Dora Tsai).

* Items 1-5 must be submitted together with the application form, the remaining (items 6-10) should be submitted no later than one month before the start of the elective program.

Elective Course

The following courses are available for your clinical electives at the KMUH. The total term of your clinical electives ranges from 2 weeks to 8 weeks.

8-week course : Neurology

4-week course : Infectious Diseases, Neurosurgery, Colorectal Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Anesthesiology, Dentistry, Ophthalmology

3-week course : Psychiatry

2-week course : Internal Medicine (Gastroenterology, Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic, Chest Medicine, Cardiology, Nephrology, Endocrinology & Metabolism , Rheumatology, Immunology & Allergology , General Internal Medicine, Geriatrics and Gerontology), Surgery(General and Digestive, Cardiovascular, Plastic, Breast) Urology, Otorhinolaryngology, Orthopaedics, Dermatology, Emergency, Rehabilitation Medicine, Pathology, Laboratory Medicine

1-week course : Hematology & Oncology, Thoracic Surgery, Family Medicine

Please indicate your desired departments for the elective in the application form. We will arrange your schedule based on the total number of weeks you plan to attend. For example, if your elective period is four weeks, it may be divided into two weeks in the Department of Cardiology and two weeks in the Department of Nephrology.

Preferred time for the elective course:

(1) From mid-September to mid-January; (2) From late February to mid-June

Tuition fees and Insurance

No tuition/training fee shall be levied on the Elective Exchange Program, except that Exchange Students shall be required to pay tuition fees to their Home University. Students are expected to be responsible for their medical insurance in Taiwan. Malpractice insurance is not required.

Credits and Final Report

Credits for the clinical electives taken by International students are **NOT** available from KMUH or medical school. At the end of the elective course, the student should submit a final report for the overall elective program and give comments on each course.

Accommodations

We offer two 4-bed dormitory rooms for the exchange students from our partner universities. However, due to the limited beds, we cannot guarantee that everyone who applies can be accommodated. If the dormitory application is not approved, it is strongly recommended that the housing arrangement be made before arriving in Kaohsiung.