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) This application is ONLY available for the students from *KMU's partner institutions*.

HOW TO APPLY:

The application must be submitted **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 your Curriculum Vitae (C.V.) and autobiography.

(2) A selfie with a clean background or an 1-inch photo (height: 3.5cm, width: 2.74cm)

(3) A supporting letter from the Director of Academic/Student Affairs or the Dean of the Medical School. The letter must confirm the applicant's current academic year, academic standing, expected graduation date, and official approval to participate in the elective program at KMUH.

(4) A copy of a valid passport (must be valid for at least 6 months prior to its expiration date for international travel).

(5) Academic transcripts covering from the first year to the most recent term (or performance records), including a list of completed coursework and class ranking.

(6) Proof of insurance covering the student's travel to Taiwan (a basic policy is acceptable)

(7) Chest X-ray report conducted within 3 months prior to the start of the elective course. If any abnormality is present, a diagnostic certificate confirming non-active pulmonary tuberculosis must be provided.
(Please provide the written radiology report, not the X-ray image file.)

(8) Hepatitis B surface antigen and surface antibody report, conducted within 3 years prior to the start of the elective course. If results are negative, vaccination is recommended. (Please provide a blood test report, not a vaccination record.)

(9) Report of Measles and Rubella antibody test reports (IgG) conducted within 5 years prior to the start of the elective course. If results are negative or weakly positive, proof of receiving at least one dose of the MMR vaccine within the past 15 years must be provided. (Applicants with documented proof of receiving at least one dose of the MMR vaccine within the past 15 years are exempt from the antibody tests.)

(10) Kaohsiung Medical University Chung-Ho Memorial Hospital International Visitor Health Clearance Form.

*Regarding items 8–9, if only numerical values are provided, please include the result interpretation based on your hospital's reference standards (e.g., "Positive"or "Negative").

* Please combine the completed application form and the required documents listed above (Items 1–5) into a single PDF file. Submit the PDF and your photo as separate attachments in the same email to shenlee@kmu.edu.tw (Contact: Ms. Ash).

* Items 1–5 must be submitted together with the application form. The remaining items 6–10 should be submitted no later than two months 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.