



Information for International Students Applicant to Kaohsiung Medical University Hospital's Short-Term Clerkship

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:

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

- (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.
 - (9) Report of Measles Virus IgG & Rubella IgG, 5 years within to the start of the elective course. If the test results show a negative or weak positive result, the record of the first dose of the MMR vaccine should be provided.
 - (10) 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.
- *1. Please combine the completed application form and the required documents listed above (excluding the photo) 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).
- *2. Items 1-5 must be submitted together with the application form. Items 6-10 can be submitted later, but 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: Dentistry, Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic, Pathology, Gynecology & Obstetrics

4-week course: Infectious Diseases, Orthopaedics, Neurology, Anesthesiology Colorectal Surgery, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

3-week course: Psychiatry

2-week course: Internal Medicine (Gastroenterology, Cardiology, General Internal Medicine, Nephrology, Hematology & Oncology, Rheumatology, Immunology & Allergology, Endocrinology & Metabolism, Geriatrics and Gerontology), General and Digestive Surgery, Cardiovascular Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Breast Surgery, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Emergency, Laboratory Medicine Dermatology, Pediatrics, Urology, Otolaryngology, Ophthalmology

1-week course: Family Medicine, Nuclear Medicine

In the application form, please list the desired course(s) in section A and alternatives in case of your choice(s) is (are) not available during your elective term. You may also indicate certain subspecialties of your particular interest, that are not listed above; we will do our best to accommodate your request.

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.