Years 3 and 4 - Electives

General Information

A student must successfully complete a total of 21 weeks of elective credit in order to graduate.

Students may take clinical electives during the third and fourth years at Icahn, our affiliates, or at off-campus scholarly institutions. Students may also design clinical or research electives or seek out international experiences.

The following guidelines apply to all types of electives:

- 40 hours are required to receive one week of elective credit
- You are only permitted to take one 1-week elective (40 hours completed within a consecutive 7 day time period); you also are permitted one additional 1-week elective in the form of a longitudinal elective (40 hours of elective time completed over a period of weeks or months). All other electives must fall between 2-4 weeks in length.
- You cannot take an elective concurrently with a required clerkship. Longitudinal electives may be taken concurrently with another non-required rotation (e.g. another elective) as long as the hours do not conflict.
- Elective application forms must be submitted to the Assistant Registrar, with all required signatures, no less than 2 weeks prior to the desired start date of the elective.
- **No retroactive credit will be granted for an elective.**
- If a student wishes to repeat an elective that has already been taken, it is possible to do so, however, elective credit will not be given for the subsequent course(s)
- Any request for an elective greater than 4 weeks in length requires additional approval by the Associate Dean of Student Affairs
- Preparation for USMLE Step 2 CK is built into the Year Four schedule with a Step 2 CK Board Review course that, if attended in its entirety, counts as four weeks of elective credit
- Work completed for remediation (including remediation for Step I and/or Step II) is not eligible for elective credit

To receive full credit for an elective you must complete each step of the elective process:

1. Select and register for the elective
2. Complete the elective
3. Ensure that your mentor/preceptor has submitted an evaluation of your performance
4. Complete your evaluation of the elective through E*value