ADVANCED OPHTHALMOLOGY

Credit: Selective C or Elective  Location: LAC+USC Medical Center  Revised: 03/14/2011

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis

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REPORT TO: Call Faculty research adviser

PREREQUISITE: 2-wk Basic Ophthalmology
Elective course

DURATION: 4 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year
Rotations scheduled: to begin on any Monday

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

DESCRIPTION:
To develop and enhance clinical ophthalmological skills by way of intense clinical instruction and participation in ongoing research. The student will be required to be on-call every other night to assist the intern and resident with patient care. He/she will be instructed on all aspects of ophthalmological care and will be expected to work-up and admit patients and assist with follow-up care. In working on research projects, the student will assist the faculty research adviser on existing clinical, vivaria or in-progress paper research and will be expected to contribute. The student must secure a research adviser from the existing faculty in the Department of Ophthalmology before signing up for this rotation.

EVALUATION:
Faculty adviser will lay out objectives and expectations of students prior to beginning the clerkship. Faculty adviser will evaluate the performance based upon achievements of initial objectives. Feedback will be delivered based upon the working relationship with faculty adviser.

*COURSE OBJECTIVES:
Students will be able to:
1. Gain further exposure to clinical ophthalmology.
2. Conduct a research project (clinical or laboratory).
3. Foster a working relationship with the faculty adviser for career development.
4. Describe basic and more complex clinical examination skills.

SUPERVISION: 100% Faculty

*SELECTIVE ATTENDANCE AND ILLNESS POLICY
In order to insure adequate clinical exposure, no more than 3 days of excused absences (to include official Holidays) can be accepted during a selective. This policy does not imply that absences are guaranteed; absences may be excused at the discretion of the faculty. Absence due to illness must be reported to the faculty or his/her designee as soon as possible. In case of extended absence (2 days or more), a note from a physician (who is not a relative) is required and the absence will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs. A physician note may be requested for any absence, at the discretion of the faculty.

Students will generally be required to make up days before a passing grade can be assigned. All absences must be excused and any planned absence must be registered with the preceptor prior to the first day of the selective. Students should take vacation time if he/she anticipates a need for more than 3 absences during a selective. USMLE and BLS/ACLS will not be considered excused absences.