Applications will be accepted beginning February 1st of Year III on a first-come, first-serve basis

DIRECTOR:    PHONE #:    COURSE OBJECTIVES:
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REPORT TO: LAC+USC Clinic Tower, A7A, 9:30am

PREREQUISITES: Year II Pathology course

DURATION: 3 to 6 weeks

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotations are scheduled: To begin any Monday

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: Three

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

DESCRIPTION:
This integrated pathology clerkship includes both anatomic and clinical pathology. Students participate in the fine needle aspiration clinic, intraoperative frozen section consultations, gross dissection of surgical specimens and multi-headed microscopic diagnostic sign-out sessions with faculty, residents and fellows. Autopsy training is at the Los Angeles Coroner’s Office. Clinical pathology experiences in clinical chemistry, microbiology, hematopathology and transfusion medicine are by observation of the clinical laboratories and faculty instruction. Students may participate in more specialized areas of pathology, e.g. neuropathology sessions, to provide the maximum benefit and exposure related to their future training. At the conclusion of the rotation, students are required either to make a 15 minute presentation or write a clinicopathologic paper. The rotation is limited to three students.

EVALUATION:
No formal written or oral tests given. Student’s performance is assessed by the faculty who work with them as for their effort, proficiency and behavior. All the staff will evaluate the individual student and the preceptor will summarize the overall performance in the student evaluation form.

*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.