

## DERMATOLOGY

**Credit:** Selective C or Elective

**Location:** LAC + USC Medical Center

**Revised:** 4/1/07

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

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students will be able to:

1. Recognize and manage common diseases of the skin.
2. Evaluate patients with diseases of the skin or with systemic disorders having cutaneous signs.
3. Take an appropriate history, perform an appropriate physical examination.
4. Perform a skin biopsy, direct mount and culture for fungi and interpret histopathological material.

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**REPORT TO:** Edward Roybal Clinic at 8:30 a.m.

**PREREQUISITE:** None

**SUPERVISION:**

65% Residents

35% Faculty

**DURATION:** 4 weeks minimum

**DATES OFFERED:** All Year

**Rotations scheduled:** the first Monday of month

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 8

**VISITING STUDENTS:** Yes

**DESCRIPTION:**

An experienced dermatology resident will be assigned to serve as tutor for each student. Under the tutor's supervision the student will evaluate assigned patients, take histories, do physicals, formulate differential diagnoses, select further studies, and propose a therapeutic program. The student will go to wherever the tutor may be assigned. Attendance at relevant lectures is mandatory, but attendance at the didactic sessions designed for the residents are considered to be elective for the student.

**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. Students who have problems will be counseled as needed.

**\*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.