

## EMERGENCY MEDICINE (LAC)

**Credit:** Selective A or Elective

**Location:** LAC + USC Medical Center

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Applications will be accepted beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of Year III on a first come, first-serve basis

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(call 1 week prior for exact time)

**PREREQUISITE:** MS-IV only (or last rotation of MS-III with special approval)

**DURATION:** 4 or 6 weeks

**DATES OFFERED:** All Year (except mid-June through mid-July)

**Rotations scheduled:** to begin any Monday

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** Variable (16 maximum)

**VISITING STUDENTS:** Yes

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students will be able to:

1. Discuss a wide spectrum of emergency and non-emergency problems.
2. Perform patient evaluations by examining undifferentiated patients under Emergency Medicine resident and faculty supervision.
3. Quickly develop a differential diagnosis on an undifferentiated patient, using the relevant history and physical, as well as selective ancillary studies.
4. More effectively interpret radiographs and electrocardiograms, establish IVs, perform CPR, lumbar puncture, suturing, splinting and ABGs.
5. Describe resuscitation techniques and problems.
6. Describe how the Emergency Department relates to other departments and services.

**INSTRUCTION:**

75% Supervised Patient Care

7.5% Lectures

7.5% Attending Rounds/Small group discussion

10% Independent Study

**SUPERVISION:**

100% Faculty and Residents

**DESCRIPTION:**

Under direct supervision by the staff and residents, patients are evaluated in the emergency department (both major and minor medical and trauma areas). Experience is gained in diagnosis, treatment and disposition of many patients with undifferentiated complaints. Students must work between 12-16 twelve-hour shifts/month, of which 50% will be nightshifts. The student is also expected to participate in weekly departmental conferences (Thursday mornings) and daily medical student lectures (Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m., except Thursdays). There is also a suture workshop, optional ACLS course, and optional paramedic ride-along, in addition to a 50-question multiple-choice final exam.

**EVALUATION:**

Students will be given a handout at the beginning of the rotation, which will outline expectations. The course director will write the evaluation based on evaluations by faculty and residents. Students will receive feedback on their performance, in particular, improvements needed during the elective.

**\*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.