

DERMATOLOGY

Credit: All

Location: LAC + USC Medical Center

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

PREREQUISITE: None

DURATION: 4 weeks minimum

DATES OFFERED: All Year

Rotations scheduled: the first Monday of month

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 8

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

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.

SUPERVISION:

65% Residents

35% Faculty

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.