Applications will be accepted beginning February 1st of Year III for USC students and beginning May 1st for non-USC students. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

**PREREQUISITE:** Surgery Clerkship

**DURATION:** 4 weeks

**DATES OFFERED:** All Year, except mid-Dec to Jan 1st.

**Rotations scheduled:** Every 4 weeks consecutively

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 2

**VISITING STUDENTS:** Yes

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:** On a case by case basis

**SUPERVISION:** 80% Residents

20% Faculty

**CALL SCHEDULE:** No night call

**DESCRIPTION (’This service formerly entitled Tumor/Endo):**
The clerkship will serve as an introduction to the surgical care of patients with malignancy, especially complex problems involving a multidisciplinary approach or extensive operative intervention. The patient population primarily have diagnoses of pancreato-biliary cancer, breast disorders and melanoma. The student functions as a sub-intern with close supervision by house staff and faculty. The student will attend multidisciplinary conferences dealing with oncologic patients.

**EVALUATION:**
Students will be evaluated on their effort, proficiency, professional behavior, and participation during rounds and in the operating room. All Surg Onc faculty will evaluate the individual student and the faculty preceptor will summarize overall performance on 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.