



**Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science**  
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**REQUIRED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE POLICY**

**POLICY: # 318.9**

**Supersedes: N/A**

**Issuing Officer:** Dean, College of Medicine  
**Responsible Office:** Office of Medical Education  
**Effective Date:** 11/19/24  
**Next Review Date:** 11/19/27

**I. PURPOSE:**

*The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) has established standards regarding the requirement that the faculty of a medical school defines the types of patients and clinical conditions that medical students are required to encounter, the skills to be performed by medical students, the appropriate clinical settings for these experiences, and the expected levels of medical student responsibility (LCME Element 6.2)*

**II. POLICY STATEMENT:**

*During required clerkship experiences in the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) College of Medicine (COM) Doctor of Medicine degree (MD) Program, all students must complete the required clinical experiences (RCEs) identified in the clerkship syllabus. When specific patient encounters or clinical skills requirements cannot be met, medical students are provided with alternate means for meeting the required experience requirement(s).*

**III. POLICY:**

***Development and Review of Required Clinical Experiences***

*All required clinical clerkships define the types of patients and clinical conditions that medical students are required to encounter, the skills to be performed by medical students, the appropriate clinical settings for these experiences, and the expected levels of medical student responsibility. In addition, alternative methods for each specific RCE are defined and included in the syllabus in the event a student is unable to meet the RCE expectation with a patient.*

*As part of the clerkship annual review process, clerkship directors review their RCEs for any potential revisions. Any requests for revisions to the list of RCEs must be submitted to the Educational Policies and Curriculum Committee (EPCC) for final review and approval prior to implementation.*

*The Clerkship Phase Subcommittee and the EPCC review the list of RCEs for any potential revisions on a yearly basis prior to the start of the new clerkship year to ensure the clinical conditions and skills/procedures listed remain clinically relevant and incorporate emerging trends.*

*Clerkship directors will notify students of the RCE requirements through orientation sessions, clerkship syllabi, and med-clerkship feedback sessions. RCE requirements are posted in One45. Completion of RCEs is necessary for students to satisfactorily pass required clerkships.*

*Central monitoring of RCEs is completed on an ongoing basis by the clerkship manager and escalated to the assistant dean of medical education if concerns arise. Compliance is reported to the Clerkship Phase Subcommittee and the EPCC.*

#### **Level of Student Responsibility**

- *Observe: The student will observe the care of the patient by another student, resident, or faculty attending and then will discuss the patient.*
- *Assist: The student will assist with the care of the patient/management or procedure.*
- *Perform: The student will directly care/evaluate or perform a procedure on the patient with direct or indirect supervision by a resident or faculty member.*

#### **Logging of Required Clinical Experiences**

- *Students must log at least one patient encounter or approved alternative method for each specific RCE in One45.*
- *Students must include the clinical setting for these experiences and the level of student responsibility.*
- *Experiences will not be considered complete until they have been appropriately logged within One45.*
- *Each student will review their patient logs with the clerkship director or designee during the required mid-rotation feedback session.*

#### **IV. APPLICABILITY:**

*The faculty, students, and staff of the CDU COM are responsible for knowing this policy and its procedures.*

#### **V. DEFINITIONS:**

*Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee (EPCC) is the committee charged to represent the faculty to oversee the medical education program as a whole and has responsibility for the overall design, management, integration, evaluation, and enhancement of a coherent and coordinated medical curriculum.*

#### **VI. RELATED POLICIES:**

*No related policies*

**VII. RELATED LINKS:**

- *LCME Standards, Publications, & Notification [Forms](#)*

**VIII. POLICY HISTORY:**

Review Dates:	Change Description:
11/19/24	New policy reviewed by the Clerkship Phase Subcommittee on 10/16/24. Policy approved by the EPCC on 11/19/24.