

MD Program

Student Observership Policy

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This policy applies to the class of MEDS 2027 and future classes.

1.0 Definitions

- 1.1 The MD Program is committed to supporting student efforts to explore potential career interests through participation in student observerships. A student observership is defined as being a self-directed learning experience that occurs in a clinical setting under the direct supervision of a Queen's University faculty member.

2.0 Purpose

The Student Observership Policy sets out the regulations and student responsibilities concerning the scheduling, completion and documentation of student observerships in pre-clerkship and clerkship phases of training.

3.0 Student Responsibilities

- 3.1 It is the sole responsibility of students to set specific learning objectives and goals for observerships.
- 3.2 Students are responsible for arranging observerships.
- 3.3 Students are responsible for ensuring that all observerships adhere to the regulations outlined in the policy.

4.0 Regulations

4.1 Medical observerships:

- Are only available to students before they start their first clerkship clinical rotation.
- **Must** be scheduled and registered in advance in Elentra
- Must be a minimum of a half day (4 hours) in duration
- Can only occur under the direct supervision of a Queen's University faculty member
- Are not insured unless they are entered in Elentra in advance and meet the other required criteria.

4.2 Interprofessional observerships with health professionals who do not hold a faculty appointment can only occur if they are arranged by the MD Program

4.3 A minimum of 2 medical observerships must be completed by the end of Year 1. Six medical observerships in total must be completed by the end of Year 2.

4.4 Each student must complete 6 observerships in different disciplines, including:

- 1 observership in Family medicine
- 1 observership from any 2 of the following disciplines:
 - Medicine
 - Surgery
 - Obstetrics and Gynecology
 - Psychiatry
 - Pediatrics
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Anesthesiology
- 3 additional observerships from 3 different disciplines

4.5 In addition, students must complete one interprofessional observership as arranged by the MD Program.

5.0 Related Policies

5.1 Student observerships must adhere to relevant policies for the MD program, including any policies that pertain to Attendance and Absences, and Professionalism.

6.0 Supervision

6.1 Observerships are only permitted under the supervision of a Queen's Clinical Faculty Member or an assigned health professional.

7.0 Oversight

7.1 The Curricular Director will review and address any instances of non-completion, as well as any other concerns or issues that may arise.

8.0 Approval

8.1 The MD Program Office is responsible for approving observerships submitted through the designated Elentra Form.

8.2 Approval of observerships will only be granted if the observerships are in adherence with the regulations set out in Section 4.0 of this policy.