

TULANE FAMILY MEDICINE CLERKSHIP OBJECTIVES

Katrina Plan Fall 2005

Although the Family Medicine Clerkship is operational in Louisiana during this time, we understand that it is necessary for some students to fulfill their Family Medicine Clerkship at Alliance schools while Tulane School of Medicine is basing its main educational activities in Texas. These objectives are intended for those students who are taking their Family Medicine Clerkship at Institutions in the Texas Alliance Schools.

Firstly, all students are to follow completely the guidelines and perform duties as assigned by the institutions in which they are doing their clerkship. Doing so will result in fulfilling the Tulane Family Medicine objectives in most circumstances.

List below are the Tulane Family Medicine Requirements:

- 1) **Ambulatory Clinic Training** with Board-certified Family Physicians for a minimum of 20 full clinic days or 40 half-days. Evaluation of performance will be based on a **Preceptor Evaluation Form**. The forms from all institutions have been reviewed and accepted, and will be graded by Tulane Predoctoral Faculty.
- 2) Exposure to all Common Problems as listed on the **Common Problems Log** (available on www.tulanefamilymedicine.net in PDF format only). The minimum number of patients for each common problem is one, though usually you will see many more. Reading and discussion with your preceptor is required if a particular problem is not seen. Common Problems Logs are usually filled out for 10 days in the block. (Record up to three problems per patient). In addition, **Competency Assessment Form** for pre- and post block should be completed (also available on website in PDF format only). This complements the Common Problem Log and records reading and discussion, if needed, when Common Problems are not seen.
- 3) **Standardized Exam**: NBME subject exam
- 4) **Participation and Professionalism** Component will be judged by discussion with Alliance clerkship directors.
- 5) **Project**: the goal of the project is to teach patient-oriented care and evidence-based medicine. Projects done at UT-Houston and UT/Temple will satisfy this requirement. At UT-Galveston, we will be substituting the OSCE and Web-Cases for this component.

In Summary, the Grade is determined by:

- 1) Preceptor Evaluation: 30%
- 2) Standardized Exam: 40%
- 3) Project: 20%

4) Participation/Professionalism: 10%

Students are required to submit:

- 1) Preceptor Evaluation
- 2) NBME Exam scores (to be sent to Tulane Predoctoral Faculty)
- 3) Common Problems Logs
- 4) Competency Assessment Forms
- 5) Project Grades and copy of projects when possible (OSCE and Web-cases grades for UT-Galveston).

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Clerkship Website: www.tulanefamilymedicine.net (Click on FM Clerkship → Forms → Common Problems Log and Competency Assessment Form {print out the PDF for use})

Please review Clerkship Goals and Objectives in Handbook (sec. II).