



**Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine Visiting Clerkship program  
2008-2009 Academic year**

**United States medical school:** refers to any LCME-accredited medical school located in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico. **Osteopathic medical school:** refers to any AOA-accredited Osteopathic medical school. **International medical schools:** refers to all other schools. **Global Partners:** see below.

**Northwestern’s Global Partner Institutions include the following universities:**

<b>Continent</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>Location</b>
Africa	Stellenbosch University	Stellenbosch, South Africa
	Makerere University	Makerere, Uganda
Asia	Capital Medical University	Beijing, China
	Keio University	Tokyo, Japan
	National Taiwan University	Taipei, Taiwan
Central/South America	Universidad Panamericana	Mexico City, Mexico
Europe	Université Paris Diderot 7	Paris, France
	Université Louis Pasteur	Strasbourg, France
	Université François Rabelais	Tours, France
	Charité-Universitätsmedizin	Berlin, Germany
	Universidad de Murcia	Murcia, Spain
	Karolinska Institutet	Stockholm, Sweden

**If your school is listed above, do not fill out the form below. Download the “Global Partner” application form.**

**If your medical school is not listed above, please continue reading and fill out an application for an “International Student” found below.**

**Eligibility Requirements for International Medical Students:**

Prospective students for the Visiting Clerkship program:

- Must be in good standing at their medical school.
- Must have completed at least one year of in-hospital clinical training and have completed all core clerkships in Internal Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Pediatrics, and Surgery.
- Must be pursuing a medical degree.
- Must rotate before they graduate from medical school.

**Application information for International Medical Students:**

Although visiting rotations are available in virtually every aspect of medicine, you should be aware that they are designed specifically for students enrolled in their final year of medical school who have **already** completed one full year of in-hospital clinical training prior to an anticipated elective at Northwestern University. It is required that visitors first complete basic clerkships in **Internal Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Pediatrics, and Surgery** before participating in any electives. Certain specialty electives may have prerequisites. Please check each individual listing in the elective catalog for details.

All Visiting Student rotations are scheduled through the Visiting Student Clerkship Coordinator in the Office of Medical Education. Clerkship assignments for visiting students are made after our own students' schedules have been completed after May 1 for the upcoming academic year. Northwestern students always have priority on available clerkships. Rotations are assigned on a space-available basis, and registration is restricted to a **maximum of eight weeks**.

**Application form:** Please fill out this form in its entirety (see pages below). If eligibility requirements are met, one application form is used if you would like to rotate one 4-week rotation block (3 different rotation choices may be listed). Rotations are 4 weeks in length and registration is restricted to a **maximum of eight weeks**. If you would like to rotate two times (two 4-week rotations), 2 application forms must be used and original documentation *in duplicate* must be submitted, for example, 2 application forms, 2 transcripts, 2 letters of recommendation, etc. Only original documents will be accepted. Copies, faxes, or scanned documents will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be processed. If you are not scheduled, you cannot submit additional elective choices for the same month. Do not attach additional elective choices.

**Application processing fee:** An application fee of \$100.00 per application submitted is required. Credit card, check or money order payable to Northwestern University is acceptable. See website for credit card form. The check must be drawn on a US bank. Do not send cash. The application fee is non-refundable unless Northwestern is unable to schedule a student for an elective, in which case half of the application fee is refundable. No refund is available for an accepted student who cancels prior to the scheduled elective or withdraws after the rotation has begun. The application fee may not be carried over to another month.

**Tuition:** International students who are accepted to rotate must pay a tuition fee of \$1000.00 per elective. This is due upon notification of your acceptance to secure your rotation. Credit card, check or money order payable to Northwestern University is acceptable. See website for credit card form.

**Dean's Certification:** Section II of the application **must** be completed and signed by your medical school Dean or designee. Only documents with an original signature and seal will be accepted. Incomplete forms will not be processed. Copies, faxes, or scanned documents will not be accepted.

**Supplemental Application Form:** Please fill out this form in its entirety.

**Personal Statement:** please submit a personal statement (not more than 1 page) describing your interest in your first choice of elective and your career goals. If you have listed 3 different rotation choices, please submit 3 different personal statements.

**What is a personal statement?** "It is a concise essay about one's career goals, identified means to achieve them and accomplishments so far towards those goals." (from Wikipedia) Please state in your own words why you wish to take a particular elective, what you can contribute to Northwestern, and how this elective will help your future career goals.

**Immunization Form:** The Northwestern University immunization form must be completed by a personal physician or the home school health office in order for your application to be processed. Only an original signature will be accepted. Copies, faxes, or scanned copies of the NU immunization form will not be accepted. A substitute health form will not be accepted. Please attach the requested laboratory reports. **All health documentation must be submitted in ENGLISH.** Failure to do so will delay processing of your application.

**Letter of Recommendation:** One general letter of recommendation from a faculty member who has observed you clinically is required. The letter must comment on your clinical abilities and performance, and must be in English. A letter of good standing is not a substitute. **Some departments have specific letter of recommendation requirements. Please refer to the elective catalog for details.** Only original documents will be accepted with a faculty member's signature on official stationary. Copies, faxes, or scanned documents will not be accepted.

**A Curriculum Vitae:** please submit your most current CV.

**An official transcript:** please submit a current, original, sealed transcript from your medical school's Registrar's office. Your transcript must show all grades from the required core clerkships (**Internal Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Pediatrics, and Surgery**). If a grade is missing, please attach a letter from your

Registrar's office stating why the grade is not there. Transcripts may be sent separately from your application. However, applications will be held and not processed until all required documents have been received by the application deadline. It is suggested that you include a sealed envelope with your application materials to ensure faster processing. Only original documents will be accepted. Copies, faxes, or scanned documents will not be accepted.

**Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):** Fluency in English is mandatory. **Do not apply if you do not plan on taking the TOEFL.** In order to assure both your comfort during the clerkship and that of the patients, physicians and other health care workers with whom you will need to interact, we require a score of at least:

TOEFL test options	Minimum TOEFL scores
<b>Internet-based test</b>	
Listening	20
Reading	20
Writing	20
Speaking	24
<b>Internet-based Total</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Computer-based Total</b>	<b>223</b>
<b>Paper-based Total</b>	<b>563</b>

The TOEFL exam results must be current (taken within two years of submitting application), and scores must be sent directly by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine using the **Institutional code: 1547 (Medical Sch.; Chicago) and Departmental code: 00**

**Scores sent by students will not be accepted.** Substitute language proficiency exams cannot be submitted. Telephone interviews will not be conducted. (Please note: The TOEFL is waived if you are a citizen from one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, Ghana, Israel, Nigeria, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Proof of citizenship must be included with your application. A copy of your passport is sufficient. **However, you must contact the Visiting Student Coordinator for an English language waiver form).**

**Universal Precautions training:** To fulfill line 3 on page 2 of the international application, all students must complete training in Universal Precautions. There is a training guide and a quiz on the Visiting student website. Please read the materials, take the quiz, and submit with your application.

**Passport-size photo:** Please send with your application to order to assist residents and attendings in recognizing you more quickly when completing your final evaluation.

**When to apply:** Summer months are extremely busy with visiting students from US medical schools in their search for residency opportunities. Chances of securing an acceptance during this time are very low, although there may be some availability at Evanston Hospital. Winter and Spring blocks have more availability.

**Deadlines:** Visiting students are required to submit a complete application before the deadline (see calendar for details). Applications or documentation submitted after the deadlines will not be processed. Applications should not be sent any earlier than six months prior to the start of a desired elective.

**Visa requirements and deadlines:** Visiting student application processing takes time as does visa processing. If you require a visa to rotate at Northwestern, it is your responsibility to plan accordingly and to apply far enough in advance to secure an acceptance from Northwestern and have ample time to apply for a visa. If visa processing takes 2 months in your country, please apply 4 months in advance. You will be required to have all travel plans and a visa secured no later than 2 weeks before your desired start date. Northwestern University is not responsible for visa processing.

**Calendar:** Visiting students are required to follow the Northwestern calendar. Dates cannot be modified.

**Elective Availability:** Due to the daily fluctuation in add/drop requests, all electives are open unless noted in the individual elective description found in the Elective Catalog. Do not call to inquire about availability. To better your chances of an acceptance, please list all 3 choices for electives, preferably in different departments (for example, Radiology, Dermatology, Surgery, etc.) Internal Medicine and Pediatrics electives are very

competitive; other departments may have more availability. Some electives are closed to visiting students during certain rotation blocks. Please refer to the elective catalog for details. Do **not** contact course directors or department heads. The Visiting Student coordinator does not have information on openings. Spaces are **not** reserved and students are placed on a first-come, first serve basis.

**Elective Catalog:** In this catalog, you will find the offerings at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Children's Memorial Hospital, and Evanston Hospital. There is a course number (ex: AAA.XXXX.04.NMH) and description for each rotation offered. Please write the course number and rotation name on your application. Since rotations are 4 weeks in length, you may not rotate in the same elective for 8 weeks (for example, you may not rotate in Diagnostic Radiology for both Summer 1 and Summer 2). Length in electives cannot be modified.

**Acceptance:** In order to be fully accepted to our program, you must receive an acceptance letter from the Visiting Student Clerkship Coordinator in the Office of Medical Education. An accepted student will receive both a hard copy in the mail and email notification. Approval from departments does not signify that you have been accepted to rotate. Registration is restricted to a **maximum of eight weeks**.

**Health requirements:** Any student entering a healthcare-related program, regardless of citizenship, must submit proof of a TB skin test done in the United States within six months prior to registration. **This is not required in order to apply, but will be required if you are accepted.** If you have rotated at another US medical school and have a PPD reading within six months of your Northwestern acceptance date, you may include this with your application. If this is not an option and you are accepted, you will have a PPD administered at Northwestern.

**Malpractice Insurance:** If your medical school does not provide coverage, Northwestern University will provide coverage for international visiting students at no cost.

**Health Insurance:** All partner institution students must be covered by health insurance during the time they are rotating. Students must purchase the Northwestern University Visiting Scholar Health insurance plan for \$125.00 for one rotation and \$225.00 for two rotations. Additional charges will incur if your stay is longer. Do **not** send payment with your application. You will be notified of payment options once accepted.

**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA):** To fulfill line 4 on page 2 of the international application, all students must complete HIPAA training. Please attach proof of training.

**Changes in electives:** Once a student has been scheduled to rotate, no change in elective choice **or** rotation block will be allowed. This policy cannot be overridden by a department or an attending.

**Late Arrivals:** We do not tolerate late arrivals. Rotations have specific start and end dates. If you cannot arrive on time for your rotation, you will need to cancel your rotation.

**Cancellations:** If you cannot attend a scheduled elective, you must notify the Visiting Student Clerkship Coordinator via email **at least** 4 weeks before your start date. A cancellation form must be submitted (see website). Visiting Student Clerkship Coordinator will then notify the department that you cannot attend. No re-scheduling of electives is permitted. If you fail to notify the Visiting Student Clerkship Coordinator, Northwestern may withdraw you from any future scheduled elective and will report this to your school.

**Residency programs:** If you are an international student interested in the match process and residency programs and do not hold US citizenship, you must check the visa requirements with your school's academic office and embassy before applying to a residency program. It is also suggested that you seek the advice of an immigration lawyer.

Incomplete applications will not be processed. Here is a checklist for your use.

	I understand all policies above and will submit all required documentation. Departments or attendings cannot override Feinberg School of Medicine policies or requirements.
	I understand that one application form is used per 4-week rotation block. To better my chances of securing an elective, I have listed 3 different elective choices and 3 different rotation periods per application. If you wish to rotate 8 weeks, two applications must be filled out with 3 different choices and different dates.
	I understand that I may apply for a maximum of 2 electives (4 weeks each).
	I understand that if I am applying for two electives, 2 separate application forms must be filled out and original documentation <i><b>in duplicate</b></i> must be submitted (i.e., 2 transcripts, 2 letters of recommendation, etc.)
	I understand the application deadlines.
	I understand that rotation dates may not be modified and that I must follow the Northwestern calendar.
	I filled out the application form in its entirety. I did <b>not</b> attach additional sheet of paper for more choices.
	My medical school Dean or designee filled out Section II of my application with an original signature and seal.
	I enclosed the \$100.00 application fee per application submitted. Please make your check payable to Northwestern University.
	I enclosed the Northwestern University Immunization form in original form and attached additional documentation/lab reports. It is filled out and signed by my personal physician or my school's health office.
	I enclosed a letter of recommendation, not a letter of good standing. A letter of recommendation is required to apply even if the departments don't require one, and the letter must be in English. I have checked the elective catalog for specific departmental requirements.
	I enclosed my most current curriculum vitae (CV).
	I have enclosed proof of universal precautions training for the handling of body fluids and sharp instruments.
	I have enclosed proof of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act training (HIPAA).
	I have checked the elective catalog for special departmental application requirements.
	I enclosed a passport-size photo.
	I understand that incomplete applications will not be processed.
	I understand that, if accepted, there is a \$1000.00 tuition fee due per elective.
	<p><b>I understand that I must send original documentation to apply for an elective. Applications cannot be faxed or emailed. Please send all <u>completed</u> applications to:</b></p> <p><b>Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine          Alie Freund          Visiting Student Programs          Augusta Webster Office of Medical Education, Ward 1-003          303 E. Chicago Avenue          Chicago, IL 60611</b></p>

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**Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine**  
**APPLICATION FOR THE VISITING STUDENT ELECTIVE PROGRAM**  
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**Please return all application materials to:**  
 Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine  
 Visiting Student Programs, Alie Freund  
 Augusta Webster Office of Medical Education, 303 E. Chicago Avenue, Ward 1-003  
 Chicago, IL 60611 USA

Rec'd:	___/___/___
<input type="checkbox"/>	App. fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	App. form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supp. Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Per. statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcript
<input type="checkbox"/>	CV
<input type="checkbox"/>	LOR
<input type="checkbox"/>	TOEFL
<input type="checkbox"/>	UP/HIPAA
Not'd:	___/___/___

**SECTION I: To be completed by applicant. (please print clearly)** (office use only) FSM # - -

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F  
 Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy)  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical School: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Mailing address</b> Line 1		
Line 2		
City	Country	Postal Code
Emergency contact name/phone number:		

**Address where final evaluation is to be sent:**

Medical School		
Name and Title of school official		
Street address		
Street address (2)		
City	Country	Postal Code

**By the time of my requested rotation, I will have completed core clerkships in: (list number of weeks)**

Int. Medicine: \_\_\_\_\_; OB-GYN: \_\_\_\_\_; Pediatrics: \_\_\_\_\_; Surgery: \_\_\_\_\_; Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to apply for the elective:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Elective name: \_\_\_\_\_ Course #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Elective name: \_\_\_\_\_ Course #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3<sup>rd</sup>: Elective name: \_\_\_\_\_ Course #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Northwestern elective dates: (Rank your top choices in order (up to 4): 1 = 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, etc.)**

<b>SUMMER</b>	<b>WINTER</b>
___ July 7-August 1, 2008 (Summer 1)	___ January 5- January 30, 2009 (Winter 1)
___ August 4- August 29, 2008 (Summer 2)	___ February 2- February 27, 2009 (Winter 2)
___ September 2- September 26, 2008 (Summer 3)	___ March 2- March 27, 2009 (Winter 3)
<b>FALL</b>	<b>SPRING</b>
___ September 29-October 24, 2008 (Fall 1)	___ March 30-April 24, 2009 (Spring 1)
___ October 27-November 21, 2008 (Fall 2)	___ April 27-May 22, 2009 (Spring 2)
___ November 24-December 19, 2008 (Fall 3)	___ May 25-June 19, 2009 (Spring 3)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II: To be completed by the Dean or designee of Student's Medical School.**

- 1. The above named student is in good standing at this school and is in the \_\_\_\_\_ th year of a \_\_\_\_\_ th year program. Yes No
- 2. The student will have completed the core clerkships above mentioned prior to the dates for which the elective is requested. Yes No
- 3. The student has completed training in the universal precautions for the handling of body fluids and sharp instruments. **Please attach proof of training** Yes No
- 4. The student has completed Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) training. **Please attach proof of training.** Yes No
- 5. The student is authorized to take this clerkship for credit. Yes No
- 6. The student has a class rank of \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7. This student has an anticipated graduation date of (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (year) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Place School Seal Here

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**Section III: Approval by NUFSOM Visiting Student Clerkship Coordinator**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section IV: Approval by NUFSOM elective department**

Your application for the elective \_\_\_\_\_ course number \_\_\_\_\_ has been approved for the dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_ (eg. Summer 2)

**You should report to:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/pager number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Building: \_\_\_\_\_ Floor/room number \_\_\_\_\_

Campus: NMH CMH ENH Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

This student will need Powerchart viewing access: YES NO

This student will need Powerchart charting access: YES NO (training required)

Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FORM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

| <b>Clerkship</b> | <b>Inpatient (# of weeks)</b> | <b>Outpatient (# of weeks)</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Medicine         |                               |                                |              |
| OB-GYN           |                               |                                |              |
| Pediatrics       |                               |                                |              |
| Surgery          |                               |                                |              |
| Other:           |                               |                                |              |
| Other:           |                               |                                |              |
| Other:           |                               |                                |              |

1. I have taken histories and have done physical exams. Yes No
2. I have presented patient's cases to an attending physician. Yes No
3. I have entered notes into a patient's record. Yes No
4. I have scrubbed in the operating room. Yes No
5. I have taken the USMLE Step 1. Score \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No
6. I have participated or will participate in a clinical rotation in the United States before. Yes No

If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

7. Please list your strongest clinical skills.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

8. I am interested in residency in the United States. Yes No

I certify that the above statements are true and correct.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applying to: Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Elective: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Statement:** (*either type or print clearly*)

Please describe your interest in the rotation you are applying to and your future career goals. If you are applying for two different rotations, please fill out two forms. Describe what you hope to contribute to the program and what you hope to learn during your time here.

I certify that the personal statement was written by me and the above statements are true and correct.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_