Clinical Opportunities for Honors Credit

Note: To participate in the following opportunities, student must enroll in INT 184PD and 199H.

Sansum Clinic Shadowing (INT 184PD)

Location: Sansum Clinics, Santa Barbara

Only third- and fourth-year students may apply and prior clinical experience is recommended. A minimum 10 weeks time commitment is required. Pre-health students will shadow physicians in subspecialty clinics. The program will serve as a means to experience clinical medicine firsthand alongside subspecialty physicians, with a direct patient contact element. The student will rotate to a new practice location every two weeks in order to get a varied experience. Students shadow five physicians (each for two weeks) practicing a diverse set of specialties during 80-90 patient encounters. In addition, students record each patient visit using the SOAP method of documentation to create informal, HIPAA-abiding reports for the program director. The physicians involved offer four hours of their time each week to educate pre-medical students on the profession while students benefit from valuable insight into a variety of approaches to patient care.

In order to apply for the program, it is mandatory that you will be available Thursday afternoons. If you cannot, please do not apply.

Prior to acceptance in the program, students will be required to submit a resume with a photo and interview with Dr. Blain in the Letters and Science Advising Office. The selection of applicants is competitive. Assignments are made during the middle of the previous quarter. Two units of Honors credit will be awarded upon successful completion and submission of a case report and daily log of one’s clinical observations. This experience is not offered during the summer.

Students earn up to two graded honors credits after successfully completing weekly logs of clinical observations and a case report.

Cottage Hospital Shadowing (INT 184PD)

Location: Cottage Hospital, Pueblo at Bath Street, Santa Barbara

Only third- and fourth-year students may apply and prior clinical experience is required. Candidates are selected the middle of the preceding quarter. Pre-health students will shadow first year residents in internal medicine and surgery. Unexcused absences will not be permitted. This one quarter course will serve as a means to experience clinical medicine firsthand, alongside a team of resident physicians with a direct patient contact. The student will arrange their schedule with the resident and must commit to a minimum of 8 hours each week for one quarter. This experience is not offered during the summer sessions.

To be considered for this experience, students must make an appointment with Dr. Blain for an interview through the Letters and Science Advising Office. The candidate should submit a resume and photo prior to the interview. The selection of applicants is competitive. If approved, the student will meet with Dr. Blain for a preliminary orientation and pass a Blood Borne Pathogens exam. The student must then meet with the Program Directors for assignments and follow up registration. You are required to make yourself available for the meeting with the Program Director at his request.

Students earn up to two graded honors credits after successfully completing weekly logs of clinical observations and a case report.
UCSB – Medical Scribe Systems/Cottage Hospital Scribe Program (INT 199H)

This program is acceptable for 199H Honors credit for UCSB Pre-Health students who qualify to scribe.

**Location:** Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Emergency Room.

Junior or Senior students may apply and prior clinical experience is recommended. The positions are competitive. **A minimum of 16 hours/week for a minimum of 12-24 months of time commitment is required.**

**Application.**

Senior pre-health students will serve as scribes in the Emergency Room, directly assisting physicians as they see patients. The primary responsibility of the scribe will be that of data entry into the electronic medical record. As a medical scribe you’ll witness a multitude of patient cases every day – from sprained ankles to life-threatening injuries – giving you unparalleled clinical exposure to take with you to medical, nursing or PA school. For attendance purposes, students will be treated as employees, whose weekly presence will be vital and relied upon for clinic workflow. **Unexcused absences will not be permitted.**

To prepare you for the medical scribe role, you will receive extensive training online, in a classroom setting, and at the patient bedside. This involves:

- Online courses
- Interactive medical vocabulary quizzes
- Interactive videos to simulate patient scenarios
- 80% pass rate to continue to classroom training
- Classroom training at your designated medical facility
- Bedside training with a certified scribe trainer once you have passed classroom training

To be considered for the program, you must

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be eligible to work in the United States
- Have not been convicted of a felony
- Be willing and able to submit to a drug screening and background check
- Be able to type 50 words per minute
- Be willing to work nights, weekends and holidays

**Students must make an appointment with Dr. Stephen Blain** for an interview at https://appts.apps.duels.ucsb.edu/index.aspx to register for INT 199H Honors credit. Students earn up to two graded honors units after successfully completing weekly logs of clinical observations.

**St John’s COPE Health Scholars Summer Internship (INT 199H)**

This program is acceptable for 199H Honors credit for UCSB pre-health students desiring to learn how to assist with basic care for patients alongside nurses, doctors and other clinicians. St. John's Regional Medical Center is located at 1600 North Rose Avenue, Oxnard, CA and is accessible by car or train from UCSB. Students accepted into the Accelerated Summer Program are required to complete 280 floor hours in one rotation (3 months) and must complete a department-specific training and a shadowing shift prior to beginning their scheduled shifts. They will be scheduled for four to five 4 hour shifts per week (16-20 hours) based on their availability. Interns will complete their scheduling through a designated coordinator and will switch departments after they have completed 3 weeks in the department and at least 48 hours. Health Scholars will begin in June and complete the program at the end of August. Scholars have the option to continue volunteering depending on their availability.
In order to apply, please do the following:

- Complete an [online application](#) 
  - Applications are accepted year-round, so please take a look at [the key dates and deadlines](#) page 
  - Applications for Summer will be due on March 31st. 
  - Acceptances for Summer will be offered during the middle of the Spring quarter (around end of April) 
- Attend the Clearance Appointment & Health Screening at the program site to submit required immunization/health records before attending mandatory training 
- Attend mandatory 3-day training 
- Pass post-training exams 

199H Honors credit is available for the Summer Program only. **Students must make an appointment with Dr. Blain** for an interview at https://appts.apps.duels.ucsb.edu/index.aspx. Students may earn up to two units of graded credit after successfully completing weekly logs of their clinical insights and a case report.

*For other clinical opportunities please go the Letters and Science Health Professions Website Volunteering and Internship Opportunities page.*