

Course Description	The Acting Internship (AI) is a comprehensive clinical experience designed to provide the student with increased responsibilities for the assessment and management of patients with gastrointestinal cancer. Students are integrated into the health care team and will have primary responsibility for the patient's care under close supervision. The Acting Intern will experience the roles and responsibilities of an intern on the team. This AI will require active participation in modern GI surgical oncology practice across the continuum of: initial evaluation, multidisciplinary treatment planning, surgical intervention, recovery and first post-operative follow up.
Course Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the difference between induction, consolidation, adjuvant, neo-adjuvant and palliative chemotherapy in general and specifically for GI oncology patients (when applicable) • Describe the role of pre-operative chemotherapy/radiotherapy in pancreatic, rectal and gastro-esophageal cancer • Describe the defining characteristics of: resectable, borderline resectable and locally advanced pancreatic carcinoma • Describe quality measures and benchmarks as defined by the ACS Commission on Cancer for GI cancer patients
Course Activities	Students in this course will attend a variety of lectures and Grand Rounds, and act as an intern in the Surgical Oncology department. Students will be required to present two patients at multidisciplinary tumor conference. As a final evaluation, the student will present a specific patient with pancreatic, rectal, or gastroesophageal cancer that addresses each of the educational objectives to faculty within the division. Faculty will submit a grade based upon this presentation and another grade based on the student's performance during the rotation if the student rotated with them. The course director will collate all grades and assign a final grade to the student. Student's are required to make their case presentation within 30 days of the end of the rotation after which the grade will be reduced by one grade for late presentation. Student's failing to make the final presentation will receive an incomplete for the course.
Course Schedule Requirements	Student is present during usual clinical hours (8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday, excluding holidays as determined by the ECU calendar). Students will take call at their own discretion and with the approval of the course director, not to exceed one day per week. Weekend coverage/rounding will also be at the student and course director's discretion, not to exceed one weekend day per week.

Duration	4 weeks	Location	Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center/Vidant Medical Center	
Designation	Acting Internship, Elective		Revised	10.08.2019