

## M3 ELECTIVES

Brody School of Medicine students are given time in the M3 year for two 2-week clinical electives to engage in career exploration. The electives follow the OB/GYN and Psychiatry clerkships. These are mandatory experiences and students have the option of pursuing electives within whatever disciplines they choose. It is expected that students will most often choose electives in a clinical discipline; but an elective in a basic science discipline would also be allowed if related to career exploration. If a student has already firmly selected a career choice, they could elect to pursue some aspect of that discipline in depth. Or they could elect to spend time in a more “systems” oriented experience designed to enhance their understanding of health economics, health care systems, evidence-based medicine, public health, preventive medicine or similar topics. Clinical research could also serve as the basis of an elective but needs to be part of a broader context of research. A letter from the research mentor will also be required.

The implementation of these electives requires careful advanced planning. The bullet points below summarize various administrative policies related to M3 electives:

- Identify a potential site and primary preceptor
- Formulate educational objectives for the experience
- Complete all required paperwork, including signature of preceptor

**It is the student’s responsibility to make sure that the elective paperwork is submitted to Student Affairs in a timely fashion (2 months in advance).** Failure to submit the paperwork on time will result in a comment on timeliness/professionalism being added to the M3 Elective evaluation.

Students will not be allowed to do international rotations to fulfill the M3 elective requirements. The electives will receive pass/fail grades in the official student transcript.

### **M3 Elective Ideas:**

- new preceptors/sites of a student’s own choosing
- Brody M4 Catalog courses (course contacts are found on the OSA M4 scheduling page and course descriptions are found on the OME M4 Curriculum page)
- Experiences that other students have had can be found on the Student Affairs website
- M3 Elective Application Form is also located on the Student Affairs website