SURGERY & SURGERY SUBSPECIALTY ROTATIONS

Course Name
Surg 485-SICU
Q2: Location
Jeff
Q3: How many hours per week were you on duty?
65
Q4: Call Schedule
No ICU call but we would come in on weekends
Q5: Were there any required assignments
No
Q6: Were you able to attend interviews? How many days off?
N/a
Q7: Did you get a letter of recommendation
No
Q8: How would you rate your experience? Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good
Good
Q9: How would you rate the difficulty of the elective? Easy/Average/Difficult
Average-difficult
Q10: Other comments, suggestions, tips
SICU is a pretty intense rotation- patients are pretty sick (although not as sick as in the MICU) and you learn a ton about critical care, physiology and pharmacology. It's a great rotation for future surgeons or anesthesiologists. If you schedule it early in the year you won't get to do any real procedures since the interns are still trying to get their numbers.

Course Name
SICU
Q2: Location
Jefferson
Q3: How many hours per week were you on duty?
60 plus call
Q4: Call Schedule
2 weekend days in the month
Q5: Were there any required assignments
5 page paper
Q6: Were you able to attend interviews? How many days off?
Would have been able
Q7: Did you get a letter of recommendation
No
Q8: How would you rate your experience? Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good
Very good
Q9: How would you rate the difficulty of the elective? Easy/Average/Difficult
Difficult
Course Name
OHSU SICU/TICU
Q2: Location
Portland Oregon
Q3: How many hours per week were you on duty?
75-80
Q4: Call Schedule
Q4 24 hour call
Q5: Were there any required assignments
10 PowerPoint quizzes, 1 test and 15 minute presentation
Q6: Were you able to attend interviews? How many days off?
N/A
Q7: Did you get a letter of recommendation
Yes
Q8: How would you rate your experience? Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good
Very good
Q9: How would you rate the difficulty of the elective? Easy/Average/Difficult
Moderately difficult
Q10: Other comments, suggestions, tips
It is a demanding rotation, but everyone was extremely helpful and wanted you to learn. The presentation was laid back, but you still had to work hard on it. The quizzes were very short (3 questions) and were after a PowerPoint lecture. The test was around 25 scenarios that were multiple choice. You needed to get a 70 to pass the course. A beautiful hospital and a great rotation to learn a lot on since we don't have a trauma ICU

Course Name
Colorectal Surgery
Q2: Location
Cornell - NY Presbyterian
Q3: How many hours per week were you on duty?
80
Q4: Call Schedule
0
Q5: Were there any required assignments
0
Q6: Were you able to attend interviews? How many days off?
N/A, but allowed to attend American College of Surgeons conference
Q7: Did you get a letter of recommendation
No
Q8: How would you rate your experience? Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good
Poor - Fair
Q9: How would you rate the difficulty of the elective? Easy/Average/Difficult
Average
Q10: Other comments, suggestions, tips
Do not ask much of medical students or specifically SubIs Do not grant visiting students full access to EMR, which makes it very difficult to gather information about a patient, or even the OR schedule Very disorganized from the perspective of student clerkship coordination, had two SubIs on same service. Attending I worked with was great, however service was basically run by a fellow Lived with my best friend next to the hospital Overall, I learned what I needed to about the program, but would not really recommend it for a great experience.
Course Name  
**Surg 455 - Plastic Surgery**

Q2: Location  
Jeff

Q3: How many hours per week were you on duty?  
55

Q4: Call Schedule  
Not specific to plastics

Q5: Were there any required assignments  
No

Q6: Were you able to attend interviews? How many days off?  
N/a

Q7: Did you get a letter of recommendation  
Yes

Q8: How would you rate your experience? Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good  
Very good

Q9: How would you rate the difficulty of the elective? Easy/Average/Difficult  
Average

Q10: Other comments, suggestions, tips  
It's great for working on suturing and learning new suturing techniques. The list is rarely longer than five patients and you often get to leave early in the afternoon after cases are over. The blue service is a combo of breast, plastics and endocrine to be prepared to scrub on thyroid cases as well as mastectomies.

Course Name  
**Urology 401**

Q2: Location  
Rutgers RWJ

Q3: How many hours per week were you on duty?  
60-70

Q4: Call Schedule  
No Call

Q5: Were there any required assignments  
No

Q6: Were you able to attend interviews? How many days off?  
Did away rotation before interview season

Q7: Did you get a letter of recommendation  
Yes

Q8: How would you rate your experience? Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good  
Very Good

Q9: How would you rate the difficulty of the elective? Easy/Average/Difficult  
Surgical Elective - Average to Difficult
Course Name

Urology 401
Q2: Location
UIC
Q3: How many hours per week were you on duty?
60-70
Q4: Call Schedule
No call
Q5: Were there any required assignments
10 minute presentation at grand rounds
Q6: Were you able to attend interviews? How many days off?
Did away rotation before interview season
Q7: Did you get a letter of recommendation
Yes
Q8: How would you rate your experience? Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good
Very Good
Q9: How would you rate the difficulty of the elective? Easy/Average/Difficult
Surgical Elective - Average to Difficult

Course Name

General Ophthalmology
Q2: Location
Wills Eye Hospital
Q3: How many hours per week were you on duty?
45-50
Q4: Call Schedule
None
Q5: Were there any required assignments
None
Q6: Were you able to attend interviews? How many days off?
I didn't attend interviews during this rotation. However, I think students can get days off.
Q7: Did you get a letter of recommendation
No
Q8: How would you rate your experience? Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good
Very good
Q9: How would you rate the difficulty of the elective? Easy/Average/Difficult
Difficult
Q10: Other comments, suggestions, tips
Most of the time is spent in the eye ER, which is usually from 9 AM - 5 PM, where you get to work up your own patients if the ER is not too busy. Other days can be spent in the OR or in specialty clinic. There is a multiple choice final exam at the end based on the textbook given at the beginning of the rotation. It's a great and fun rotation. Residents and attendings are very nice and love to teach!
**Course Name**  
**Ophthalmology 401**

**Q2: Location**  
Lankenau

**Q3: How many hours per week were you on duty?**  
45

**Q4: Call Schedule**  
none

**Q5: Were there any required assignments?**  
final exam

**Q6: Were you able to attend interviews? How many days off?**  
Respondent skipped this question

**Q7: Did you get a letter of recommendation?**  
yes

**Q8: How would you rate your experience? Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good**  
very good

**Q9: How would you rate the difficulty of the elective? Easy/Average/Difficult**  
easy

**Q10: Other comments, suggestions, tips**  
Mostly plastics, work with different attendings in the practice. In clinic, mostly shadowing. Dr. Penne and Dr. Carrasco let you do most in the OR. Practice covers Lankenau and Wills.

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**Course Name**  
**Ophthalmology 401**

**Q2: Location**  
Wills Eye

**Q3: How many hours per week were you on duty?**  
45

**Q4: Call Schedule**  
one evening per week in Wills ER

**Q5: Were there any required assignments?**  
final exam

**Q6: Were you able to attend interviews? How many days off?**  
Respondent skipped this question

**Q7: Did you get a letter of recommendation?**  
yes, from Dr. Jaeger

**Q8: How would you rate your experience? Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good**  
good

**Q9: How would you rate the difficulty of the elective? Easy/Average/Difficult**  
easy

**Q10: Other comments, suggestions, tips**  
Two weeks in Wills ER, great experience. Two weeks rotating through different clinics, no one knows if you're there. Final exam is tricky and your grade depends on it, try to memorize the study book.
Course Name
Ocular Pathology

Q2: Location
Wills Eye Hospital

Q3: How many hours per week were you on duty?
50

Q4: Call Schedule
None

Q5: Were there any required assignments
No

Q6: Were you able to attend interviews? How many days off?
Did not attend interviews during time

Q7: Did you get a letter of recommendation
Yes

Q8: How would you rate your experience? Poor/Fair/Good/Very Good
Very good

Q9: How would you rate the difficulty of the elective? Easy/Average/Difficult
Difficult

Q10: Other comments, suggestions, tips
This is a great rotation for students going into ophthalmology. Dr. Eagle provides a CD with the pathology images, 4 boxes of slides (about 40-50 per box), and binders with explanations for the slides. You are responsible for all of the materials, and there is a final exam at the end. Dr. Eagle is amazing, and his letter carries a lot of weight on the interview trail. It's a lot of work but very fun and you learn a ton.