

Humboldt State University Pre-Medical Association Internship Program

RATIONALE AND RULES

The Pre-Medical Association of Humboldt State University is seeking to increase community involvement with local doctors. The association recognizes that observations of medicine in practice are key toward strengthening our students, thus making stronger applicants to medical schools. In addition, we feel early exposure to the dynamics of medicine in practice is of great benefit to the development of the pre-medical student. In an effort to increase our community involvement we are fortunate enough to work in conjunction with the Humboldt-Del Norte Medical Society who has extensive branches in all areas of community medicine here in Humboldt County.

We have made it our priority to provide interns with clinical diversity that accurately reflects the medical profession. Physicians participating in the Internship Program represent the gamut of medical fields, from primary care (family and internal medicine, and pediatrics), through emergency medicine, surgery, and a host of specialties.

The times and duration of internships are dependent upon the physician and student availability. Most internships will be six weeks in duration with the intern spending about four hours per week observing the participating physician. This time frame is only tentative and would be most accurate once the student and participating physician work together to devise a more exact time schedule.

RULES

- 1. Show up on time.**
- 2. Be Respectful.**
- 3. Respect patient confidentiality.**
- 4. Dress appropriately:**
 - slacks (no jeans, no holes, no stains)
 - button down shirt or sweater
 - look clean, be clean (no stench)

5. Facility policies and procedures pertaining to observers must be adhered to (joint responsibility of physicians, interns and facility).

6. It is the responsibility of the intern to a) contact the office of the participating physician they will be observing so that the time schedule can be arranged b) to sign confidentiality agreement form and to find out if any other consent forms need to be signed c) interns should develop a relationship with the participating physician, so that during the appropriate time information can be exchanged freely.

We ask that you follow these behaviors when observing doctors during your internship. You are representing HSU, the Pre-Medical Association and Humboldt-Del Norte County Medical Society. If you give the doctor a bad impression, it affects the future of the Internship Program. On a good note, however, if your internship works out well, the participating doctors are more likely to want to be involved with the program in the future, as well as being more receptive toward writing you a letter of recommendation.

You should have a good idea of what is appropriate. If you have any questions about anything, please ask one of the association officers.

Have fun and enjoy your opportunity to experience medicine first hand.