

## Away Rotation Evaluation Form

1. Specialty: Dermatology

2. Medical School / Hospital: Drexel University

3. How would you rate your overall experience? (check one)

Poor  Fair  Good  Very Good  Excellent

4. How many hours per week were you on duty? 30-40

The residents have continuity clinic one half-day each week, and didactic sessions on another afternoon. These sessions are not attended by medical students, so you have two afternoons off each week for reading, etc.

5. How many hours per week did you spend with:

a. Interns: Not applicable

b. Residents: You spend equal time with residents and attendings (30-40 hrs)

c. Fellows: There is one dermpath fellow, but they were not in the clinic during my rotation.

d. Attendings: You spend equal time with residents and attendings (30-40 hrs)

6. Did you meet with or work with the Residency Program Director or the Department Chair?

Students are scheduled to rotate working with different attendings throughout the week, including the residency program director and the department chair. If you are interested (and you should be) there are opportunities to switch your schedule around a little and work with the chairman for a few additional days. Both are very interested in working with students and you present patients directly to them (=good opportunity to impress).

7. Which attendings had the greatest influence on your experience?

All of the attendings were friendly, approachable, and provided excellent teaching. Two of the attendings recently finished fellowship/residency, so they remotely remember what it was like to be a fourth year med student and are always willing to help. Dr. Allen, the chairman, is a great person to ask any questions about dermatology, life, or anything else that comes to mind.

8. What were your daily duties?

Students worked with one attending, and a first or second-year resident working with the attending each day. The students were responsible for calling patients from the waiting room, putting them in the room, doing a brief history and physical, writing their findings and presenting to the resident. The resident would see the patient with you, and add anything to your history and physical. You then present the findings and treatment plan to your attending and see the patient with them.

9. Did this rotation (check one):

Create new interest in the specialty

Reinforce existing interest

Decrease interest

Have no effect

10. Any tips on how to get the most out of this rotation?

Get to know the residents and attendings. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Be assertive without being annoying. Be confident with your presentations. If there is a procedure, ask if you can assist, or if they would be comfortable with you performing the procedure under their supervision.

11. Any warnings or tips on what NOT to do?

Do not skip any of the student lectures (there are only 4 of them, given by the chief residents) or kodachrome sessions.

12. Did you get a letter of recommendation?

Yes, I got a letter from the Chairman of the Department.

13. Did this rotation help you get an interview?

Yes, I am pretty sure that they offer interviews to most students who have done an away rotation.

14. Is housing provided? If not, any recommendations on where to stay?

If you live near Jeff or in the city, just stay there. If you do not live in Philly, I don't believe they provide housing.

15. Is parking provided? If not, any recommendations on where to park?

Parking is not provided. I walked or rode my bike to clinic everyday. It's also easy to take the subway, and there is a stop at the corner of Broad and Vine right by the clinic. If you wanted to drive, there are parking meters on Broad St, and Drexel has a parking garage near the clinic.

16. Who did you contact to set up this rotation? Drexel's website has a link for visiting medical students. From there, you can look up the electives offered, and print a form to fill out.

(<http://webcampus.drexelmed.edu/clinicaleducation/visitingstudinfo.htm>)

a. Did you use VSAS? No.

17. When did you apply for the rotation and when did they inform you that you got the rotation?

They do not accept applications until March 1 of the year you want to schedule the rotation, so I sent my application around that time. I received a letter confirming my rotation sometime in June or early July.

18. Were there any special requirements for the rotation (i.e. BLS re-certification, LOR, etc.)?

There are no special requirements. They require proof of insurance, immunization record, and Dean of student's certification (same as all the others).

19. Would you recommend this rotation to future JMC 4<sup>th</sup> years?

I would highly recommend this rotation if you are interested in dermatology and would like to stay in the Philadelphia area for residency. You have an excellent opportunity to see the strengths/weaknesses of the program, meet the faculty and residents, and get exposure to a number of different dermatologic diseases,

20. Please add additional comments (strengths, weaknesses, miscellaneous tips...)

Dermatology is by nature a very fast-paced outpatient specialty, and it is often difficult for students to feel like an important part of the team. I can honestly say that I felt like part of the team, and it was great experience working patients up and presenting findings directly to residents and attendings. The residents also allow you to perform procedures (punch biopsies, shave biopsies, cryotherapy, suture removal, assist on Mohs cases, etc.) under appropriate supervision. This gives students a chance to practice the skills that they will be using for the rest of their careers. It was a great month, and I would urge any potential dermatology applicant to consider this away elective.

THANK YOU!

Please return form to [jeffersonAOA@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonAOA@gmail.com).

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