

Applying for Clerkships

Hospitals offering clerkships are listed in the Clerkship Handbook on the www.casprcrip.org website under clerkships. Requirements differ from hospital to hospital - applicants should be sure that they meet the requirements before applying.

A firm start date for applying for clerkships is strictly followed to provide for a fair opportunity for all. The 2012 Clerkship Application will be posted to www.casprcrip.org/html/clerkships/E_obtain.asp at 5pm on October 14, 2011. This application covers clerkships served from May 2012-April 2013. Programs will not accept applications for this period prior to October 15.

The Clerkship Application can be completed in Acrobat Reader but the software may not allow the applicant to save the completed form. Therefore, applicants should complete as much universal information as possible, and then amend the areas that vary from clerkship to clerkship prior to printing that particular application.

The application packet consists of the completed application, a photo and any additional documentation required by the program, such as letters of recommendation, transcripts or board scores. Applicants submit their applications directly to the programs via email, fax or mail, depending on what is listed on the hospital's Clerkship Handbook page. All arrangements are made directly between the program and the student.

The National Clerkship Calendar has been provided to standardize the start dates of clerkship rotations across the schools. While it is suggested that the start dates be followed, the end dates are more flexible. If an applicant needs travel time or time to visit other programs, especially for months that have five weeks, it may be possible to negotiate the end date with the program in advance.

Applicants who wish to apply for clerkships prior to May 2012 can use either the 2011 or wait for the 2012 Application. The 2011 Application can be obtained from the clerkship coordinator at your school.