

LSU Health Shreveport Visiting Student Policy
Academic Year 2021-2022 **updated 8/26/21**

In consideration of the impact of COVID-19 on away rotations and in accordance with the recommendations of the Coalition on Physician Accountability, LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine has established the following policies for accepting visiting students during the 2021-2022 academic year:

Given the compressed timeline – paired with an inadequate quantity of electives available for completion – medical schools are encouraged to limit approved away rotations in any specialty *to one per learner*, except in cases where additional rotations are needed to complete graduation or accreditation requirements. Residency programs are encouraged to take into consideration if a learner exceeded the one-away-rotation limit during the residency selection process.

A limited number of clinical electives are available to final year medical students. In order to be considered for an away rotation at LSU Health Shreveport, applicants must:

- Attend either an LCME approved school, an AOA approved school, or Ochsner Clinical School, New Orleans.
- Attend a Caribbean school with a current AAMC Affiliation agreement with LSUHSC-Shreveport.
- Attend an International school that participates in Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO).
- Agree to only participate in one away rotation except in cases where additional rotations are needed for graduation.

Please do NOT directly contact LSU Health Shreveport faculty or administrative staff in an attempt to arrange clinical experiences. The Office of the Registrar is responsible for processing and scheduling ALL elective requests for visiting students. All students must follow established guidelines and procedures (no exceptions).

Application Requirements

- Application submitted via VSLO
- CV submitted via VSLO
- Transcript uploaded to VSLO by the home institution
- USMLE Step 1 score report or COMLEX score report submitted via VSLO
- AAMC Standardized Immunization Form submitted via VSLO
- Proof of the COVID vaccine.
- \$300 application fee for Caribbean and International students—due after accepting elective offer.

We no longer accept paper applications for International Visiting Medical Students. If your school does not participate in VSLO, you are not eligible to apply for a visiting student elective. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Caribbean Visiting Medical Students, if your school has an approved Affiliation agreement with LSUHSC-Shreveport, please email registrar@lsuhs.edu for instructions on applying.