As you begin to plan your elective clinical rotations, we encourage you to consider participating in the UNC School of Medicine International Visiting Students program for medical students. We accept a limited number of foreign medical students into clinical electives during each academic year, for what we hope is an educational, engaging, challenging, and positive segment of your medical education. With 1,380 full-time faculty and 734 students, the medical school provides electives designed to optimize the learning experience in a true teaching-hospital. Most students complete electives at UNC Chapel Hill, but we also have electives available at affiliated hospitals throughout North Carolina in cities such as Charlotte, Raleigh, and Wilmington.

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*complete list of electives can be found on our website
Our office is dedicated to guiding you through the application process, assisting you with the logistics involved in completing an international elective, and serving as a helpful resource during your stay in Chapel Hill. We understand that your final year of medical school is a very busy year, and we want to make planning your elective at UNC as easy as possible.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

You must be in your final year of medical school upon arrival at UNC. You can apply at any time using our online application system.

- Completed application form
- Completed visiting student medical form
- Cover letter outlining your educational goals
- Copy of your CV or resume
- Copy of your medical school transcript/grades
- Copy of your USMLE Step I Score, USMLE Step 2 Score, or German Physikum Score.
- Copy of your TOEFL score or similar test, or a statement from your medical school certifying that the instruction is in English
- Copy of the Dean’s Office Certification form
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty members at your medical school or faculty who have observed you on electives
- A $100 non-refundable application fee

**UNC HEALTH CARE**

- **U.S. News & World Report Best Medical Schools 2014**
  Five programs at the medical school rank among the top 25 of their kind nationwide:
  - Primary Care (1st)
  - Family Medicine (2nd)
  - Rural Medicine (5th)
  - AIDS (9th)
  - Research (22nd)

- **U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals 2014**
  Three adult medical specialties and seven pediatric specialties rank among the top 50 programs of their kind nationwide:
  - Pediatric Pulmonology (11th)
  - Ear, Nose and Throat (22nd)
  - Pediatric Gastroenterology & GI Surgery (24th)
  - Pediatric Neonatology (28th)
  - Pediatric Cancer (31st)
  - Pediatric Orthopedics (35th)
  - Pediatric Diabetes & Endocrinology (41st)
  - Cancer (43rd)
  - Gynecology (44th)
  - Pediatric Nephrology (45th)

Comments from Visiting Students

- “Medical students were nice and helped me getting used to system over there.” - student from India
- “The elective was great. Everyone was very welcoming, all the residents knew about me which I found was unique to UNC and really made me feel part of the team. Great learning opportunities on the floors. The cost was a little much but now know it was worth it. Elective was very well organized which helped a lot when I was planning and corresponding to many schools.” - student from Poland
- “I did 7 months electives in US, UNC was the best experience” - student from Syria
- “Thank you so much for all the help, I have never had someone that was so easy and efficient with an application process.” - student from Germany