Medical University of South Carolina
College of Medicine
Visiting Medical Student Policy
(Adopted by the UCC on January 25, 2012)

Medical Students from LCME-accredited Medical Schools
Medical students from LCME-accredited allopathic medical schools may only apply for rotation experiences in our clinical departments through the Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS) that is hosted by the AAMC. As part of this collaboration, medical students from MUSC may also apply to other medical schools and teaching hospitals for away rotations. Clinical departments are encouraged to accept visiting U.S. medical students ONLY with the clear understanding that having additional students on wards or in clinic, in the academic setting, and in teaching activities should not impede or adversely affect the training of MUSC medical students.

The visiting students must meet all of the following criteria:
• Must be enrolled full time in medical school
• Must be in at least the (equivalent of) 4th year of training
• May only apply for established electives and externships (i.e., cannot have separately designed clinical rotations or experiences).

The COM Dean’s Office will consult with individual departments to determine when and how many medical students may be accepted for electives. Departments should be mindful of the effect of additional learners in clinical rotations and should adjust/decrease the number of visiting students they accept for rotations accordingly. Both the clinical department and the Dean’s Office must approve the application for the elective/externship rotation.

Medical Students from Osteopathic Medical Schools
Beginning in January 2012, medical students from accredited osteopathic medical schools will also be able to apply for rotation experiences through VSAS. The visiting students must be enrolled full time in medical school, must be in at least the (equivalent of) 4th year of training, and may only apply for established electives and externships (i.e., cannot have separately designed clinical rotations or experiences). Separate tuition fees may be assessed.

The COM Dean’s Office will consult with individual departments to determine when and how many medical students may be accepted for electives. Departments should be mindful of the effect of additional learners in clinical rotations and should adjust/decrease the number of visiting students they accept for rotations accordingly. Both the clinical department and the Dean’s Office must approve the application for the elective/externship rotation.

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