ELECTIVES – SCHULICH DISTRIBUTED EDUCATION NETWORK

Our Distributed Education Network (DEN) provides interesting clinical experiences in communities throughout Southwestern Ontario. Using a one-on-one preceptor-based model in environments with few or no other learners, our electives offer educational rotations with lots of hands-on learning and procedural skills. Electives offer opportunities to live in small and mid-sized communities while developing your skills and knowledge.

For 4-week electives arranged through our program, funding for travel and accommodation may be provided. We also coordinate 2-week electives with our preceptors and can offer suggestions concerning potential accommodation. Although 2-week electives do not qualify for funding for travel and accommodation, they provide additional learning opportunities for students.

Preceptors
Preceptors are specialists in regional centers with community hospitals and medical centers including Chatham, Leamington, Sarnia, St. Thomas, Stratford, and Woodstock. All preceptors have Adjunct Faculty appointments with Western University and regularly teach undergraduate and postgraduate trainees. Our preceptors include specialists in: Anaesthesia, General Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pathology, Psychiatry, Paediatrics and Obstetrics.

Requests for a Specific Community or Preceptor
If you know a preceptor with whom you would like to work, we will attempt to accommodate your request. Indicate your preference for a specific community or preceptor on your application, if applicable. Preceptors must hold an Adjunct Faculty appointment with Western. Contact distributed.education@schulich.uwo.ca to find out if your potential elective qualifies for funding under our program.

Funding for Travel and Accommodation
Funding for travel and accommodation will be provided for 4-week electives in our rural and regional communities within our region of Southwestern Ontario. While it is recommended that you have a car, there are some communities where public transportation such as trains and buses is available. We arrange accommodation if required, which can include hospital-owned apartments, billets, or bed and breakfast establishments. Accommodation may be shared with other learners. If you complete a 4-week elective that is within commuting distance from London or Windsor, a travel stipend will be provided instead of funding for accommodation.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Application deadline: May 1, 2016
Applications are available on our website (www.schulich.uwo.ca/swomen/clinical electives). Students may apply for more than 1 elective in various disciplines and locations. Students will be contacted to confirm their application and preferred elective dates.

Late applications:
While applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis after the deadline, you are encouraged to apply by the deadline in order to accommodate your preferred elective.
For more information, check our website at www.schulich.uwo.ca/swomen/clinicalectives or contact Distributed Community Electives Coordinator by email at distributed.education@schulich.uwo.ca.

Family Medicine

Please contact Family Medicine directly to arrange a family medicine elective in one of our communities in Southwestern Ontario (fmundergrad@schulich.uwo.ca).