

UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY
OPTIONAL CLINICAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES - MD PROGRAM

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PURPOSE

The Doctor of Medicine or Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) Program (MD Program”), Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry (“School”), Western University supports student experiential learning. An Optional Clinical Learning Opportunity (OCLO) is a learning activity selected by students agreed to by a faculty member that permits insight into patient and family presentations within a clinical discipline.

OCLOs may occur with any Schulich Medicine appointed physician or health professional in the region.

RELEVANT POLICIES AND STATEMENTS

- [Statement on Professionalism](#)
- [Faculty Supervision of Medical Students](#)
- [Attendance and Absence](#)
- [CPSO Professional Responsibilities in Medical Education](#)

STATEMENT

Optional Clinical Learning Opportunities (OCLOs) are self-directed learning opportunities for students within Year 1, 2 and 4 studies which are outside the formal curriculum. They are not required for completion of MD degree requirements or matching to a residency program.

OCLOs must be undertaken outside of scheduled educational activities without exception.

Faculty and students must be aware of the terms and limitations of an OCLO including mandatory registration and approval prior to participation.

Medical Students in Year 3 are not eligible to pursue OCLOs during the Clerkship year.

By accepting the student, the preceptor is accepting legal responsibility for any student involvement in patient care as outlined in the CPSO and Schulich policies above. Students are not permitted to complete OCLOs outside of Canada.

Students are expected to maintain the standards of Professionalism and meet the ethical behavior as outlined in the Statement on Professionalism and adhere to privacy and confidentiality as defined by the *Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA) of Ontario*.

Prior to participating, students must complete all required online learning modules, immunization requirements and vulnerable sector checks and be in good academic standing prior to any clinical learning.

For procedure details to arrange and register an OCLO, please visit the webpage for [Optional Clinical Learning Opportunities](#).

Other Considerations:

- OCLOs are registered in the Schulich HUB online platform and require approval by the Program Office prior to taking place
- Approval by the Program is mandatory to provide the student with insurance coverage.
- An OCLO may only occur outside hours of Program learning or on days not scheduled for MD Program learning.
- Absence from mandatory curriculum learning to attend an OCLO will not be approved under any circumstances.
- An OCLO is a student privilege and may be deferred or denied if there are concerns with learner professionalism or a requirement for MD Program remediation.
- Unapproved absence to attend an OCLO may be addressed as a breach of professionalism.