

Dear Physician,

Thank you for agreeing to supervise one of our students for a Non-credit Pre-clinical Summer Elective (NPSE). The NPSE, also known as “MED5010,” is available to Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry students who have completed Year 1 or 2 of the undergraduate medicine program. These students have not yet completed a clinical clerkship rotation. An NPSE is not a requirement of the MD program; it is optional for interested students. The NPSE program affords students an opportunity to observe the nature of day-to-day clinical practice and to interact with a practitioner in order to learn about the clinical, administrative, and personal rewards of a medical practice. It involves shadowing, observing, and participating in patient care under strict supervision.

Please review the [Statement on Non-credit Pre-clinical Summer Electives](#) for details regarding the objectives of the elective and roles and responsibilities of both the preceptor and the student.

There is an Acceptance Form which must be signed and completed before the elective will be approved and an Assessment Form to be submitted within one week of completion of the elective. These forms are submitted electronically by the student to the physician via our Elenra learning management system.

Students participating in NPSE are required to maintain the standard of ethical behaviour stated in the [CMA Code of Ethics](#) and abide by the [guidelines of professionalism](#) set out by the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO).

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry students, who are enrolled in the MED5010 course during the summer months, are covered by Western University’s general and professional liability insurance. The University will accept responsibility for any injuries or losses caused by the negligent acts or omissions of our students, unless such injuries or losses are contributed to or caused by the actions or omission of the physician or his/her staff.

During the elective, students do not have WSIB coverage through Western or the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities. They are insured under a private workplace insurance policy which provides benefits similar to, but not identical to, WSIB coverage.

It will be the responsibility of the preceptor to supervise the student in all patient interactions.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Undergraduate Medical Education Office at undergraduate.medicine@schulich.uwo.ca.

Sincerely,

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