

Information on Clinical Electives for Foreign Medical Students

Please read carefully before filling out the application form

Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital (KSVGH) offers clinical electives for foreign medical students. In order to be eligible for a limited number of clinical clerkship positions, the following requirements must be met:

1. Students **MUST** be in good academic standing in their own medical school.
2. Students **MUST** have completed and passed courses in medical school regarding the department they wish to apply to. A medical student is, at most, two years away from completing their medical studies, to be eligible for clerkship.
3. Good command of Mandarin or Taiwanese, especially speaking and comprehension, is preferred, although not essential.

How TO APPLY:

Documents required: (English edition is required if the originals are in other forms of language)

1. A completed application form (with photos)
2. Copy of passport
3. Copy of student ID card or any studentship certificate
4. Two letters of recommendation from Dean or faculty of the school
5. Curriculum vitae
6. Performance records or transcript
7. Proof of travel and health insurance
8. Normal chest X-ray report done in 3 months prior to start of the elective revealing no suspicion of TB (full report, in addition to X-ray)
9. Hepatitis, measles, German measles and Chickenpox Blood Examination Report. If negative reaction, please provide "Immunization Record".

All documents must be certified as true copies of the originals and be received **3 MONTHS** before the beginning of the elective clerkship.

Course fee and Insurance

Each student should pay US\$300 per month when he/she reports to the

Department of Medical Education, KSVGH. A minimum fee of US\$200 will be implemented even if the total period of electives is less than 2 weeks. The fee is not refundable if the student subsequently shortens or withdraws the courses. No subsidy or stipend is available from KSVGH or its affiliated hospital for the student's stay in Kaohsiung.

In addition, the student is responsible for covering his/her own health insurance. Malpractice insurance is not required.

NOTE:

Upon receipt of the above documents, the application will be reviewed by chairperson(s) of the respective department(s). When the application is accepted, a letter of acceptance describing all rotation schedules of the clinical electives will be issued. The applicant must respond to our arrangements within one week after receiving the letter of acceptance.

General Information about the KSVGH courses program

1. The total term of your clinical electives ranges from 2 weeks to 10 weeks.
2. In the application form, please list the desired course(s) and alternatives in case your choice(s) is (are) not available during your elective term. You may also indicate certain subspecialties of your particular interest.
3. The term for clinical electives is preferred to be during our regular semesters
 - (1) From mid September to mid January
 - (2) From late February to mid June

Certificate, Credit and Evaluation

The hospital gives no credit to foreign students. If requested, certification will be available upon the completion of the elective training, and the evaluation form handed to the hospital by the school the student is enrolled in will be honestly filled out. White uniform (coat) must be self-prepared.

Accommodations

Housing:

Dormitory (single room, shared bathroom) is available to foreign applicants by paying around NT\$150 per person per day, which must be paid in cash on the first day of entrance. Because of the limited capacity, early reservation (better two months in advance) is essential.

Meal services:

Chinese foods are served in the hospital campus. Discount is offered to students and learners as well, in parallel to the staff.

Financial resources

The hospital provides no financial support for any expenses incurred by the elective courses referred. **The applicants have to find their own resources to back up, for example, living, traveling, and any form of insurance and coverage needed.**

Visa

Applicants should manage themselves to get visa and passport valid to cover the whole length of the study period. The hospital can help upon request but is not under any obligation to assure anything to do with legitimacy, for which the applicants have to take full responsibility.

Other information

Location & transportation: To see the location and transportation of the hospital, please browse the internet of the hospital, <http://eng.vghks.gov.tw/>, under “Traffic information”. The applicant must report to the Department of Medical Education & Research Bldg on the first day of entrance.

Weather

To get information on the weather of Kaohsiung City, or any travel information of the country, please browse the internet of the Tourism Bureau at <http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/>

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