

# **Clinical Education at the California School of Podiatric Medicine**

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**Clinical Education begins  
earlier at CSPM than at most  
Podiatry schools**

# Clinical Education

- **1<sup>st</sup> year – all didactic**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> year – primarily didactic but start clinical rotations**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> year – primarily clinical but completes didactic**
- **4<sup>th</sup> year – completely clinical**

# **Sophomore Clinical**

- **Classes meet three days a week**
- **Clinic meets twice a week**

# **Sophomore Clinical Rotations**

- **Biomechanics Workshop -1 month**
- **Emergency Room – 1 month**
- **Highland Podiatry – 2 months**
- **Laguna Honda/Homeless – 1 month**
- **Medicine (H&P) – 1 month**
- **St. Mary's Podiatry – 2 months**

# Junior Clinical

- **Classes meet once a week**
- **Clinic meets four times a week**

# Junior Clinical Rotations

- **Diabetic – 2 month rotation at bay area wound centers**
- **Highland Podiatry/Radiology – 2 months**
- **Medicine at Highland – 1 month**
- **Private office clerkship – 1 month**
- **Podiatric Surgery – 4 month rotation**  
**OR training at St. Mary's**

# Senior Clinical Education

**Based out of seven Core locations.**

**There is a common curriculum based on the Core Composition document. Standard evaluation forms are used at all Core sites.**

# Core locations

- **CSPM**
- **VASF**
- **Tacoma**
- **Salt Lake City**
- **Phoenix**
- **Albuquerque**
- **San Antonio**

# Core Composition

**Required rotations utilizing same goals and objectives and evaluation forms is required for the Cores.**

# Core Composition Rotations

- **Podiatric Medicine – 2 months**
- **Podiatric Surgery – 1 month**
- **Medical Imaging – 1 month**
- **General Medicine – 1 month**
- **Medical Specialties – 3 months (Dermatology, Vascular, Orthopedics, General Surgery, Anesthesia, Infectious disease, Pathology, Trauma, Endocrine, Neurology and PT)**

# Core Rotations

- **Each Core must run a minimum of 8 months of rotations that includes the required rotations**
- **Students must complete 12 months of rotations**
- **The other four months are completed at clerkships**

# Clerkships

- **Usually associated with residency programs**
- **Allows students to visit potential residency programs and complete rotation requirements**
- **Standard evaluation form is used at all clerkships for CSPM students**

# **Clinical Education Validation**

- **Standard evaluations for Sophomore and Junior years resulting in clinical ranking**
- **Student logs – Sited by the CPME as outstanding tool for documenting student clinical experience**
- **OSCEs (Objective Structured Clinical Exam) –  
Two practical exams in Junior year  
OSCE in Senior year that student must pass in order to graduate**

# Conclusions

- **A primary strength of CSPM is its clinical education**
- **CSPM is the leader in Biomechanics, Surgery and Diabetic clinical education**
- **No other Podiatry school provides the type of documentation of students meeting minimal competency standards as CSPM**