

Student Work Hours Policy

Preamble: The School of Medicine has the responsibility to develop and implement work hour policies for medical students, especially those on clinical clerkship rotations, in accordance with LCME ED-38. These policies should promote student health and education.

1. Students should not be scheduled for on-call time or patient-care activities in excess of 80 hours per week. Students should not be scheduled for more than 16 continuous hours. Students should have at least one day off each week averaged over a one month period.
2. This policy applies to all clerkships in the third year as well as required and elective fourth year courses at the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine.
3. The clinical departments will determine the frequency of overnight call, but it should not be more frequent than every 4th night.
4. It is anticipated that student attendance at clerkship seminars, conferences, and other didactic sessions will be facilitated by this policy and that provisions in this policy are not the basis for missing these sessions. Requests for excused absences from these sessions should be submitted to the clerkship director or his/her designees on an individual basis.
5. Variances from this policy must be approved by the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.