



Pediatric Visiting Clerkship Program

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

The Visiting Clerkship Program encompasses numerous opportunities for 4th year medical students to explore rotations at the **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)**. This program seeks to address some of the obstacles that can limit access to medical training. The clerkship includes both sub-internship and elective experiences in one of the top children's hospitals in the nation. Students not only have the opportunity to spend time learning first-hand what it is like to be a resident at our institution, but they are paired with resident and faculty mentors and meet with Residency Program Director to aid in their recruitment and preparation for the interview season and Match Process. Additionally, you'll be a part of a larger cohort of students rotating at Penn Medicine hospitals with the opportunity to make meaningful connections and new friends. **Funding is included!**

Program Highlights

- Each student is paired with a Faculty **and** Resident mentor
- Each student will meet 1-on-1 with the Pediatric Residency Program Director
- Opportunity to have mock interview with one of our Assistant Program Directors
- Funding of up to \$2000 to cover travel and housing
- Opportunity to interact with current residents, fellows, and faculty at social events... and you'll be joined by students rotating at Penn in nearly 20 other specialties!!
- Enjoy the city of Philadelphia

Rotation Offerings

We offer sub-internships (acting internships) and electives in a variety of Pediatric specialties:

Sub-internship/Acting Internship	Elective Rotations
Complex Care	Cardiology
Emergency Medicine	Child Abuse
General Pediatrics	Child Development/Rehabilitation
Hematology	Endocrinology
Neurology	Gastroenterology
Pulmonary	Hematology
	Infectious Diseases
	Oncology

Application Requirements and Information

The application for our Clerkship opens in February and is available through the Perelman School of Medicine's VLSO application. After logging in to VLSO, search "Perelman School of Medicine" under the Elective Catalogue. Then you can find the specific application by searching for Pediatrics and looking for the "Visiting Clerkship Program."

VSLO Website: <https://students-residents.aamc.org/visiting-student-learning-opportunities/visiting-student-learning-opportunities-vslo>

Perelman School of Medicine Visiting Student Website:
<https://www.med.upenn.edu/student/application-and-dates.html>

All applicants must be rising 4th year (or final year if additional degrees or program longer than 4 years) medical students and planning to pursue the match in Pediatrics. **Application deadline is May 9th – however our selection committee will have rolling reviews of applications with acceptances possible prior to the deadline.** The following materials are required and will be completed and/or uploaded via the VLSO application site:

- Student Information Form
- Immunization Record (VSLO form acceptable)
- CV/Resume
- Transcript (official or unofficial)
- Photograph
- Proof of Health Insurance
- Personal Statement expressing interest for specialty/clerkship program
- Short essay question
- Letter of Support (preferentially from an attending physician in pediatrics)
- Pediatric-specific clearances
 - PA Child Abuse Clearance [Child Welfare Portal](#), select "Employee of a Child Care Setting" after logging in/creating an account
 - PA State Police Request for Criminal History Check - [PATCH](#)
 - FBI Fingerprint Criminal History Clearance - [IdentoGo](#) (service code 1KG738)

Rotation dates

August 4, 2025 – August 20, 2025

September 2, 2025 – September 26, 2025

September 29, 2025 – October 24, 2025

October 27, 2025 – November 21, 2025 (elective only)



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