

Course 6 Clinical Core: Pediatrics

Dear pediatric faculty,

We are excited to bring back Clinical Core for our pre-clerkship students! We are writing to invite you to participate in this highly interactive and rewarding teaching experience. Students rate their clinical core sessions very highly, and last year's average was 4.5/5!

The overall goal of the Well Child session is to become more comfortable examining children, and to highlight unique features in the approach to the pediatric history and physical exam. In most cases, this is the first clinical encounter students would have had with children. In addition to the well child clinical core session, students will also have the opportunity to complete a Well Baby Clinical Core, which will be an opportunity to learn about the newborn physical examination.

If you are interested in this teaching opportunity, please sign up here Well Child: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/wellchild2024>

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How is core going to be organized?

For Well-child, once a preceptor is confirmed, the student leader will email the preceptor to arrange the schedule. Students have protected time scattered throughout the duration of the course, but the Clinical Core sessions can occur outside of this protected time, at the discretion of the preceptor and group.

2. Where does it occur?

It may occur at any site, or clinic. This may be at a private clinic or in the hospital, depending on what works best for you.

3. With the ongoing COVID19 pandemic, how will Clinical Core be different?

Due to pandemic restrictions, student groups were smaller and teaching time was cut in half. We have received overwhelming feedback that the smaller groups facilitated higher quality learning, even with their teaching time cut in half. As a result, we will continue to teach in smaller groups. Each preceptor will be assigned to 1 clinical core group of 5-6 students. You will do 2 hours of teaching with each half a group. Total hours of bedside teaching will be 4 hours (2x2hr sessions). Students will be asked to



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complete a fit for work assessment prior to coming to their session. In addition, they will be asked to be trained on PPE donning and doffing.

4. What preparation will the students have done prior to their session.

We have created 3 clinical skills videos, that students are required to view prior to their Clinical Core session. These 3 videos cover the areas of (1)Newborn exam, (2)Pediatric History, and (3)HEADSSS History. Each video has an accompanying checklist so that students can easily follow along. We hope that this preparation will allow more efficient use of patient time, and allow preceptors to focus on physical exam findings, rather than needing to go over history taking. Videos are posted on the Paediatric Portal www.paedsportal.ca.

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