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### **Policy for Elective Courses during the Clerkship Portion of the Curriculum**

As a part of the MCG 3+ Curriculum, all students must complete 6 weeks of electives. In addition, students in the 4 year pathway must complete an additional 8 weeks of electives and 20 weeks of enrichment selectives. To meet these requirements students in the 4 year pathway have two 6-week elective blocks during the clerkship portion of the curriculum for a total of 12 weeks of elective time. For students in an LIC curriculum, these 12 weeks may be distributed throughout the clerkship period in a manner consistent with the LIC schedule for the student's campus.

Eligibility to enroll in a specific course during the clerkship portion of the curriculum is determined based on the prerequisite requirements for that course.

1. Courses not requiring a prerequisite can be taken anytime during the clerkship period.
2. Courses requiring completion of a core clerkship may be taken once a student has met one of the following conditions:
  - a. The student has successfully completed a part of the clinical activities of that core clerkship and passed the NBME subject exam for that core clerkship.
  - b. The student has successfully completed all clinical activities of that core clerkship.
  - c. The student's Regional Campus Dean or designee (regional campus and Partnership Campus students) or Academic Advisor (Augusta based students) and the sponsoring Department Chair or designee have agreed to allow the student to take the course.

**Note:** Students who have completed the clinical part of a clerkship but have failed both attempts at the shelf exam and thus have failed the clerkship will no longer be eligible for electives in that discipline that require clerkship completion until they have remediated the clerkship successfully.