

Womack Army Medical Center – Fort Bragg, NC Third-Year Pediatric Clerkship Welcome Letter



Welcome to Womack Army Medical Center and Ft. Bragg, NC! Your 3rd year Pediatric Clerkship consists of a 6-week rotation through various elements of inpatient and outpatient experiences. Please consult the Student Clerkship Handbook for complete details on clerkship requirements and expectations prior to arrival.

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Lodging: Will be coordinated through USU. Students are generally billeted on post at the Basic Officers' Quarters (BOQ), which is a moderate distance from the hospital. In the event that the BOQ is unavailable, students may be lodged at a nearby hotel.

Directions: Proper identification is required to enter the post at all times including Military ID, and/or drivers license, rental vehicle agreement and vehicle registration, and license plate number. The majority of access is through 3 gates on Bragg Blvd. Adequate signs are posted to the hospital which is located on Riley Road. The hospital is constructed such that inpatient services are on the 'tower side', while the opposing 2 floor side has all the clinics. The pediatric clinic is situated just to the left of the 1st floor clinic side entrance. Parking is available in well demarked areas noted as "staff parking" on both sides of the hospital.

First Day: Proceed to the HESD Office NLT 0800 on the 4th floor tower and see the Womack GME Coordinator, Mr. Raymond Sanders. The AM will largely consist of inprocessing checklists, obtaining hospital badges, welcome packet and various logistic and administrative tasks needed prior to starting your rotation. You will link up with the Pediatric Medical student coordinator in the afternoon and receive an orientation detailing your roles, responsibilities, expectations and student schedules.

Attire: Students should expect to wear the duty uniform of their parent service during regular working hours which can be the Class B/BDU/ACU. On weekends when rounding on the inpatient service, appropriate professional casual civilian attire is also permissible. During inpatient rotations on the ward and nursery, surgical scrubs are also acceptable, provided students have a white coat to wear when off the floors which is in keeping with the hospital policy. Access for 2 pairs of scrubs will be granted as part of the in-processing paperwork.

Dining: There is a full service cafeteria located on the basement level. There is also a nearby “Grab and Go” with limited salads, sandwiches and beverages. On the 1st floor, just outside the clinic area is a privately run snack bar with similar selections, but tends to be much pricier. For those students desiring to pack a lunch, refrigerators are available for that purpose in the clinic and on the wards.

Rotation Outline: Rotations consist of 3 weeks of inpatient pediatric medicine (2 weeks of ward, and 1 of nursery), and 3 weeks of ambulatory (outpatient) pediatrics. Students take 2 calls while on the pediatric ward (1 weekday and 1 weekend) and are expected to round on one weekend day of the non-call weekend. Students take one weekday call during the nursery rotation, and round on one of the weekend days. Outpatient experiences include 1 week of well baby/well child exposure, and 2 weeks of general pediatrics clinic, including some exposure to subspecialty medicine as schedules allow. Clinic hours run from 0800 until close of business after assigned patients and walk-ins have been seen, but generally until around 1630.

Reference Materials: Students should bring, as a minimum, their copy of *The Harriet Lane Handbook*, *Nelson’s Essentials of Pediatrics*, and the *Bright Futures(3rd edition) pocket guide*. The other issued texts are First Exposure Pediatrics and Pre-Test Pediatrics, 11th ed.

Leave Requests: Students are expected to be present for assigned clinical duties. When Holidays or training holidays occur during outpatient portions, students will have no assigned clinical responsibilities for those days, but travel requests outside the regional area should be discussed with the Pediatric GME coordinator to ensure accountability in case of an emergency. All leave requests must be approved by the Pediatric Clerkship Director at USUHS, LTC Mike Pelzner (mpelzner@usuhs.mil). No leave may be taken from the inpatient portions of the clerkship.