HAMAD MEDICAL CORPORATION

Department of Medical Education
Graduate Medical Education Office (GMEO)

HMC Internship Programs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

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1. Who can apply for a HMC internship program?
   - Medical students who are in their final year, have a valid residency permit for Qatar and are expected to graduate before the application closing date.
   - Medical graduates (with a valid residency permit in Qatar) who have not completed their internship elsewhere.

   Please note that repetition of an internship is not permitted.

2. What are the admission dates for an internship at HMC?
   There will be two admission dates for the Internship Program - July 1st and January 1st of each year. This will give students who graduate on different dates of the year the opportunity to join the internship program.

   Candidates who submit their application before **June 15** will be able to join the internship program on **July 1st**. Candidates who submit their applications before **December 15**, will be able to join on **January 1st**.

   **Families of eligible candidates may apply on their behalf if they provide all of the required documents.**

3. What about the Internship entrance exam?
   Passing USMLE Step 2 CK or IFOM – CSE and IELTS or TOEFL are the only and the minimum requirements for joining the HMC internship program.

   **We will consider an average acceptable USMLE Step 2 CK score and an equal pass score in IFOM as well as pass scores for IELTS or TOEFL.**

   **Submitting the application without exam results is not acceptable.**

4. What about TOEFL/IELTS requirements?
   (Evidence of competence in professional English language)

   Competence in the professional English language is a mandatory requirement to join all HMC GME programs. It is essential for proper communication, verbal and written, and it is an important factor in passing the residency exams and selection during the matching process.

5. The Orientation Program for new interns will include:
   - HMC Corporate and Medical Education Orientation
   - Infection Control Workshop
   - Pharmacy Prescription Errors Workshop
   - Life Support Courses - ILS and EDAMS

   The orientation program dates and venues will be arranged upon joining the Internship program.

6. Available intern courses
   - Patient – Physician Communication Skills
   - ILS (Immediate Life Support)
• ITLS (Immediate Trauma Life Support)
• EDAMs
• EBM (Search for the Evidence and PICO)
• Communication Skills
• Professionalism

7. What is the structure of the rotating internship program at HMC?

A rotating internship at HMC is a 12 month rotation between different clinical specialties.

- 3 months Medicine including CCU
- 3 months Surgery including Anesthesia
- 2 months Ob-Gyn
- 2 months Pediatrics
- 2 months electives

We recommend Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Radiology and Psychiatry as electives but you may do electives in any specialty of your choice.

Interns are entitled to a maximum of four weeks of annual leave during major rotations with a maximum of two weeks duration to be taken at any one time. This is pending the approval of the program director, the chief resident of that specialty and the institutional internship coordinator.

8. Which HMC hospitals accept rotating interns?

- Hamad General Hospital
- Rumailah Hospital
- Women Hospital
- Al Khor Hospital
- NCCCR (Al Amal Hospital)
- Al Wakrah Hospital

9. Can I choose my rotations?

The Internship coordinator (Miss. Amal) will distribute the interns randomly to all departments and to all hospitals. You should know your rotations for the whole year ahead of time and plan your holidays and electives accordingly.

10. Is there an assessment (evaluation) for interns?

All programs use structured evaluation forms based on the ACGME 6 core competencies after each rotation.

It is the responsibility of the intern to ensure that the supervising faculty completes the assessment form and provides feedback after each rotation. The intern must then sign the form and send it to the Medical Education Internship coordinator.

10. Can a candidate repeat an Internship?

No, an internship cannot be repeated.
Please Note

Parents, family and friends may apply for an internship on behalf of students who are still in their final year of medical school

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Completing the Rotating Internship program at HMC is not in any way a commitment or guarantee that the doctor is guaranteed an appointment at HMC or admission to a HMC Residency

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