

Appendix 1: Clerkships and clinical electives during the first three years of study at the Medical University of Graz.

1./2. semester:

➤ Track “Introduction to medicine” (8 ECTS points):

Practical work in a hospital ward with accompanying seminar, fundamentals in communication, introduction to various medical fields and general medicine in particular, insight in ethics and evidence-based medicine, practical training of first aid and physical examination

➤ Track “Medical skills I” (2 ECTS points):

Exploration of the extramural medical field with accompanying seminar

➤ **“Clinical Elective License” (1 ECTS point)**

3./4. semester:

➤ Track “Medical skills IIa/b” (2 ECTS points):

First aid, unconsciousness, dyspnea, circulatory shock, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, traumatology, pediatric emergencies; rescue services practical training

➤ Track “Communication – Supervision – Reflection I” (2 ECTS points):

Psycho-social and psychosomatic medicine

5./6. semester:

➤ Module 16 “Visceral function and modulation” (9 ECTS points):

Visual diagnosis, heart and lung auscultation, physical examination, venous cannulation (minimum of 34 training hours)

➤ Module 17 “Visceral structure and intervention” (8 ECTS points):

Surgical suturing techniques (minimum of 21 training hours)

➤ Track “Communication – Supervision – Reflection II” (1 ECTS point):

Ethics in medicine

Clinical electives

Electives are clinical activities in medical specialties of students' choice. During the second stage of study, students have to complete 16 weeks (560 hours) of mandatory electives in the lecture-free period. Electives should be undertaken at clinical departments; however, four weeks of electives can be spent at pre-clinical institutions (e.g. pathology, medical psychology) and further four weeks at radiology departments. It is recommended to carry out four weeks of clinical training after the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th year of study, respectively.

Successful completion of the first stage of study as well as of the “Clinical Elective License” is mandatory for every student before undertaking clinical electives.