

# Observer Training



## Program Description

The Observer Training Program at The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) is designed to allow international medical graduates to observe the American health care system in order to update and enhance their clinical and educational skills in a particular specialty.

The goal of the program is to provide observers with a strong clinical experience, as well as a basic overview of the American medical system in a medical center that enjoys an outstanding international reputation for interdisciplinary coordination of education, research, diagnosis, and treatment. The program also builds important international relationships, collaborations, and exchange of knowledge with colleagues from around the world.



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## Eligibility Requirements

To match the observer with an appropriate faculty member, the Office of International Medicine Programs (IMP) requires the following at least eight weeks before the training begins:

- Curriculum vitae
- Copy of medical degree
- Copy of medical transcripts
- Copies of USMLE steps I and/or II score sheets
- Two letters of recommendation
- PPD test or chest X-Ray done within 12 months of the observership training
- Statement outlining areas of interest and goals for the program, including time and length of observership
- Proof of health insurance for coverage in the United States

For the observer to fully benefit from the experience, it is imperative that he or she has command of the English language. Patient contact is prohibited as an observer. Each observer must obtain his or her own visa.

## Assignment of Positions

Opportunities are potentially available in the following specialties:

- Anesthesiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Pathology
- Psychiatry
- Radiology
- Surgery

Availability of positions depends upon the availability of faculty mentors and is subject to change throughout the year. Each observership must be approved on a case-by-case basis by IMP and concerned clinical department.

## Duration

Observerships are available for four to eight week periods. Special accommodations for longer rotations may be made on a case-by-case basis and will be subject to faculty availability.

## Letter of Completion

At the end of the program, all observers will receive a letter of completion acknowledging their participation and length of rotation.