

Harrison School of Pharmacy

Office of Experiential Learning

Advanced Practice Experience Frequently Asked Questions for Rotation Selection

How do I know which preceptor to select for a rotation?

In some cases there are only one or two instructors in each region for a course so it may not matter. For other rotations, see which preceptors are available then look them up in PEMS (<https://www.ems-webs.com/Auburn>) to learn more about their practice site. Some may have a copy of their current syllabus that you can review.

Can I contact a preceptor to get more information about the rotation before I select rotations?

NO.

Please ask the Program Coordinator for information about a preceptor or site instead of contacting them. Understand that our preceptors/sites have full time practices and if student after student contacted them with questions, they would soon be spending more time answering questions than providing patient care. See our policies about this at http://pharmacy.auburn.edu/offices/oel/policies_standards.htm Please remember to utilize the slide sets that are available on the OEL website as well as students currently on rotations.

Can I select a rotation where I have worked at already and can I get paid on rotations?

NO.

Due to ACPE accreditation standards, students are not allowed to have a rotation where they have already worked or with a pharmacist they have worked with/for previously. For example, if you worked at a retail chain store, you cannot have a rotation under the pharmacist you worked with or at that store. You could however, have a rotation at that same chain, just in another area. You are not allowed to be paid while on a rotations where you will receive a grade. You can work and get paid during your off blocks.

Can I have a rotation in my hometown if it is not already on Auburn's list of sites?

If you can show that this site is offering something completely unique that we do not offer in any of our regions, we will evaluate the site. Please do not ask for a community pharmacy or management rotation because we already have these types of rotations available.

How do I get rotations in another region?

Once the first complete draft of the schedule is finalized, OEL will open up any vacant rotations for students from other regions. This will most likely occur in January.

How many rotations can I go to which are outside our regions?

PPE mentor, as well as the Dean's Office, when considering approval of these requests. The maximum number of out of area rotations allowed is two rotations. Realize that out of area rotation assignments may change based on your academic progress during your P3 year. Due to end of the year requirements (poster session and awards day), out of area rotations will not be offered in March and April.

When is the rotation schedule finalized? When do I need to secure housing in my region?

We will finalize the required rotations before the end of Fall semester of your P3 year. Many students start narrowing down housing choices during the December break and finalize housing in January or February when the rotation schedule is complete.

Can my schedule change before or during rotations?

While we would like to say the answer is no, please understand that things may occur before or during the rotation period that will limit or change preceptor availability. We try to reschedule rotations that must be changed to have the least negative impact on the student. Understand however, if your schedule needs to change, you should be as flexible as possible to ensure that you graduate on time.

Can I change my schedule after the schedule is posted FINAL?

Only rare circumstances allow for changes to the schedule after it is finalized and posted.