DERMATOLOGY - MD (DERM)

DERM 720: Dermatology
3 Credits
Interdisciplinary - Medical Education Course
**Prerequisite:** successful completion of MS Year I

DERM 732: Dermatology Elective
5 Credits/Maximum of 5

Designed to provide students with an extensive, in-depth exposure to clinical dermatology; involved in the evaluation and management of patients in dermatology clinics.

**Prerequisite:** Third Year Core Clerkships

DERM 740: Dermatology/Pathology Elective
5 Credits/Maximum of 5

Intended for students pursuing a career in dermatology or pathology; involves the study of the pathology of cutaneous disorders. The elective complements what is learned in dermatology and pathology rotations.

**Prerequisite:** successful completion of 3rd year core clerkships. Students must contact course director to receive prior approval before registering for this course.

DERM 740A: Clinical Elective in Dermatology
2.5 Credits/Maximum of 2.5

The Clinical Dermatology elective is a TWO-week course that is designed to cover the skin conditions that are most germane to any general practitioner. The course will provide an introduction to several common diseases that affect the skin and their diagnosis, pathology, and treatment. This course is focused on the most common and most important diseases and therapies from a public health standpoint. This course is not suggested for students pursuing a career in dermatology (the 4-week elective [DERM 732] is suggested for these students). Course material will be presented in the form of workplace teaching in the clinic, microscopic teaching in the dermatopathology practice site, and readings from textbooks and online learning modules. Central themes of the course are visual recognition of the cutaneous findings and the ability to accurately describe these findings. Patient care hinges upon first visualizing the abnormality after which the descriptive terminology can facilitate the generation of a differential diagnosis.

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Phase I

DERM 796: Dermatology Individual Studies
5 Credits/Maximum of 5

This course provides an opportunity for senior medical students to pursue individual dermatology research projects with a supervising faculty dermatologist.

**Prerequisite:** Restricted to students enrolled in The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. Students must have completed the dermatology elective (DERM 732).