



Introductory Clinical Experience

Opt-In Policy (Los Angeles College of Chiropractic and Eastern Medicine Department Only)

In any term in which the student's program of study has suspended on-ground labs due to COVID-19, or in any term in which an enrolled student is not scheduled to participate in on-ground labs due to COVID-19 in the community, Term 1 and Term 2 students may opt-in to participate in clinical experiences (when these are offered).

The Introductory Clinical Experience Opt-In Policy is intended to give students flexibility in how and when they are able to continue in-person experiences in their program of study for academic credit towards graduation.

The chart below summarizes the impact of this policy for new T1 and T2 (Trimester 1 and 2) students in these programs:

	SUMMARY	On-ground offering	For Credit?	Location?	Registration Deadline and Contact?	Available to other cohorts?	Additional information
DC	T1 & T2 DC students can <i>opt-in</i> to a clinical selective course for on-ground experience (observation only) if they choose; other DC students already have this option	Optional "Introductory Clinical Experience" selective (15 hours) made available to T1 and T2 students	Yes (counts towards 435 hours of required selectives)	Off-campus observation with a required on-campus component	Registration must occur by day 8 of the term. Submit the Introductory Clinical Experience Opt-In Acknowledgement Form to Registrar@scuhs.edu to begin the process. Follow the DC Introductory Clinical Experience Enrollment and Approval Process.	This selective is being opened during COVID for T1 & T2 students not otherwise on ground.	Students can only observe with an already SCU-approved doctor. There is a \$31 fee to apply per the CA State Board. Availability to register is contingent on the student selecting an approved doctor willing to have a student observe, and State approval of the students' selected student/doctor combination. <i>Note: During COVID, clinical selectives are only available to students who are NOT concurrently taking on ground courses.</i>
DACM/ MACM	T1 DACM and MACM students can <i>opt-in</i> to a clinical observation course one trimester early for on-ground experience (observation only) if they choose; T2 students will be enrolled in this course	Optional early start of "Clinical Observation 1" course in T1	Yes (Completion of required "Clinical Observation 1" Course over two terms)	On-campus only	Registration must occur by day 8 of the term. Submit the Introductory Clinical Experience Opt-In Acknowledgement Form to Registrar@scuhs.edu to begin the process.	This T2 course is being opened during COVID for T1 students not otherwise on ground. This is normally a T2 course, and current T2 students will also be enrolled.	Participating T1 students will complete the course over 2 terms, awarding the final grade to T1 when complete. This course is feasible for T1 students as long as the University Health Center can accept students for observation. The students must observe as scheduled.

Students who are in their third trimesters and beyond in the DC, DACM, and MACM programs have other clinical and or on-ground courses in which they can participate, and thus do not require an opt-in policy. First and second trimester (T1 and T2) students can benefit from this opt-in policy as described above.

Tuition and Fees: Students will not be charged additional tuition and fees by the University to participate in these opportunities if otherwise normally enrolled. Students will be responsible for applicable fees levied by the State of California requiring that students be approved for external clinical opportunities.