Purpose

The Summer Operational Experience (SOE) is a 2 to 3 week operational clerkship conducted as part of the MMPL during the summer months. This experience aims to provide the student with additional operational context and enhance the student’s familiarity with the medical departments' capabilities, service specific operational environment, or general Warfighter skills. Goals for this experience are:

• provide exposure to the services’ medical capabilities and capacity
• provide exposure to the services’ mission and the role of the medical department in support of the war-fighter
• provide a re-energizing experience and an opportunity that may motivate the student to pursue an operational medical assignment/career
• acquire and improve skills that will be directly useful in support of line units

Description

The SOE is an approximately two-week experience chosen from a menu of options that may be conducted at various points during the 7-week summer. The SOE is followed by the mandatory Military Field Practicum (MFP) 102 - Advanced Combat Medical Experience (ACME). Students will be authorized to take leave during the times they are not engaged in either SOE clerkship or MFP 102.

Note: USAF students are required (by their Surgeon General) to attend the Aerospace Medicine Primary (AMP) 101 course as their SOE. They are permitted (but not required) to participate in an additional SOE clerkship.

Schedule

SOE: July 6 – August 9, 2015  |  MFP102 - ACME: August 10-19

The "Menu"

Students will choose from the following experiences.

Note: Approximate numbers of students allowed for each experience are indicated in parentheses. These are subject to change.

AMP 101, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH (50)
USAF Only - This is a required experience for all USAF students.

CDHAM Stability Ops: USU/Rockville, MD (25)

Operational Ultrasound course: USU (35-50)
SouthCom Humanitarian Missions: Honduras and Dominican Republic. (16)
AFRICOM-Ultrasound & Kenya (2 male students or 2 female students)
USMC Mountain Medicine course: Bridgeport, CA. (~22)
Navy shipboard experience: San Diego, CA, and Norfolk, VA. (12)
Master Fitness Trainer Course: USU. (50)
Combative Instructor Certification Course: Forest Glen, MD (30)
Naval Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC): NAS Pensacola, FL. (10)
USN students only
US Army School of Aviation Medicine (USASAM): Fort Rucker, AL. (6 to 8)
USA students only
USAF Top Knife: Luke AFB, AZ. (8)
ACME T/A: USU. (15-25)

The "Match" LAST DAY TO SUBMIT 30 Jan 2015 (end of business day)

Students will receive an email with a preference sheet (form) to fill out and submit. They will be assigned a random number and run down from lowest to highest, filling spots in with the highest rated and available experience requested.