Preparation for Professional Practice – Electives Assessment

Instructions to students

Before your return from your elective you will be informed of the date, time and location for your appraisal of your portfolio, which will start with feedback on your report of ‘My Memorable Elective Experience’ (MMEE).

If you are taking the resit final exams, and have done a shortened elective placement (or been given leave to stay in Leicester), you may submit an alternative report entitled How I Prepared for Resit Finals. This report should be one side of A4 and can be structured around the action plan for your resits.

Procedure

1. Visit the Senior Blocks/Electives/Electives Assessment Folder in Blackboard and follow the instructions on how to upload your two documents.

2. Upload your My Memorable Elective Experience report (or How I Prepared for Resit Finals report) by Thursday 25 May 2017. If you are unable to meet the deadline for submitting your MME report contact Nichola Smith ns55@le.ac.uk as soon as possible.

3. Upload a scanned copy of your Elective Supervisor Assessment Form by Friday 26 May 2017. If you cannot do this for any reason please contact Nichola Smith (ns55@le.ac.uk).

4. If possible, once you have received your group allocations during your elective consider contacting the other students in your group for the global health presentation topic to exchange information and thoughts about how your own experience may shape the presentation you will be making.
Guidance for completion of student elective reports

On completion of your elective, students are required to prepare a report describing their memorable elective experience. To honour the spirit of the elective, which is to allow students to choose the learning they undertake, the report can be made in any format you choose, for example:

- Patient case report
- Formal report
- Reflective or creative writing
- Photo essay (please remember patient confidentiality and cultural sensitivity; images alone are NOT enough, it has to be a reflective journey)
- Video (you are responsible for video being compatible with University computer systems, please remember videos can take up a lot of storage)
- PowerPoint slides and notes
- Poster
- Blog post (simply sharing your travel itinerary is not sufficient)

Please be aware of the following key essential qualities for your Elective reports:

1. Elective reports should contain evidence of true reflection and reflective practice. This may be in relation to your personal journey, to comparing different healthcare systems or reflecting on specific cases you encountered. Feel free to consider how the elective experience will prepare you in relation to your foundation training.

2. The report has to follow some general logical progression in terms of intro, main part and conclusion. References are optional, but can enhance the report.

3. This is an opportunity to be creative, so we highly welcome exciting and visually rich reports.

4. Do not forget to showcase any prior research about your host countries healthcare in your report.

5. Feel free to refer to the educational objectives you have set yourself in your Elective Proposal Form.

The report must be submitted for assessment using Blackboard and it should be possible to read or view it in 10 minutes. All the reports will be marked either U (unsatisfactory), S (satisfactory) or E (excellent). If your report is marked unsatisfactory you will be given specific feedback and suggestions and will be asked to re-submit. The best of the best will be further reviewed by academic tutors leading to selection of Elective Prize winners.

Students who have to re-sit the Finals Professional Examination may choose to submit an alternative report on ‘How I have prepared for FPE re-sits’ this can be based on the action plan for your resit examination and should be one side of A4.

Building up elective contacts and global links

Many of you would have contributed positively to your host institutions during your elective and we feel strongly that we should foster links with those elective destinations which offer students the best experience. Fostering Positive Elective Experiences Form will ask for your honest rating of your elective and will give you a chance to help your colleagues in subsequent years at Medical School. Please contact Dr Keerig if you have an interest at presenting at conference level.