

Elective Policy

Overview

RCoD promotes students to undertake elective training at teaching hospital within or outside Pakistan. The practical training also called as Observation and Training on Job, enables students to apply theoretical knowledge in real- world situations. It's a valuable opportunity for hands-on experience, skill development, exposure to diverse health-care settings, networking and personal growth. This training enhances students' resumes and prepare them for their future medical careers.

Policy Statement

The elective training policy aims to ignite the student's 'intellectual curiosity', broaden their knowledge horizons and lay the foundation for their professional excellence in their respective specialties. This policy facilitates the acquisition of a diverse skill set as students interact with patients from different beliefs, values and cultures. By engaging with different health-care contexts, this training policy also exposes students to progressive health-care advancements and research breakthroughs, ultimately contributing to enhanced health-care out comes. Moreover, this policy encourages students to critically assess and compare healthcare delivery methodologies across the designated teaching hospitals.

Aims

- To understand the significance of cutting-edge facilities, equipment and technology in providing exceptional health-care services.
- To witness professionals in action during visits to diverse teaching hospitals before concluding the program.
- To cultivate self-assurance, maturity and sense of account ability as they transition into their professional responsibilities.
- To exhibit an enhanced comprehension of ethical, confidential and delicate matters when encountering patients from various beliefs, values and cultural background.
- Acquire familiarity with health and safety protocols and gain an understanding of various Standard Operating Procedures (SOP' s) for clinical processes.

Learning Outcomes of Elective Training for Dental Students

- Witness the disease profile specific to particular region or country.
- Gain awareness of advancements in health-care that contribute to improved health outcomes.
- Contrast the delivery of health-care across various teaching hospitals.
- Observe the practical application of professional skills within different health-care systems.



Elective Training Program

S.No	Duration of Training	Accomplishment of Training	Pre-requisite of Training
01	45 days (each year)	Summer Vacations Winter Vacations	Completion of Clinical wards rotations as per respective class year

Pre-requisite Subjects for Clinical Wards

While applying for Elective Training, students should have completed their Clinical Ward Rotations in following subjects.

S.No	3 rd Year BDS	4 th Year BDS
1	Periodontology	Prosthodontics
2	-	Orthodontics
3	-	Operative Dentistry
4	-	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Application Process of Elective Training of Internal Students

- Students are required to submit an application addressed to Dean/ Principal to request provisional approval for elective training at their preferred teaching hospital
- Students will receive permission, and approved students will be provided with a letter of recommendation. They should then get in touch with the HR department of their chosen teaching hospital before informing the HR department of RCoD in the case of approval.
- Upon receiving approval from RCoD, students will secure permission and be provided with a letter of recommendation. Afterward, they should initiate communication with the HR department of their chosen teaching hospital to obtain permission before informing the HR department of RCoD in case of approval.
- Upon completion of their training, the teaching hospital will furnish a certificate containing information about the credit hours completed and the specialties in which the students have been trained.
- RCoD will approve training for 25 % of students based on formal written requests from interested students, contingent upon the completion of necessary Clinical Rotations.
- The selected students undertaking elective training will not receive any financial assistance.

Clinical Electives Programs for External Students

RCoD has developed the Clinical Elective Program for external students with the aim of offering them a comprehensive experience in their chosen specialty, thus preparing them to become skilled future physicians. Engaging in Clinical Electives allows external students to acquire valuable insights from faculty, staff and patients. This experience contributes to their understanding of the evolving health-care system at RCoD and its patient care approach.



Electives Offered

RCoD offers 45 days' clinical electives training in the following specialties:

- Periodontology
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Orthodontics
- Operative Dentistry
- Prosthodontics

Eligibility Criteria

External students will be placed for clinical elective training after 3rd year to Final year.

General Rules & Regulations (Elective Training for External Students)

- i. Students are required to submit a handwritten application to the HR department of RCoD at least 4 weeks before the summer and winter vacations, expressing their intent for elective training. The application should specify the exact training period or departmental specialty desired by the students. Students in their fourth year of BDS will be eligible for consideration for subject-specific training.
- ii. Only students enrolled in a PM&DC- accredited institute will be considered and the approval of elective training is contingent upon the submission of the following documents:
 - A letter of Recommendation from the principal of parent institution.
 - 3x Passport size pictures
 - Medical Fitness Certificate from Registered Practitioner.
- iii. Rawal College of Dentistry will not bear responsibility for accommodation, food, or medical coverage. However, upon the elective students' request, these facilities can be arranged for by paying a designated fee or charges as determined by RCoD Management.
- iv. Each elective period will span 45 days annually, and students have the option to utilize their summer and winter breaks to fulfill this obligatory training duration.
- v. Students engaged in electives at Rawal Dental Hospital must adhere to the rules & regulations of RCoD and wear a white coat as part of their attire.
- vi. Students are required to report to the HR department upon their arrival and at the conclusion of their elective training.

