

Enhanced Skills Elective Guidelines

- Enhanced Skills electives must be chosen in consultation with your Enhanced Skills program coordinator
- Electives must be chosen among disciplines related to your area of study
- Electives must be 1 block in duration (part of a block is not acceptable)
- Electives location (ie. City) flexibility may be required due to capacity limitations.
- Electives not on the supplied list can be taken out of Southwestern Ontario (or Ontario) with a member of an accredited CANADIAN medical school, with appropriate supervision (maximum 2 blocks for 1 year program and 1 block for 6 month program). This needs to be put forth **IN WRITING** by submitting the Elective Request form - https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/familymedicine/postgraduate/forms/elective_request.html giving details: rotation name, block(s) of rotation, supervisor name, address, telephone #, email address, hospital affiliation, and the objective for the rotation (either the objectives provided by the experience or a list of personal objectives from you)
- Enhanced Skills electives taken out of Ontario: Resident needs to acquire an educational licence in province of elective (this needs to be done early, since the paperwork can require up to 3 months). The resident will also require a letter from Western's Family Medicine Postgraduate Director that will need to be sent to the Postgraduate Office of the university involved in the elective
- Enhanced Skills out-of-country electives: the resident is responsible for arranging his/her own licensure and malpractice insurance. As well, information about the preceptor (e.g. supervisor name, address, telephone & fax numbers, email address, type of practice, how long he/she has been in practice, affiliation with university, license information) and confirmation that the preceptor can accommodate you on the rotation are required. Residents are required to contact the Office of Global Health regarding any requirements.
- Two elective rotations per 1 year program and one elective rotation per 6 month program is permitted outside of Southwestern Ontario (includes all of Canada/International).
- Preceptor payments are not available to non-Western faculty.

Once your electives are requested and confirmed, they may only be cancelled or rearranged (for educational reasons after the schedule comes out) as per the guidelines above and as outlined below.

Principles for Elective Rotations:

- All postgraduate training programs established and accredited at Western have the ability to deliver all elements of the program locally (unless Inter-University Agreement in place)
- Residents that match to Western suggests that London and Distributed Education area is where all of postgraduate training will occur

- Elective periods are permissible provided elective meets accreditation standards set by application College (Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or College of Family Physicians of Canada)
- A two block elective rotation for a one year program or a one block elective rotation for a six month program away from London/Distributed Education area is permissible and managed at the program level
- Requests for elective periods of greater than three blocks must be made in writing by the resident to the program director. If acceptable to program director, a written request must be made to the PGE Dean, minimum of three months prior to the planned elective. Approval of PGE Dean must be granted prior to program approval of elective

*All mandatory components of training are expected to be met in London/Distributed Education area. Any mandatory rotations at locations without an Inter-University Agreement must be approved by the PGE Dean