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Ambulatory	Abington Memorial Hospital	At a doctor's office. hours were office hours so 8:30-4/4:30. Interview and PE for about 10 patients a day and then presented to attending after each one.	n/a	Mostly was up and about all day so didn't need a place to sit. No time to study for most of the day but there is no Shelf.	
Ambulatory	Abington Memorial Hospital	Really great experience - I had a great preceptor who was very enthusiastic about teaching. He let me see a few patients myself each day and practice presenting them to him before we went in to see them together. Lots of HTN/Diabetes/high cholesterol, but still saw some very interesting cases everyday. Hours were around 7:30-4:30.	None - 30-40 min. drive from center city or queen lane	Gas station and Trader Joe's on the drive home	
Surgery	Abington Memorial Hospital	Abington was ok. They didn't really let students do any hands on techniques including suturing but you got to stand in on some cool cases. Most of the cases were gallbladders or hernia repairs.	None	Small library	
Family Medicine	Allegheny Health Network	Hours are 8-4 daily; overall a good rotation, you get to see and do a lot	You can live whoever you want, but you likely will have to commute. half of the clinic days are in Monroeville, other clinics will be scattered around Pittsburgh		
Inpatient Medicine	Allegheny Health Network	This rotation is fantastic. It is set up so well for students and you are an active member of the team. there are lots of learning opportunities. You will learn a ton and get very comfortable presenting patients.	You will go to AGH every day.		
OB/GYN	Allegheny Health Network	Hours are pretty long (very similar to surgery hours), you get to see a lot, but don't get to do much	You will go to West Penn daily		
Pediatrics	Allegheny Health Network	hours are pretty light, 2-3 days off are library days, a lot of days you get to leave early. there are no inpatients, so it's a lot of well child visits.	You can live anywhere, but you likely will have to travel for various clinics. Half of the days are in West Penn Hospital.		Probably not the most interactive and active rotation for peds, so if you are strongly considering peds, you might not get an accurate picture of the rotation here.
Pediatrics	Allegheny Health Network	Outpatient experience is good, but inpatient experience is very subpar. You might see 1-2 patients per day on inpatient if you are lucky. Additionally, the schedules of the students are very variable (i.e. 1 student could have a lot of outpatient, vs another could have mostly inpatient). There is a lot of time off to study due to being sent home early a lot of the days. Would not recommend if you are trying to do pediatrics as a career.			Would not recommend if you are trying to do pediatrics as a career
Surgery	Allegheny Health Network	Long hours but so much hands on opportunities. May need to go out of you way to ask physicians and residents to help you learn but they are all very approachable and kind.	Dorms available	Plenty in Pittsburgh, The hospitals & dorms are in the middle of the city	Show initiative for seeing/knowing some patients before resident rounding and do your best to present them to attendings too - they love when you show you're prepared and really want to be involved. Don't freak out about the shelf, either :) get sleep!
Surgery	Allegheny Health Network	Hours were absolutely awful, even for surgery standards, but it depends on which subspecialties you select. I had urology, transplant, and colorectal, and more 16 hour days than I can count on all three. Do not pick this site if you need sleep to function, most of the time I got home and went straight to bed and it left no time for studying except on weekends and even then I was sleeping pretty much the whole day to recover.	Single rooms for the most part. Guys rooms have sinks which is nice for getting ready in the morning.	Starbucks around the corner from the dorms. Dorm has a gym in the basement you can pay \$20 to use but I'm sure they've probably done away with that post covid.	Even if you want to do surgery I would seriously recommend somewhere else, you will not have enough time to study for the shelf.
Surgery	Allegheny Health Network	Rotation is structured as 4 weeks general surgery service, 2 weeks specialty and 2 weeks elective. I liked the structure since it let me see specialties that I wouldn't have been able to otherwise (ex: anesthesia, ophtho, ENT, surg onc). There's weekly didactic lectures and a required oral exam at the end. Depending on what service you're on, your work hours will change. Gen surg service had the longest days so I wasn't able to study more than 2 hours a day. Although this rotation is hard and requires a lot of time, it's manageable.	Dorms on campus, <5 min walking distance from West Penn hospital which was great since I started service at 5:30am. Single rooms (this year at least) with communal bathroom. Only kitchen is on the first floor which sucks, I ended up not cooking since I was also busy with work.	Ate most my meals at the cafeteria, super cheap. Gym was also in dorm building which was nice when I had time. Pittsburgh is a nice city but to be honest I was too busy to explore.	If you like surgery, def do this!! If you don't like surgery, you might not like the intensity of this rotation but I think it's the best shot you have at a good surgical experience, even if you never specialize in it.
Psychiatry	Brandywine Hospital	I learned a ton on this rotation. Worked mostly the consult service, but also a few days at the inpatient behavioral health unit (the psychiatric unit). The psychiatrists were very patient and seemed like they genuinely appreciated your input on the patients you saw, so by completing a thorough interview and presenting your patient, you feel as though you are making a meaningful contribution to the healthcare team. Hours were very nice - usually 9 to 3-5pm. Only major drawback was the commute - about 50-60 minutes (40 miles) from Center City. Of note - no housing is provided (Philadelphia area).	n/a	The hospital is in the middle of nowhere. There's a Wawa right next to it though!	If you're interested in psychiatry, I would recommend this rotation! Even if not, you'll gain an appreciation and understanding of this field that is applicable to all parts of medicine.
Psychiatry	Coatesville VA Medical Center	Very chill rotation. Pretty much all inpatient and a day in substance abuse clinic. Very interesting population to work with. Patient contact is limited to morning rounds and some interviews. You don't take a huge role in caring for patient. Hours are from 8:30- at latest 3:30	n/a	There is no much in Coatesville food or culture wise. There is limited room for the medical students in the offices and not always enough computers.	Do not rely on the cafeteria here. Food is not good and very limited selection

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Neurology	Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center	I had a great experience doing Neurology here. They pretty much have a specialist in every field of Neurology coming in to see patients on different days throughout the week, so I was able to see a great variety. The staff is very friendly and willing to teach. I mostly watched the outpatient visits and tried to perform a neuro exam on at least 1 patient each day, and then I also had the opportunity to see inpatient/ED consults myself before going to see them with my preceptor. I got good experience performing a neurological history and physical, writing a few notes, and developing treatment plans.			
Family Medicine	Crozer-Chester Medical Center	Very clear expectations, schedule, hours. Had certain mornings of afternoons that would be focused on derm, gyn, or sports medicine that also allowed us to see a broader scope of family medicine. Good amount of autonomy as a medical student.	Philly local		
Neurology	Crozer-Chester Medical Center	Hours were light, and gave me plenty of time to study. Usually they divided your day into half and half showing up one place in the morning different place in the afternoon, although a lot of times one of the physicians would cancel on me or send me home if it was a light day. Telemedicine sessions you get to watch at home which is nice. Usually once a week you get to do rounds with the neurointensivist and he's probably one of the smartest people I ever met and he loves teaching so you'll learn a lot from him. The downside is it's pretty much all shadowing you don't see patients on your own/conduct the exam.	N/a	N/a	If you're not interested in neuro and just trying to get by/do well on the shelf this is a great site. If you want to hone your skills and get good at the neuro exam this is not the place for you.
OB/GYN	Crozer-Chester Medical Center	Good exposure to various gyn surgeries including gyn onc. L&D floor not always busy but you are involved in deliveries. Cannot speak to what the week of clinic was like because COVID prevented students from being in clinic.	Philly local	Crozer has a small library	
Psychiatry	Friends Hospital	You follow around one psychiatrist in one ward the entire time. Honestly depends on who your attending is and how involved you want to be. If you're proactive you can see patients by yourself and complete an initial interview, and make suggestions on treatment plans. It's inpatient psych only so if you're interested in seeing outpatient psych, this is not the place for you.	Philly area	Hospital is off of Roosevelt Ave which is not too far from center city (15-20 min drive)	
Psychiatry	Friends Hospital	Really great experience - I had a preceptor who was very enthusiastic about teaching. She gave me the opportunity to be involved in team meetings, perform psych evals, follow a few patients more closely who I connected with, and she valued my input on drug choices and therapy options. I felt like a learned a ton about psychiatry on this rotation and what a day-to-day really looks and feels like at an inpatient psychiatric hospital. I would definitely recommend this site if you are interested in psychiatry.	None - 20-25 min. drive from center city		
Neurology	Greater Philadelphia Area/ GNI	It's all half-days so the hours are nice, but its difficult to get skills checked off or do much besides shadowing (unless you specifically ask). I would say it's great unless you're considering neuro. GNI is at several locations so you will go somewhere else every day. There are no residents only attendings which is great in some ways that you get more time with the attending but I find they're less forgiving of your dumb questions than residents (there are also PAs on inpatient services who act like residents).		I personally hated going somewhere else every day. The closest location is probably Crozer (and the furthest in NJ which takes over 1 hr one way).	
Surgery	Kaiser - Bay area (San Leandro)	-Call: At Kaiser, for call you have 3 evenings (4-10pm) call and 2 weekend days from 8am-10pm. You may not be called in every time. No night shifts; if you're called in at 8pm on a tuesday and it runs beyond 10pm, you can sleep in and come in later the next day. Pros: It's quite involved, no residents and you have much more hands on experience and responsibility, it's not uncommon to be first assist on multiple procedures. All the surgeons were great teachers and invested in our learning experience. pretty consistent 8-4 on OR days, 6:30-4 on Acute Care Surgery days with pre-rounding. I was home while it was still light. Pimping was usually pretty fair questions, the surgeons just want to make sure you know why you're there and not everyone pimps: know indications, ANATOMY Downsides to kaiser surgery: you won't see cardiothoracic, neurosurgery or trauma surgery; not much time to study in-between surgeries because it's an extremely efficient system with 20-min turnaround time between surgeries	Own apartment	COVID times made this tough but at Kaiser San Leandro there are a bunch of smaller private waiting rooms, the cafeteria is pretty good, and we have an office of student affairs with free coffee and snacks. And surgery provides free coffee, salads and sandwiches if you're in the OR all day!	The coordinators of student medical education at kaiser are wonderful, great communicators and clearly invested in our success. they are your friends and will do anything to make your experience the best it can be.

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Pediatrics	Kaiser - Walnut Creek (East Bay)	Right now, Kaiser's policy is to pre-screen anyone with a fever, cough, runny nose, sniffles, etc. so outpatient is almost exclusively well visits. If you are looking for sick visits they will often be videos. During COVID I did not see as much bread and butter peds like RSV, Pneumonia, Whooping Cough, Ear infections, etc.	Walnut Creek (site of outpatient and inpatient for me) was a 30-45 min commute and can be quite draining after a long day	Lots of food and cute shops in the walnut creek area! cafeteria is ok, not particularly large but there's a mall nearby with food options	Study hard for this shelf, it's tough because it draws upon a lot of STEP 1 knowledge that isn't necessarily covered in shelf study books. Very helpful to have this rotation after taking step 1
Family Medicine	Manayunk-Drexel Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine	Great clinical faculty at all of the Drexel Family Medicine sites; lots of individual time with patients practicing interview and physical exams. Plenty of complicated patients but student health also provides a good number of more straightforward patients and sexual health, mental health opportunities.	On your own	Plenty of places near Drexel's UC and CC campus	
Inpatient Medicine	Mercy Catholic Medical Center (Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital / Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia)	Hours were on average 7 AM-2 PM. 7-8ish prerule and write notes, round 9-11ish (would always present your own patients/take ownership), noon conference with free lunch, then med students would do miscellaneous tasks such as med recs, calling families for updates, etc. There was an expectation to send students home after rounding and misc tasks so we can study, which was much appreciated. Overall a relaxed rotation but with great teaching and supportive/kind attendings and residents.	NA	Library at Fitz, random workrooms in Philly	Some attendings were much tougher than others with regards to patient presentations and taking ownership (aka knowing all the meds, diets, etc). Ask residents for advice on your attending, they will be able to tell you how specific/general you should be.
Inpatient Medicine	Mercy Catholic Medical Center (Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital / Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia)	hours highly dependent on resident and attending. 7am-5pm on average. Follow 1-3 patients at a time. Write notes on patients everyday. May present them on rounds but depends on attending. Mostly hang out where your resident/intern is during the day.	n/a	in Philadelphia area	parking is free and on site.
Inpatient Medicine	Mercy Catholic Medical Center (Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital / Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia)	Hours were a lot more chill compared to what I was expecting for medicine. Most days were 7-4 at the absolute latest. Dr. Fleming is the greatest attending and teacher I have ever had. I learned more from him in three weeks than I did in the rest of medical school lol. That made up for the lack of patients there. Mercy fitz has more patients but less teaching time so it's kind of a trade off between the two sites.	N/a	Mercy fitz has a library nearby the conference room. And if you don't mind eating sandwiches every day, free lunch at noon conference every day.	Highly recommend if you can get it!
Inpatient Medicine	Mercy Catholic Medical Center (Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital / Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia)	Very chill clerkship, interesting patient population but the residents are pretty overworked/ exhausted and don't have much time for students. It was nice in the sense that you didn't have long hours but I was disappointed with the experience because it kind of made me less excited about going into medicine as a specialty.			
Neurology	Mercy Catholic Medical Center (Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital / Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia)	I was at Fitzgerald (really good) for 3 weeks and Philly (not so good) for 1 week. Hours were nice - 8:30 to 4 usually. No residents, but you work closely with the neurologist. They taught me a lot and were interested in my learning, and they pushed me in a good way. Lots of patient interaction, and you get to see the life of a consult neurologist. It was mostly inpatient, but there was some clinic time in the mornings, usually 1-2 patients. A good mix and a great rotation overall.	n/a	n/a	This rotation convinced me that I want to be a neurologist, and I hadn't really thought about that field before this. So naturally I would highly recommend it!
Surgery	Mercy Catholic Medical Center (Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital / Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia)	(1/2 of Philly Area Surgery) Expectation is to scrub for as many cases as possible. Not limited to gen surg. Can scrub in on CT, vascular, uro, gyn, etc. Don't have to write notes, but do have to pre-round and present some patients. Outside the OR, students do diet checks, wound care, consults. Even though Mercy Fitz is a community hospital, they see some pretty cool procedures -- way more than just appys and choles.			Anesthesia is student-friendly. They have PCOM students but DUCOM can sit in on anesthesia lectures. Ask to hold a heart during a CABG. Long hours here. There is more time to study while rotating on St. Chris peds surg.
Ambulatory	Philadelphia Drexel Internal Medicine office	The Drexel professors involve you in so much patient care. They are great teachers and really enjoy having students around. Often they picked patients for me ahead of time knowing what would be good learning experiences or challenges for me to encounter. Lots of fun to work with the instructors who also teach us FPC as M1's and M2's	On your own		Office is on Broad Street; saw procedures at Chestnut Hill
Inpatient Medicine	Pinnacle Health Hospitals (Harrisburg Hospital)	Honestly, a good amount of the time I was let out early by 3. Everyone there is so nice and a lot of the interns tend to be international so they're learning how the US system works which gives you an opportunity to learn as the attendings teach them. They tend to "caudle" residents there, but it made everything less intimidating and they're constantly teaching you and give you opportunities to ask questions. Almost every day there was morning report and noon conference where food was always provided.	All year	They have a library at the hospital, a lot of cute restaurants downtown that are within walking distance from the hospital. No grocery stores downtown so plan on driving.	
Ambulatory	Reading Hospital / Tower Health	Honestly one of my favorite rotations. I was at a clinic ~10 min away from the hospital and I had great teaching from the residents and attendings. This was the only rotation where anyone cared about my H&Ps improving (i.e. actually observed them)			

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Inpatient Medicine	Reading Hospital / Tower Health	Hours can vary from day to day and based on attendings - you might come in around 6:30 most days to pre-chart, and on average leave around 4-6. During the first two blocks, the expectations were to know all about your two patients including plans and checking up on updates throughout the day, usually write progress notes daily and H&Ps for new patients, and look up topics for presentations or discussions. I thought the clerkship was great - I was on the HTS teams, which allowed for enough freedom at times but a good group for guidance and learning. It was not overly busy, and there was plenty of time to look up topics or study. The residents and attendings are all very kind and helpful and gave good feedback.	I lived in an apartment (100 Park Apartments) with a roommate, and highly recommend it if you are looking for a very nice place with great amenities (computer room, lounge, small gym, pool, free above ground parking and optional paid underground lot).	There are lots of hiking trails in the area, and many other fun local activities within 30 minutes! There are a decent amount of restaurants, some wineries, and great ice cream spots (Plum Creek is the best!). Sly Fox, Barley Mow, and Beer Wall are some good spots to get drinks at. The Pagoda is nice to see during the day or in the distance at night. I usually get groceries at Weis or Target, there is a Walmart and Aldi nearby as well. Lots of shopping spots. The location is central for traveling anywhere, Philly takes an hour. Lots of hidden treasures in general!	
Inpatient Medicine	Reading Hospital / Tower Health	You will learn a ton here and have a great experience with a large and diverse patient population, but the attendings on the rotation pretty much expect you to know what you're doing from day 1, so don't take internal med as your first rotation. Grading here is tough so don't expect honors.	I hear K Building housing on Tower Health's campus is great compared to housing at other sites - if you're an all year student, housing in the Wyomissing area can be pricey in the area but probably not as much as you were paying in Philly. 2 bed 2 bath \$1360 is what I have fyi	Covid kept me at home or in the hospital library, which was a great study space	If you want to learn a ton and get a better clerkship experience than other sites, then do come to Reading.
OB/GYN	Reading Hospital / Tower Health	good variety of OB/GYN experiences scheduled during your rotation and great lectures from faculty. residents are not the friendliest- stick with the interns if you can.	nice dorms overall, didn't have any issues. right next to the hospital. shared rooms (2/room) with bathroom. there is a communal kitchen with fridge, oven, stove, and microwave. I would bring a brita filter and maybe a coffee maker, but there is a Keurig in the kitchen. quarters for laundry. beds are uncomfortable- I got a mattress topper that helped a lot. Cafeterias at the hospital are actually not bad with plenty of healthy options	many restaurants, take out places within walking distance of the hospital/dorms	
OB/GYN	Reading Hospital / Tower Health	Pretty thorough rotation, you spend 3 days in each subspecialty (ex: labor and delivery, gyn clinic, gynonc, etc.) and have 5-10 mandatory lectures each week. Lectures can get pretty tedious but topics are pretty interesting. Everyone is super nice and helpful, I had a good experience. Labor and delivery can be kind be a hit or miss, depending on how busy things are.	Double occupancy dorms with private bathroom and personal fridge with a shared kitchen/washer/dryer for the entire floor.	Penn Ave is a nice area to go eat and it's a 10 min walk away from dorms	
OB/GYN	Reading Hospital / Tower Health	Rotating on L&D (6am-7:15pm), Night Float (7:15pm-8:am), Gyn (6 am rounds), Gyn Onc (6am), clinic (8:30am-2pm), OB triage (??). You will be up close for vaginal deliveries and will scrub for C-sections and open surgeries. Attendings are REALLY involved. Lots of lectures throughout the week, Zoom lecture 7am every day. If you don't try or show enthusiasm, you won't get a lot out of it.	Dorms are across the street from the hospital. Double rooms with bathroom and mini fridge, would give 2/5 stars. They have cleaners every week who also remove trash every day and provide linens. Decent cookware and appliances in the common kitchen. Common area W/D, living room, two patios with rocking chairs, gym.	Hospital library is small but nice and functional. Great cafes and dining on Penn Ave. Legit Mexican/Dominican food in Reading proper. Target/Chipotle/Panera is ~10 min away. Hospital food is pretty decent. There's a cute park with a stream and a running path behind the hospital.	Try to latch onto the most senior resident. Their lives are easier, hence they are more willing to teach.
Surgery	Reading Hospital / Tower Health	The hours weren't unreasonable for surgery. However, space was tight in the general surgery lounge so the students were asked to study elsewhere, making it difficult to jump in on add-on cases and consults. The trauma team is generally pretty good at getting students engaged, the general surgery team less so (you spend half the rotation with each). Overall, nothing special about this site for surgery but not necessarily worse than other sites I've heard about.	Dorms are average. Doubles with a bathroom in each room. As nice as that sounds, the bathrooms are not very well-kept. The kitchen comes stocked with cookware and appliances, which were just replaced. The building is secured with card access and you need a key to get to the floor where you will be staying, adding an extra layer of security. However, the biggest pro is that the dorms are right across from the hospital.	Each student gets a decent-sized desk in the room, plus there is a central lounge in the dorm. If you prefer a library, there is one in the hospital. There is a small gym in the dorm that isn't anything special, but gets the job done for a quick workout. A short walk from the hospital there are a bunch of bars, restaurants, and a really good ice cream shop. About a 10 min drive away there are a bunch of chain restaurants if that's more your speed.	Biggest pros: housing right across from the hospital, which is HUGE when you are getting up before the sun; the trauma surgery team loves students and works hard to engage them; a handful of good restaurants and bars a short walk away (when you have time) Biggest cons: the general surgery team does not engage students as well as the trauma team, meaning a lot of sitting around if there aren't cases going on (unfortunately that happened a lot when I was there given the pandemic); even though you will likely spend weekends mostly studying, there isn't much to do in Reading and I still ended up going back to Philly every weekend
Surgery	Reading Hospital / Tower Health	Tough rotation and you get out what you put into it. Ask a lot of questions, scrub into a lot of surgeries, and make yourself available to help as much as you can outside the OR. The hospital itself is beautiful. The surgeons were nice to us MS3's for the most part - no one was outright nasty. On our 8 week rotation, we had 3 weeks general, 3 weeks trauma, and 2 weeks of an elective. General was the toughest schedule - typically 4:30 or 5am to 5-6pm. Trauma varied, and my neurosurgery elective had an easy schedule (≤8hrs per day).	The dorm at K building was pretty nice and immediately next to the hospital (convenient). Double rooms, though.	Very nice library on the 3rd floor of the hospital. Little gym inside the K building, not much though. Lots of places to eat within walking distance of the hospital.	Even though I don't like surgery, I would recommend this rotation because it gives you a very good insight into the life of a surgeon.

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Pediatrics	St. Christophers' Hospital for Children	Inpatient medicine days usually started at 6:15 for signout, but residents were usually good about making sure you were out by 4. Outpatient days started at 8:30 and usually were over by 4. More than anything else, the residents and attendings want to make sure you're learning the most that you can in the clerkship - they'll teach about patients' illnesses outside their rooms related to the patients, build in time for teaching sessions during the day, and really go out of their way to teach you anything you want to learn. Sometimes, they may ask you to teach the team about a topic you've seen/a patient of yours has (ex. asthma, UTI, Crohns) in an informal five-minute presentation. The environment at St. Chris is very hands on - you'll get plenty of opportunities in inpatient to do "formal" presentations to the attending and family-centered presentations in the patient rooms, and are often the first ones to go into the patient room in the outpatient clinic. Every resident and attending I interacted with was super friendly, and even though it may be considered to be a "tougher" pediatrics rotation, this was the most supportive environment I've been in for being a medical student that I've been in so far.	No housing provided (about 15m from East Falls)		
Pediatrics	St. Christophers' Hospital for Children	2 weeks of inpatient 2 weeks outpatient. hours for inpatient 6:30-4/5, hours for outpatient 8-5. Write notes in health record during inpatient. Follow 1-2 patients at a time depending on patient load. Will work with many different attending, residents, and interns. During outpatient will work in sick clinic, primary care clinic, neonatal clinic, and teen clinic. On inpatient may be place on subspecialties team for a week (heme/onc, neuro, endo mainly). Everyone is awesome.	n/a	in Philly area	parking on site is free
Pediatrics	St. Christophers' Hospital for Children	Great experience! I was not considering PEDS but was after this rotation. The residents love teaching (so do the attendings), the families love medical students (because people love talking about their kids). The only downside is the hours are pretty long but I found it totally worth it. Even if you don't want to go into PEDS just play with the kids and you'll have fun.			
Surgery	St. Christophers' Hospital for Children	Surgery was very hostile here. Absolutely horrible experience.			
Ambulatory	St. Francis Medical Center	Hours were pretty chill, you usually didn't have to get there till 9 which is nice because it takes an hour to get to from philly. And they usually let you leave at 4. Mornings were spent watching procedures in the endoscopy suite, cath lab, etc and afternoons you were in the resident clinic in the ED with the residents.	N/a	They give you a \$5 meal ticket for lunch each day which is pretty nice compared to a lot of other places.	I didn't mind the long commute as much for ambulatory since you don't have an exam to study for. They can be a little unorganized at times but everyone is very sweet and enthusiastic about teaching. Also if you are fluent in Spanish that can be helpful, a majority of their patients in resident clinic are Spanish speaking only.
Family Medicine	St. Vincent Family Practice	You get a personalized calendar which rotates you through 3 different clinics. You'll spend most of your time at the main St Vincent Hospital clinic, and the other 2 clinics are in more rural areas. Mandatory daily morning lecture, standard 8am-5pm clinic hours, sometimes got let out early. All the doctors and residents were super nice and passionate about what they're doing.	Slightly outdated housing provided in an interesting location (funeral parking lot), however it got the job done	Erie mainly has Presque Isle which is a park surrounding Lake Erie which has biking and boating. It's nice during hotter weather, however I imagine winters are brutal	
Family Medicine	Virtua Health	Usually 8am-4:30pm, Tues PM is lecture, one week is spent on Inpatient/ICU. You'll be paired with an attending to oversee you all 4 weeks, but you have assigned residents and can precept with any attending. The residents are good at asking what you're comfortable doing and making suggestions to challenge you. Take on as much as you can. All attendings will pimp, but in a friendly way.		Tatem-Brown clinic is 25 min drive from CC, Voorhees Hospital is 30 min drive. Both are very nice, new facilities. Clinic is 1 min from Wawa, 5 min from Chipotle & Chick-Fil-A, 8 min from Panera.	The attendings have cameras in the patient rooms to watch your interactions. Ask to take the 200 MCQ in-house exam. It really helped for shelf. Make friends with the Temple students, especially if you've never used EPIC.
OB/GYN	Virtua Health	Longest days were ~6:30am to 6pm. Weren't expected to stay for nights or weekends. Extremely involved in care!!! Very willing faculty to involve in vaginal births and C-sections, and on the gyn surgery weeks we also were able to participate extensively in surgeries. Really wonderful laborists, OBGYN office and L&D physicians that enjoy teaching and involving students. Great residents from Jefferson, too.	On your own		Continue to ask the Dr.'s and Residents to be more involved if you want to be very hands on, and they will absolutely involve you heavily in delivery experience.
OB/GYN	Virtua Health	The attendings and residents are all amazing when it comes to teaching and getting students involved in patient care. They really make you feel like part of the team and I felt that part of why I did so well on this rotation is because they let me see and do so much and I got to see a great diversity of patients, even as a male medical student. The hours are reasonable, but the commute can make the days a bit longer, so fitting in studying where you can is key. Overall, I would say the experience is well-worth it though.			

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Family Medicine	Washington Health System Family Medicine	Great hours, half day once a week for study time, interesting lunch time lectures, everyone is very nice and the residents let you see all of the patients first. This was the rotation where I really felt like a medical student vs. a shadower. I wasn't considering FM prior to this rotation and I am now	There is housing available but it is a ~40 minute drive from Pittsburgh if you wanted to rent an air b&b	They give you a meal card to use in the cafeteria every day at lunch!	
Family Medicine	Wiseman, DO, Kenneth	really good hours. some longer days, busy clinic, you see many pts on your own and present to the attending, don't do this site if you think you might be interested in family medicine, though. not a lot of time with the attending and you will generally not see peds or do gyn	n/a		
Family Medicine	Wiseman, DO, Kenneth	Honestly, this has been one of my favorite rotations so far this year. Wiseman really allow students to get hands-on in patient care. You see the patients on your own, come up with your own assessment and plan, and write all the patient notes and orders. Wiseman will of course tweak your plan as needed and sign off on your notes, but you get to do so much and learn from actually taking care of patients. He is not much for didactic teaching, but if you ask him a question he will give you an honest and straightforward answer.			Not the best neighborhood, but during the hours you will be there you and your vehicle should be safe. Still, I would advise against bringing any personal items you won't be keeping on your person at all times.
Family Medicine	Wiseman, DO, Kenneth	Small practice (one physician) in North Philly. Plusses: 1. Hours (Mon 8-5, Tue 8-4, Wed either off or 10-12, Thurs 8-4, Fri off). 2. Hands-on learning: you take complete H&P's, write entire notes, and prescribe meds for patients. Best way to learn is by doing! Minuses: 1. No didactics at all. 2. Since the clinic is largely student-run, there is a lot of weight on your shoulders and the responsibilities can be stressful, especially the first couple weeks	n/a	Some good latino food nearby	If you speak Spanish, you will be invaluable at this practice and get lots of practice b/c a large portion of the patients are Spanish-speaking!
Neurology	York Hospital	Hours: 8 or 9 am to 1-2pm (inpatient), 8a-5p (outpatient). Will have to travel midday between locations when on outpatient. Expectations: Seeing 1-3 patients on the Neuro inpatient service daily, learning and utilizing comprehensive neuro exam, presenting to attendings (no residents at this site), written H&Ps presented to clerkship director, completing required educational activities.	Apartment, 8 min from hospital.	Study areas: York hospital library. Available but limited by COVID include Panera Bread, Starbucks, local coffee shops and local public libraries. Places to go: hiking trails nearby, farmer's markets within range, restaurants (chain + family-owned), family-run dairy farm that sells amazing ice cream. Gyms: multiple Crunch Fitness locations, LA Fitness, gym in resident dorm available (though smaller) Grocery: Aldi, Lidl, Giant, Weis, Walmart, produce stands depending on weather	Rent in York for a nice apartment is much cheaper than a lot of other locations. Staff at YH incredibly nice and friendly.
Neurology	York Hospital	Excellent place to do neurology. Hours are not bad. Attendings and NPs teach really well and incorporate you into the patient care. Dr. Diebert also has teaching sessions with the students. She provides solid feedback on how to improve your H+P and goes over neuro topics. She also reviews some questions prior to the neuro shelf.	Housing is nice and clean. Desk and bed. Due to CoVID, I had my own room.		
Surgery	York Hospital	had an overall decent experience here. residents were mostly friendly and reasonable, they try to get you out at a decent time if they can. you don't have to come in on weekends. the med student rotation directors and coordinators are really nice	I didn't like the housing but it is connected the hospital, which is convenient when you have to be there at 5am! rooms are smallish. there is free laundry and a kitchen area with sink, fridges, and microwave. bring prepared foods or order takeout. the hospital cafeteria is terrible. overall rooms are clean but the shared bathrooms were not. bring an extra light for the dorm room, they are dark	the library at York hospital is decent. some good thai, indian, sushi places nearby	