

TRAUMA AND ACUTE CARE SURGERY SUMMER EXTERNSHIP

Goals:

To provide an introduction to disciplines of surgery; trauma, acute care/general, and surgical critical care surgery.

Methodology:

Two sessions will be offered to students interested in surgery. The TACSSE accepts up to twelve externs. Six externs per each rotation for 3 weeks. Each rotation has exposure for the student to all aspects and patient care in trauma, acute care/general surgery, and surgical critical care; clinics, OR, ED floor rounding, and research opportunities.

Session A and B (3 weeks in length per session) will emphasize the daily activities of trauma. Students will participate in daily rounds, observe trauma resuscitations, and operative management. At the end of the session the student will complete a 2-4 page summary of what they encountered/learned during the rotation and turn in to the coordinator on the last day of the rotation.

Session A: June 8 – June 26, 2026

Session B: July 6 – July 24, 202

June 4, 2026 ALL student externs must attend a mandatory orientation on the first day of the externship program.

Responsibilities:

The student will be assigned to a team of physicians. Trauma externs will assume the role of observer but afforded many valuable experiences and be included in all aspects of the daily workings of a trauma and acute care surgery team at a Level I referral center. The extern will be issued a trauma pager. The extern will be included in as much of the service as possible and to take call on occasion if desired. The extern will have the opportunity to observe and participate in the trauma bay, Intensive Care Unit, and operating room, and clinic. The student will be required to complete HIPAA and all other applicable training required by the WVU School of Medicine and Hospital, if not already complete.

Interested students should send application and letters of recommendation to Rochelle Thomas (rochelle.thomas@hsc.wvu.edu). Criteria for selection will include: (1) completed application and (2) letters of recommendation (one required from the Dean of Students).

The program is designed to maximize your educational benefit and not to maximize how much work you will encounter. No stipend will be provided to any externs of this program.

Application:

The externship is available to WVU students only. The student must be in good standing with the student academic office or will be disqualified from consideration for participation in the externship.

Upon completion of the externship, the student will receive a letter of completion and certificate which are submitted to the Dean's office. Previous externs have expressed this program was an invaluable experience and better prepared them for upcoming years of their medical education.

2026 Trauma and Acute Care Surgery Summer Externship Application

Name: _____ Submission Date: _____

Contact Information:

(Address) _____

(Phone) _____

(Email) _____

Pick session preference below:

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Names of References:

(1) _____

(2) _____ (Dean of Students)

