

CIS/MWU PharmD Student Rotation Program

CIS Research & Midwestern University Academic Opportunity

Clinical Investigation Specialists, Inc (CIS) offers a competitive Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) elective rotation in Clinical Research to Midwestern University students pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree. This elective rotation program is recognized by Midwestern University (MWU).

Under the guidance of CIS's PharmD Preceptor, Dr. Eva Agaiby, the clinical research elective APPE rotation is designed to provide an enhanced extrapolation of the ambulatory care setting in multiple therapeutic areas including General Medicine, Cardiology, Rheumatology, and Dermatology within the scope of phase I-IV Clinical Research.

Student participants in the program are challenged with the following:

- Direct patient interface, administering study medications, calculating dose adjustments, performing drug accountability, and assessing side effect profiles.
- Providing recommendations to research investigators, physicians, and other providers as part of the integrated health care team.
- Correlating objective lab findings, X-ray and MRI results, and subjective patient reports to assist in determining eligibility criteria for protocols.
- Reconciling medical history and medication profiles, cross examining drug interactions and possible contraindications.
- Expanding clinical expertise, further developing charting and progress note writing.
- Introduction to day-to-day regulatory requirements and procedures in the drug development process.
- Introduction to general business operations, marketing, and advertising within the clinical research space.

The CIS Research rotational opportunity offers students a broad introductory experience to the pharmaceutical industry. Numerous career paths are available to practicing pharmacists, and our program provides students with a unique exposure to a range of clinical experiences to help clarify their future ambitions in the field.



Rotation Program Schedule

The rotation schedule is six weeks long and is offered throughout the year. The rotation is intended to be an elective feature of Midwestern University College of Pharmacy's curriculum-based experiential program.

Registration is mandatory for the designated block rotation. Block rotations are coordinated through Midwestern University's Department of Experiential Education and are allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis based on preceptor availability.

The CIS/MWU experiential education partnership allows the student to:

- Apply knowledge learned in the classroom, labs, and workshops.
- Learn under the guidance of a preceptor who shares clinical research knowledge and experiences.
- Work collaboratively with a medical research team including physicians, nurses, medical assistants, and other PharmD's that have a unique background and professional experience in research.
- Gain exposure to multiple career options within the Pharmaceutical Industry.
- Work with a variety of patient populations.

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