OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY (OB)

OB 0102 - An Elective in Women's Health
3-6 Credits
In the clinics, the student will observe the healthcare of women across the age spectrum. They will have the opportunity to interview patients with various conditions germane to this elective. The student will rotate through Labor & Delivery, OR and clinics to obtain exposure to the diverse specialty of OB/GYN. Time will be devoted to literature and resource review regarding the different objectives. A feedback session will be held at the end of the six-week block.

OB 0301 - Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health Clerkship
4-8 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
During this clerkship, will learn a number of essential skills that will serve you well during your career regardless of specialty. Practical knowledge of female anatomy, reproductive physiology. Accurately dating a pregnancy. How to perform a pelvic exam. How to evaluate and treat vaginal discharge, sti's. Evaluation of gynecologic and obstetric emergencies. The ability to assign gravidity/para.

OB 0302 - Obstetrics and Gynecology Career Exploration
1-2 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This course may be used to register for Obstetrics and Gynecology career exploration. The location of the experience may be at a SLU SOM affiliate or at another healthcare institution.

OB 0304 - OB/GYN Career Exploration with Dr. Elisabeth Huelskoetter
1-4 Credits
This course may be used to register for Obstetrics and Gynecology career exploration. The location of the experience may be at a SLU SOM affiliate or at another healthcare institution.

OB 0401 - Understanding Medical-Legal Issues
2-12 Credits
Perform selected readings and write manuscript on a medical-legal topic of your choice.

OB 0406 - Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility
2-12 Credits
The student will participate in the activities of a reproductive endocrinologist in a private office setting. The student will have adequate exposure to all phases of an infertility work-up and treatment, as well as work-up for other reproductive endocrine conditions. The student will also accompany the attending physician to any operative procedures.

OB 0409 - Gynecologic Oncology
2-12 Credits
The student will participate in all activities of the gynecologic oncology division. They will see oncology patients with the faculty in the outpatient setting, attend rounds on inpatients, participate in surgical experiences and attend division conferences. They will also attend the resident lectures, case presentations and grand rounds.

OB 0410 - Office-Based Obstetrics and Gynecology
2-12 Credits
The student will participate in a variety of office-based OB/GYN clinical encounters. They will interview and examine patients in the faculty general clinics, pediatric clinic, vulvar clinic, and menopausal clinic. They will attend and perform basic office UTS procedures. They will also attend resident lectures, case presentations and departmental grand rounds and meetings.

OB 0411 - Domestic Violence and Abuse
2-12 Credits
Students will participate in community agencies and legal aid agencies to observe and learn the processes in place for victim support in the St. Louis community. Students will observe/participate in counseling sessions and monitor court procedures in the family Court of St. Louis. Students will select readings relevant to domestic violence and sexual abuse.

OB 0414 - Urogynecology
2-12 Credits
There are 3 full-time urogynecologists. The student will have an opportunity to participate in office evaluation of patients with incontinence, prolapse and bladder dysfunction. The office is more observational and less hands on, but, OR is interactive. It is excellent clinical exposure to severe problems of prolapse and office procedures such as cystoscopy and urodynamic testing. Extensive surgical exposure. Also large exposure to geriatric patients. Interesting elective for students as they gain insight to the variety contained within OB/GYN specialty. Also different and intensive surgical experience for them.

OB 0416 - Substance Use Disordered Pregnancy
1-8 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
The rotation will involve inpatient and outpatient care of pregnant women with chemical dependency. Care to patients is provided through WISH (Women and Infant Substance Help) under the supervision of the Medical Director.

OB 0417 - Delivery of Women's Healthcare-Foreign Service (Dominican Republic)
1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
The student will have the opportunity to experience the Dominican culture first-hand and provide medical care to an underserved population. The student will gain an understanding of the differences in which healthcare is delivered to women in a third world country. The student will also gain experience in the private and rural clinic settings. It is important for the student to be aware that the Institute for Latin American Concerns (ILAC) is a unique, faith-based program affiliated with Creighton University in the Dominican Republic.

OB 0419 - Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery
2-12 Credits
The goal of this elective is to help the student explore a career in Minimally Invasive Gynecology. The student will explore office-based and surgical practice for general gynecology with a focus on understanding the pathophysiology and treatment options for endometriosis, fibroids, and naprotechnology (restorative fertility without IVF).

OB 0420 - Perinatal Addiction and Maternal Mental Health (PRAM2 Health) Elective
2 Credits
The rotation will involve outpatient and inpatient care of pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorder (SUD), outpatient care of pregnant women with mood disorders as well as an introduction to principles of management of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) as it pertains neonates born to mothers with SUD in pregnancy. Outpatient care will be provided through the SSM Health – Women and Infant Substance Help (WISH) Center (under the supervision of Dr. Chavan) as well as through the Maternal and Fetal Care Center (MFCC) (under supervision of Dr. Mathews). Inpatient care will be provided for patients with SUD admitted to the inpatient antepartum service - under the supervision of Dr. Mathews.
OB 0421 - Grief, Death, and Difficult Conversations
4 Credits
It is inevitable that every physician will at some point be faced with the task of a difficult patient situation—a medical error, an unexpected code, negative test results, or goals of care. Medical trainees are educated on the flow of a medical interview, to glean sensitive information in an empathetic way, and steps of countless procedures; yet there is often significantly less if any formal training on this side of medical care. With lack of proper training, breaking bad news may have negative ramifications for patients and providers alike. Furthermore, negative outcomes can create a continued emotional and psychological burden for healthcare providers who may have limited time to grieve and process their experience with the loss or situation as they feel they need to maintain objectivity or keep up with other clinical demands.

OB 0499 - Obstetrics and Gynecology Student Chief
1-12 Credits
Students selected to take this elective will serve as "Student Chiefs" at the beginning of the required clerkships. Week 1: The first week of the elective overlaps with the required, one-week orientation for students beginning their clerkships. During this week you would receive instruction in how to teach and provide feedback in the clinical setting. You will also be expected to help with general third year orientation week. Weeks 2-3: The following two weeks, you will help the new third-year students make the transition from classroom to clinic. The clerkship director and the education coordinator for the clerkship will provide you with guidance in this area. For example, you may be asked to observe and provide feedback when students perform histories and physical exams, to provide guidance on written and oral case presentations, and other clerkship tasks. In general, your job is to help facilitate each student’s successful entry into the clerkship.

OB 0501 - Acting Internship: Clinical Maternal - Fetal Medicine at St. Mary's Health Center
1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
The students will see patients both in the High-Risk Obstetric Clinic and inpatient High-Risk Obstetric Service at Saint Mary’s Health Center. The students will function at a PGY1 level such as admitting and following patients assigned to them by the chief resident. They will care for at least 15 patients during this rotation. They will assist in at least 10 vaginal deliveries and 5 cesarean sections. The students are expected to attend all teaching activities and conferences for the residents on the High-Risk Obstetrical Services and weekly OB/Gyn Grand Rounds.

OB 0502 - Acting Internship: Low Risk Obstetrics at St. Mary’s Health Center
1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
The students will see patients in the inpatient Low-Risk Obstetric Service at Saint Mary’s Health Center. The students will function at a PGY1 level such as admitting and following patients assigned to them by the chief resident. They will care for at least 30 patients during this rotation. They will assist in at least 10 vaginal deliveries and 5 cesarean sections. The students are expected to attend all teaching activities and conferences for the residents on the Low-Risk Obstetrical Services, weekly OB/Gyn Grand Rounds, and other resident conferences.

OB 0503 - Acting Internship: Oncology at St. Mary's Hospital
1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Under the direction of the Gynecologic Oncology staff, students are expected to see patients in the office setting and be involved in the management plans of these patients. They are expected to follow patients and work with the gynecologic oncology team to provide the best possible care. In the operating room, students will be exposed to most of the principles of radical pelvic surgery and will also be called upon as more active participants, in some procedures. They will follow patients postoperatively, in conjunction with residents, and assist in patient management and discharge planning. Students are expected to attend all departmental educational conferences including tumor board and pathology conferences. Throughout the rotation students will work very closely with the faculty and residents assigned to the services.

OB 0901 - Obstetrics and Gynecology Direct Patient Care
1-12 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This course may be used to register for an Ob/Gyn elective. The elective experience must fulfill the requirements for a direct-patient care elective. The location of the experience may be at a SLU SOM affiliate or at another health care institution.

OB 0903 - Obstetrics and Gynecology Research
1-12 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This course may be used to register for an Ob/Gyn elective. The elective experience must fulfill the requirements for a research elective. The location of the experience may be at a SLU SOM affiliate or at another health care institution.