



University of South Alabama College of Medicine Policy Regarding Student Duty Hours Limitation

Duty hours are defined as all clinical and educational activities related to the educational experience. This includes direct patient care, administrative duties of patient care, transfer of patient care, in-house call, and educational conferences, meetings, didactics, simulation, or active learning sessions. Examples of activities that are excluded are (1) Reading, studying, and preparation time occurring separate from rotational assignments, (2) At-home call, and (3) Volunteer clinical activities.

Required student duty hours, for the third year clerkships and the senior electives (including acting internships), shall not exceed 80 hours in a given work week when averaged over 4 weeks. Consecutive hours worked cannot exceed 16 hours. There must be a minimum of 8 hours off between shifts. There must be an average of a least 1 day off per week when averaged over 4 weeks. It will be the student's responsibility to log duty hours into E*Value on a weekly basis.

The Associate Dean for Medical Education and Student Affairs should be contacted directly by the student if they feel pressure for any reason to under-report duty hours.