



## Ascension St. Joseph Chicago Family Medicine M4 Student Sub-Internship Elective, 2026-2027

How to Apply (accepted students will be notified on a rolling basis starting 2/2026):

Please email the following to our program coordinator, Patricia Williams-Smith

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1. Compose a 250 word personal statement addressing your interest in family medicine, and why you are interested in rotating with our program. In this document, please also list any dates that you would be available for a 4 week rotation.
2. Current CV/Resume
3. Current Medical School Transcript
4. All USMLE Step 1 and COMLEX Level 1 Exam Transcripts

### Rotation Summary:

Ascension St. Joseph Hospital is an academic community hospital located in the heart of Chicago, offering our residents and students a well-rounded training experience, caring for patients with a diversity of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. During your 4 week sub-internship on our inpatient medicine service, you will build on the skills and knowledge base cultivated during your M3 year and apply them to caring for our hospitalized adult patients. Under the supervision of our core family medicine faculty, senior residents, and our hospitalists, you will have the opportunity to rise up to the level of an intern. You will spend one week on swing shift (1-5pm outpatient continuity or geriatric clinic, 6-11pm inpatient night float), and your remaining 3 weeks will be inpatient day shift (7am-6pm). You will be excused on Saturdays/Sundays. Preference is given to applicants applying for family medicine residency. Maximum of 4 days of excused absences/interviews for the rotation, excluding your interview with our program.

### Goals and Objectives:

1. For newly admitted patients, obtain a detailed, pertinent history from all sources, perform a relevant physical exam, construct a broad differential diagnosis, and formulate an cost-effective diagnostic workup and treatment plan
2. Present patient cases to supervising residents, attendings, and consultants in an organized and concise manner after reviewing the patient's chart and rounding on them in the morning
3. Document thoughtful, and succinct notes in Epic that clearly communicates the diagnostic reasoning and plan of care to other members of the patient's care team, and update the problem list daily to reflect the acuity and severity of the patient's problems
4. Utilize various resources to obtain and apply evidence based medicine to the management of your assigned patients
5. Evaluate and treat an acutely decompensating patient
6. Interpret EKG's
7. Understand the purpose of telemetry monitoring, and how to utilize and interpret a patient's telemetry tracing
8. Discuss and practice clinical applications of point of care ultrasound in hospitalized patients
9. Communicate respectfully with the patient's multidisciplinary care team
10. Understand a patient's medical, socioeconomic, and logistical barriers to discharge and work together with the patient, their family, and multidisciplinary care team to address them
11. Establish rapport and counsel patients on the pathophysiology of their diagnosis, reasons for their current treatment plan, and strategies to prevent future occurrences
12. Write a clear discharge summary that succinctly summarizes the patient's hospital stay, important diagnostic tests and treatments received, and specific follow up items/tasks for the PCP

Please visit our website or reach out to us for further info:

<https://medicaleducation.ascension.org/illinois-family-medicine-saint-joseph-chicago>

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