## **VCU Senior Elective Catalogue**

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Department:SurgeryMax Enrollment:2	
Time Period(s):     2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11     Time:	
Location: INOVA Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA	

## **Objectives and Evaluation**

Objectives and Evaluation - Prerequisites: Successful completion of a third year surgical clerkship.

Description:

This elective is offered to 4th year students who have an interest in acquiring additional experience in Surgical Critical Care. The elective will be based at Inova Fairfax Hospital and Dr. Margaret Griffen (Chief, Trauma Services) and Dr. Sharon Bachman, Clerkship Director will be directing the elective. It is the intent of the attending staff to provide a solid learning experience in the care of critically ill and injured patients consistent with the needs of medical students who are interested in pursuing careers where exposure to such patients is likely or possible. Students will rotate on the SCC Surgery/Service. They will have the responsibility for the management of patients on the Intermediate Care Unit (IMC) and the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) commensurate with their experience and the severity of the patient's illness. The elective includes exposure to the educational activities of our service, including the Surgical Critical Care Forum and the Trauma Case Review,, both of which are held weekly. In addition, participation in the educational activities of the Department of Surgery is encouraged. Students are provided with a series of publications dealing with important areas of Surgical Critical Care. Through direct interactions with residents and attending staff the students will have an opportunity to gain significant hands on experience. This would include performing basic surgical procedures (suture repair, chest tube placement, wound closures in the OR) as well as learning the basic concepts of invasive monitoring in the Intensive Care Unit. Significant exposure to mechanical ventilation and multiorgan support is offered. The students will be involved in all aspects of patient's care and this may include prehospital, trauma bay resuscitation, Intensive Care Unit, operating room, Intermediate Care Unit, and rehabilitation.

Students assigned to this rotation will be evaluated based upon the following aspects of performance: - Patient care - Participation in team rounds - Conference participation and presentations - Ability to work effectively as an integral member of the surgical team.

## **Special Instructions/Additional Information**

Call the VCU Inova academic registrar for more information or to register for this elective at 703-776-6699.