# Curriculum Policy: Student Work Hours on Clinical Rotations

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Students on required clinical rotations should not spend more than 80 hours per week (on average over the duration of the clerkship) in clinical and didactic learning activities.  Students who are assigned to overnight call in the hospital should not have patient care responsibilities after 1:00 PM on the following day.  However, students are expected to attend mandatory didactic activities even after overnight call.   In-house call must occur no more frequently than every third night, averaged over the rotation.  Students must have a minimum of one day in seven free of clinical work and required education averaged over the duration of the rotation. Weekends, school holidays, and absences are included in this “one day in seven” guideline.

If a student has concerns that their duty hours have been exceeded, they should contact the clerkship director as soon as possible. If students are not comfortable contacting the clerkship director, they should contact the Director of the Clinical Sciences Curriculum, the Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, the Director of Student Affairs, the Associate Dean for Student Affairs, or one of the Assistant Deans for Student Affairs.