

Teaching Skills for Medical Students

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Format of elective

- Four week elective
- Offered six times per year
- Start in November (after students do electives for which they can get letters of recommendation)

Experience to-date

- Piloted in January of 2007
- Offered in 2007-2008 and 2008-2009
- Will be required for new Teaching Distinction Track that starts this fall

Enrollment

- 8 students during pilot
- 25 per year in two subsequent years
- Course evaluations

Teaching opportunities during elective

- Admissions CBL, clinical skills co-facilitator

Example of activity

- Students as a group design their own observation/evaluation form that they will use as they observe at least 10 teaching events
- Can go to any such activity they wish, and in fact are encouraged to observe outside of medicine for at least some of them
- In order to design the form, are asked first to develop criteria for effective teachers in lecture, small group, or clinical environments

Early outcome

- Students who have taken the elective are more likely to stay at UIHC