Name of Institution / Location:

University of Virginia/ Charlottesville, VA

Institution Description:
The University of Virginia (UVA) Health System is a tertiary care hospital system based in Charlottesville, Virginia. In 2018 it was named the best hospital in Virginia by US News and World Report. This academic institution is part of Thomas Jefferson’s original university, and currently includes the School of Medicine, and the School of Nursing. The Health System operates satellite locations throughout multiple neighboring counties within the Commonwealth of Virginia. The main hospital campus includes a 600+ bed inpatient facility and level I trauma center, multiple specialty critical care units, over 30 main hospital operating room suites, a 12 operating room outpatient surgery center, active labor and delivery unit, acute pain service, and outpatient pain clinic. Surgical subspecialties represented include general, cardiac, thoracic, vascular, neurosurgery, ENT, orthopedic, plastics, urologic, gynecologic, and endoscopic among others.

Geographic Description:
Charlottesville is centrally located in Virginia, just east of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. Washington DC is 2.5 hours to the north, and Richmond is 1 hour to the east. The population of the town is roughly 45000. Charlottesville is frequently listed among the best places to live in the country due its proximity to extensive outdoor activities, civic and health-conscious citizens, historic landmarks such as the homes of Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe, fine restaurants, unique shops, wineries, and breweries. Charlottesville has its own regional airport, Amtrak Station, and is easily accessible by car.

Facilities / Services at which students rotate:

Students will rotate through operating rooms at the main University Hospital, Outpatient Surgery Center, and inpatient Acute Pain Service. Cases can include any of the aforementioned subspecialty surgeries and can be tailored to some extent if a particular field is of interest. Rotation through the outpatient pain clinic can also be arranged for interested students.

Approximate Core Faculty to Resident Ratio: 1:1
Approximate Number of Residents: 60
CRNAs / AAs on staff: CRNAs
Presence of CRNAs / AAs in training: We will occasionally have 1-2 SRNAs across all sites
Length of Rotation offered: 4 weeks

Last Updated: April 1, 2019
Call Requirement: None. If desired or required by your home institution, this can be arranged.


Housing: Housing is arranged by the student. Our medical education coordinator can help with this. We are now pleased to offer a $1500 stipend to 1-2 qualified applicants per year. https://med.virginia.edu/anesthesiology/2019/04/announcement-new-scholarship-for-visiting-4th-year-anesthesiology-4-week-elective-rotation/

Flexibility of Scheduling: Student’s preferred block should be stated through the VSAS application process. We make every effort to give accepted applicants their first choice slot.

Student Capacity: Summer and Fall maximums are between 6 and 8 students per 4-week block including internal UVA students. Typically, this means 4 visiting students per month.

Months Available: May - September

Learning Opportunities for Student:

Participation in daily operative anesthesia to include hands on airway management, use of anesthesia machine, medication preparation and delivery, venous access, arterial access, observation of neuraxial and regional anesthesia, +/- interventional pain procedures. Performing history and physical exams, presenting and discussing anesthetic plans, potentially assessing unstable patients in or out of the operating room.

Pre-Requisites: VSAS application. Must be enrolled in a US allopathic medical school (we unfortunately are not yet able to offer visiting spots to DO candidates). Completed USMLE Step I.

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Anesthesiology Department Rotation Information: https://med.virginia.edu/anesthesiology/education/anesthesiology-for-medical-students/4th-year-elective/