

State of Washington
Washington Medical Commission
Policy Statement

Title:	Elective Educational Rotations	POL2020-01
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Medical students and residents in post-graduate medical training who are completing an elective educational rotation in the state of Washington are exempt from licensure for the specific purpose of completing the rotation.

[RCW 18.71.030](#) lists exemptions to the requirement to have a license to practice medicine, and states, in part:

Nothing in the chapter shall be construed to . . . prohibit:

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(6) The practice of medicine by any practitioner licensed by another state or territory in which he or she resides, provided that such practitioner shall not open an office or appoint a place of meeting patients or receiving calls within this state;

...

(8) The practice of medicine by a person serving a period of postgraduate medical training in a program of clinical medical training sponsored by a college or university in this state or by a hospital accredited in this state, however, the performance of such services shall be only pursuant to his or her duties as a trainee.

Per RCW 18.71.230, any person practicing in the state of Washington under exemptions in RCW 18.71.030(5) through (12) is subject to disciplinary action by the Washington Medical Commission.

Therefore, medical students and residents who are in post-graduate medical training who are completing an elective educational rotation in Washington State are exempt from licensure for the specific purpose of completing the rotation.