

## Pediatric Critical Care Unit - Electives Information for MUMC Site

<p><b>Description of Elective Experience</b></p>	<p>The Pediatric Critical Care Unit is a 12-bed Tertiary Care, Intensive Care Unit that functions as a referral centre for the catchment area of Hamilton/South and Central West Ontario comprising 2.2 million people. The PCCU provides intensive care for approximately 750 to 800 patients per year with a wide range of complex, rapidly changing medical, surgical and traumatic disorders occurring in pediatric patients aged 17 and under, excluding premature newborns. The PCCU is a fully equipped medical/surgical critical care unit offering a broad range of therapies including HFOV and CRRT and supported by the full complement of pediatric subspecialty services of McMaster Children's Hospital.</p> <p>The Pediatric Critical Care Unit at McMaster Children's Hospital has been recognized as an outstanding learning environment by both the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Medical Education Programs at McMaster University and as such, more than 50 trainees of various levels of training rotate through the PCCU on an annual basis. Consistently, individual teaching faculty and the learning environment as a whole have received excellent evaluations from trainees and a number of the PCCU Faculty have been formally recognized with teaching awards.</p> <p>A robust academic Division of Pediatric Critical Care with 6 Pediatric Intensivists with various areas of interest and expertise including clinical education, information technology, healthcare and hospital administration, bioethics, palliative care, basic science and health research methodology.</p> <p>Elective opportunities are available for senior level trainees only. Prerequisite considerations: previous clinical rotations in general paediatrics; completion of general pediatric clerkship rotation</p>
<p><b>Number of Students</b></p>	<p>1 clerk (undergrad) and 4 residents (postgrad) in total at any given time</p>
<p><b>Duration of Elective (i.e. available for 2 to 4 weeks)</b></p>	<p>2-week elective rotation for clerks (undergrad) 4-week elective rotation for residents (postgrad)</p>
<p><b>Black-Out Dates (If applicable)</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Limited Available Dates (If applicable)</b></p>	<p>Contingent on number of learners scheduled</p>
<p><b>Current Limitations (If applicable)</b></p>	<p>Learner must have completed their core rotation in order to secure this elective</p>
<p><b>Availability</b></p>	<p>McMaster Students, Canadian Medical Students, International Medical Students</p>
<p><b>Webpage</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/pediatrics/electives.html">http://www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/pediatrics/electives.html</a></p>
<p><b>OTHER (further information that may be useful for the students, i.e. links to additional resources)</b></p>	<p><a href="http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/pediatrics/educational_resources_for_trainees.html">http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/pediatrics/educational_resources_for_trainees.html</a></p>