

# Words of Wisdom

1. This is an “audition” for a residency spot. While at your rotation you are being watched all of the time. Residents and attending physicians want to select a person who will “fit in” with the group. Your application will speak to your merits, so use this time not to show you’re a ‘gunner’, but that you are someone people would like to work with.
2. Each rotation will have its own dress code. Know it before you go out there, and have everything on hand. If the information is not readily available, call or e-mail the clerkship coordinator. Some students need to bring a white coat, others have it provided. You may need dress uniforms, or work uniforms. Again, find out before going out to the rotation.
3. You are at the rotation to impress, but also to gather information. You should talk to EVERYONE that you can about the following things:
  - What is it like to live here?
  - Climate.
  - Strengths and weaknesses of the program.
  - What do residents do in their spare time?
  - Where do residents live (single, married, kids, etc.)?
  - How does this program compare to other programs in your branch?
4. Ensure that you know how/who you will interview with while you are there. If you are not told before the rotation, find out on orientation day how to set these up.
5. Ask if there are Mizzou residents that people know in the hospital (not necessarily in the program). Find these people and pump them for information.
6. Have all of the necessary paperwork when you go to the rotation. You may be required to fill out a packet before going to the rotation or upon arrival. When the rotation is setup, ask the clerkship coordinator what papers you will need to bring. In addition, you should always have with you copies of:
  - Letter of Appointment
  - Birth Certificate/Passport
  - Photo. Preferably one in military dress uniform.
  - CV & Personal Statement
  - Orders
  - Travel Information
  - Immunization Record (start trying to get this from University Health NOW, so that you know you are up-to-date before leaving)
7. Make sure that you understand all of the Mizzou rules for getting credit for your away rotation. Make sure all Mizzou paperwork is appropriately filled out.

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