

OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY (OAU)

1. Rotation Site Overview

Obafemi Awolowo University, with the distinction of hosting Nigeria's first Faculty of Pharmacy, is a premier institution renowned for excellence in pharmacy education and research. Located on its Ile-Ife campus, the Faculty of Pharmacy offers a rich academic environment with comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programs across multiple departments, including Clinical Pharmacy & Pharmacy Administration, Pharmaceutics, Pharmacology, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, and Pharmacognosy. The Department of Clinical Pharmacy & Pharmacy Administration, established in 1996, serves as the core training ground for clinical practice, teaching innovative pharmacy education methods through clerkships, case-based learning, and experiential training approaches. The rotation site offers a dynamic blend of academic rigour and practical exposure in a culturally vibrant university setting.

2. Rotation Activities

During their rotation, students will engage in a structured clinical pharmacy clerkship composed of both community-based externships and hospital-based clinical experiences. They will:

- Participate actively in ward rounds, patient interviewing and medication history taking, and medication therapy management sessions.
- Conducting risk assessments for adverse drug reactions and contraindications and performing therapeutic drug monitoring.
- Observe and contribute to drug information services, working closely with preceptors to respond to clinical queries, perform medication reviews, and advise on pharmacotherapy optimization.
- Carryout medication discharge counselling.
- Gain exposure to public health pharmacy practices, including participation in outreach programs, health education campaigns, and supply chain logistics for essential medicines—reflecting our department's expertise in pharmacy management, education, and public health informatics.
- Collaborate with faculty mentors on small-scale quality improvement projects or case studies, offering practical insight into pharmacoeconomics, rational drug use, and systems-based pharmaceutical care.

This practical and immersive experience is designed to enhance students' clinical reasoning, patient-centred care skills, and appreciation of pharmacy's role in multidisciplinary healthcare delivery.