**Faculty In Charge Of Course:** Ronald P. Rapini, M.D.

**Participating Faculty:** Various dermatology faculty in clinic, as well as dermatopathologists Valencia Thomas MD, Richard Jahan-Tigh MD, Anisha Patel MD, and Natasha Klimas MD

**Location:** Houston Medical Center (HMC Building, 6655 Travis St. Suite 980

**Offered:** Each block (excluding block 12)

**Max. # Students/Block:** 3

PLEASE NOTE: * If you plan more than 3 days off (including ACLS & USMLE tests and/or interviews) you CANNOT take this course!

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**Material Covered:** The student will examine skin biopsies using the multiheaded microscope along with the attending for 4 hours every afternoon. Mornings typically will be spent in clinic seeing general dermatology patients, for clinical-pathologic correlation. Total is 35-40 hours per week.

**Skills Acquired:** Diagnostic skills in the evaluation of skin biopsies, and in the assessment of patients with skin disorders

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**Activities Of Elective**

**Number Of New Patients/Student/Week:** Biopsies 300 per week. Patients 50 per week.

**Responsibilities Of Student For Assigned Patients:**

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**Scheduled Duties of Student:**

| Weekly schedule of required teaching sessions | Teaching conferences at HMC, Baylor, and MD Anderson at 8:00 am each morning per on-line schedule at https://med.uth.edu/dermatology/education |

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**Other Required Activities:**

| Reading/review of current literature | Yes |
| Writing or presenting a paper | No |

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**How Is Student Evaluated:**

Socratic discussion at the microscope and in clinic

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**Who Evaluates Students:**

Ronald Rapini M.D. and other dermatology faculty

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**Unique Features Of This Elective:**

Clinical-pathologic correlation is stressed