Career Exposure Electives  
For SUNY Downstate Students only

**Department:** Pathology  
**Course Title:** Mini-Exposures to Pathology  
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**Course Location:** HSCB, KINGS  
**Enrollment:** 1 – 2 for a specific discipline  
**Course Timing:** Offered all 12 months  
**Session Duration:** Variable/1-2 days or more  
**Hours per week:** 2-6 HOURS/WEEKDAY

**Description:**
The goal of this elective is to expose medical students to the practice of pathology on a day to day basis. Pathologists practice in a wide variety of disciplines or subspecialties in diverse settings. This mini-elective will be hand-tailored by the physician coordinator, Dr. Mirra, and the staff assistant, Ms. Denise Leggard, to meet the needs and interests of the student. Students will have the opportunity to shadow available pathologists working in a special field of interest, e.g. surgical pathology, cytopathology, molecular pathology, transfusion medicine, chemical pathology, autopsy pathology, and neuropathology. Students may sit in on routine microscopic sign-outs of surgical pathology, cytopathology, or autopsy cases; review clinical laboratory testing issues; and attend unknown case presentations, tumor boards, and other conferences. The duration of these mini-exposures is flexible; they may be designated as just a few hours or can involve a longer period of days or weeks.