

# 685W Advanced Clinical Plastic Surgery

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<b>Elective at a Glance</b>		
<b>Available to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UCI MS4 students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UCI MS3 students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extramural Students		
<b>Duration:</b> 4 weeks	<b>Number of Students:</b> 2	<b>Grading:</b> H / P / F
<b>Periods available:</b> Throughout the year		

## 1. Course Director, Coordinator and General Administrative Information

### FACULTY AND STAFF

Name	Office Location	Phone	Email
Director: Nicole Conkling, MD	200 S. Manchester Ave, Ste. 650, Orange, CA 92868	714-456-5253	<a href="mailto:nconkli1@hs.uci.edu">nconkli1@hs.uci.edu</a>
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### DESCRIPTION

During the Advanced Clinical Plastic Surgery elective students will evaluate and treat patients with traumatic and other acquired deformities, head and neck tumors, skin tumors, and hand problems. Planning of excisional and reconstructive surgery and postoperative care are included. When possible, students will be given operative experience based on their knowledge base ability to evaluate and care for patients and on their technical facility.

**PREREQUISITES:** Surgery Clerkship, Extramural students must be in their final year of undergraduate medical education.

**RESTRICTIONS:** Clerkship students need department approval before enrolling.

### COURSE DIRECTOR

Dr. Nicole Conkling, a native of New York, is an accomplished plastic surgeon with an impressive educational background. She graduated summa cum laude from the prestigious Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, where she earned both a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art. It was this dual passion for science and the visual arts that propelled her toward a career in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Dr. Conkling then attended the State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Medicine, where she cemented her love and excitement for the field of Plastic Surgery. Her scholastic performance was recognized when she was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Society during her third year, an honor reserved for top academic achievers. She graduated with honors and with a Scholarly Concentration in Research.

Dr. Conkling underwent rigorous residency training in Plastic Surgery at the esteemed University of California in San Francisco. During this period, she also devoted time as a research fellow supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). From this experience she drew unique perspectives and valuable research skills to further her career in academic surgery. Dr. Conkling's desire for knowledge and additional training then led her to Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, where she completed an Orthopedic fellowship in Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery.

Elena Carraby is the course coordinator for 685W course.

**INFORMATION FOR THE FIRST DAY**

Who to Report to First Day: Elena Quiroz-Carraby

Location to Report on First Day:

Department of Plastic Surgery, UCI Medical Center,  
Manchester Pavilion, 200 S. Mancheste Ave., Ste. 650, Orange, CA 92868

Time to Report on First Day: 8:15am

**SITE:** UCI Medical Center & Affiliated Hospitals

**DURATION:** 4 weeks

**Scheduling Coordinator:** UCI students please email [comsched@hs.uci.edu](mailto:comsched@hs.uci.edu) to make a scheduling appointment.

Extramural students enrolled at a U.S. LCME medical school must use VSAS to apply. To apply please refer to the [Visiting Students Learning Opportunities website](#).

**Periods Available:** Throughout the year. Third year clerkship students need department approval before enrolling.

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS ALLOWED:** 2-3 per rotation

**WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD DO TO PREPARE FOR THE COURSE**

Medical Students should read Essentials for Students, Plastic Surgery Education Foundation

**COMMUNICATION WITH FACULTY**

Questions about logistics should be directed to the Course Coordinator. Direct questions, comments, or concerns about the course can be directed to the Course Director. Contact information and office location are at the beginning of this document.

The Course Director is also available to meet in person. Please email [ecarraby@hs.uci.edu](mailto:ecarraby@hs.uci.edu) to arrange an appointment. To ensure that your email will not be lost in the large volume of email received, please use the following convention for the subject line:

SUBJECT: COURSE NAME, your last name, your issue (e.g., XXX, Smith, Request for appointment)

**2. Course Objectives and Program Objective Mapping**

The following are the learning objectives for the 685W course. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in these areas in order to satisfactorily complete the course. In addition, the extent of a student's mastery of these objectives will help guide the course evaluation and grade.

<b>Course Objective</b>	<b>Mapped UCI School of Medicine Program Objective</b>	<b>Sub Competency</b>	<b>Core Competency</b>
Manage all aspects of a plastic surgery patient's care.	B-5. The ability to practice effective preventive medicine by identifying, addressing and advocating for strategies to maintain health and well-being, to identify and treat disease early where appropriate and to advise on lifestyle practices	Patient Management	Skillful
Demonstrate knowledge in the planning of basic reconstructive surgery.	A-3. Knowledge of basic clinical skills required to meet the skills objectives, including interviewing, physical diagnosis,	Basic Clinical Skills	Knowledgeable

	communication and clinical reasoning processes		
Demonstrate skill in surgical procedures.	B-2. The ability to competently perform a complete and organ-system-specific examination including a mental health status examination	Physical Exam	Skillful
Demonstrate knowledge in the surgical treatment of traumatic and acquired deformities, head and neck tumors, skin tumors and hand problems.	A-2. Knowledge of the pathogenesis of diseases, interventions for effective treatment, and mechanisms of health maintenance to prevent disease	Disease Pathogenesis and Treatment	Knowledgeable

### 3. Course Resources

#### TEXTS AND READINGS: SUGGESTED

- x Grabb and Smith's Plastic Surgery, Fourth Edition, 1990; Smith, Aston and Little, Brown. Achauer, et al. x Plastic Surgery Indication, Operation and Outcome, Mosby, 2000 and Operative Plastic Surgery, Gregory Evans, M.D. , McGraw Hill, 2000.

### 4. Major Exams, Assignments and Grading

#### MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMS

#### GRADING

Medical Students are graded using the following scale: Honors (H), Pass (P), Fail (F) and Incomplete (I). For further information, please review the [Grading Policy](#).

The student will receive a grade of Honors, Pass or Fail. The student's final grade will be submitted on the standard UCI elective form. The student will be evaluated by attending and residents in the areas of interest, participation, completion of work undertaken, and quality of understanding, knowledgebase, and professionalism. If the student fails the elective, a grade of "F" will be permanently recorded on his/her transcript. The student can repeat the course for a second grade; however, the "F" will not be removed from the transcript.

You have 30 days from the date of the grade to appeal any aspect of this grade. Please contact your Clerkship/course Director should you have any questions.

**Requirements for “Pass”:** To receive a grade of Pass, students must demonstrate successful performance in all the following areas:

- Knowledge
- Patient Care
- Practice-Based Learning
- Interpersonal & Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Systems-Based Practice

**Requirements for “Honors”:** To receive a grade of Honors, students must demonstrate exceptional performance in all the following areas:

- Knowledge
- Patient Care
- Practice-Based Learning
- Interpersonal & Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Systems-Based Practice

**Grounds for “Incomplete”:** You will not be issued a grade until all elements of the course have been completed.

#### **REMEDICATION**

Remediation, if needed, will be designed by the Course Director to suit the issue at hand.

**Grounds for “Fail”:** You will receive a grade of "Fail" if the requirements for passing the course have not been met. Please refer to the [Grading Policy](#) for the impact of the "Fail" grade to the transcript.