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This ending academic year, though not fully done with, has been quite inspiring and rewarding. This because it is in this semester that we officially graduated from the preclinical phase (1st to 3rd year) of the studies to the clinical phase (4th to 6th year). It was a great honour to me to see some volunteers from United Projects coming to support us on our white coat ceremony. At this ceremony, students who were successful in the preclinical years were officially introduced to the clinical years.

So this happens to be my first clinical year. I had little expectations from the beginning since my class happens to be the first to receive this level of training (we are the first and highest level of medical student in the university) and hence we had no predecessors or alumni to learn from but as we started with lectures and demonstration from lectures from different specialties, my interest was stirred and revived for the task ahead. The initial lectures were an introductory course in clinical methods which was for 4 weeks.

After the introductory course we were divided into two groups, one for medicine and the other for surgery. Where we will be engaged in specific lectures, tutorials, case presentations, general ward rounds, bedside teachings, problem based and students centred and problem based learning.

Silas and I were incidentally listed among those in the surgery group and in the same subgroup. Our supervisors are mostly international specialist with the majority being Cubans. What I love about their way of teaching is their ability help me appreciate and learn the clinical skills using simple language and giving me the chance to put it to practice.

I have clerked and examined about 15 patients so far and this involves following the case through the procedures that will be done for them in the theatre and presenting your case to my supervisor and other professors during ward rounds. I have tried my hands on some nursing procedures like passing urethral catheter, passing and intravenous cannula and passing nasogastric tube, all these were done under supervision. I have developed some love for surgery. And sometimes I think I would rather do well specialising in general surgery instead of the obstetrics and gynaecology I have been dreaming of.

The surgery rotation shall run for 12 weeks after which we will start the medicine rotation for another 12 weeks, after which we shall write final exams which shall qualify us into our fifth year.

It has been great beginning so far, things I meet at the ward every blessed day, tells me nothing but to say there are a lot to be done. I have purpose within myself to follow accordingly and acquire the required skills and knowledge expected of me. Thanks to Aunty Sonjelle who sponsored me to attend Ghana Youth Summit On the 5th of December. I learnt a lot on the youth and how we can contribute to national development through skills acquisition and entrepreneurship. I had the opportunity to meet and share contacts with some influential personalities in the country.

My sincere appreciation to my sponsors for your support and good wishes for my education. And thanks for the laptop, it's been very useful to me in my studies.



