
Curriculum Planning—Scheduling Year 3 and 4 Medical Students

GENERAL

101-102 weeks = Years 3 and 4

76 weeks = 76 credits for graduation

Maximum 85 credits in two years (95 RPAP)

- 52 weeks (52 credits) = 9 required courses/clerkships
 - 44 of 52 required credits to be completed by October 1 of Year 4
 - RPAP students: 36 credits for RPAP (see below)
- 24 weeks (24 credits) = electives (over 200 courses)
 - 12 weeks direct patient interaction or “hands-on” in Twin Cities metropolitan area or Duluth (hospital, clinic/office)
 - » Does not include radiology, laboratory medicine, research, elective away for credit
 - 12 weeks available for research, non-patient care, elective away
 - » Can not earn credit and be paid
 - 6-12 weeks available for elective away for credit including international electives (flexible)
 - RPAP students
 - » 2-8 weeks for electives
- 23 weeks Free Time – leave time in fourth year (interviews, USMLE Step 2, special projects, electives away)
 - Medical education
 - Research
 - Other
- Two weeks Vacation
- Must pass USMLE Step 1, 2 Board examinations to graduate
 - Step 1
 - » Encourage end of Year 2, before beginning of Year 3 (May, early June), and definitely before the end of Period 2 (end of August) unless extenuating circumstances and with advisor’s approval
 - » Must register for Step 1 before gaining access to on-line computerized scheduling
 - » Must complete all Year 1, 2 courses in satisfactory manner before starting clinical rotations
 - » Must have date for examination before starting clinical rotations
 - » Student must pass Step 1 (score in hand) to progress beyond 18 credits in Year 3
 - » Every student is different, has different needs

- Step 2
 - » Strongly encourage before **February 15 of Year 4**
 - » Difficult test; take test seriously and prepare
 - Maximize required courses if possible
 - » Every student is different, has different needs
 - » Military students – by mid-September of Year 4

REQUIRED COURSES

- Remember MMOPPS or AMOPPS - Required Courses/Clerkships (6 weeks each, 52 credits)

Medicine I

Medicine II

Obstet/Gyn

Pediatrics

Psychiatry (AdPy)

Surgery

- Neurology (4 weeks)
- Surgical Specialty Selective(s): One (4 weeks) or two (two weeks each) of four surgical specialties (4 weeks total)
 - » Neurosurgery
 - » Urologic Surgery (general, pediatric)
 - » Orthopaedic Surgery (general, sports, pediatric)
 - » Otolaryngology
- Primary Care Clerkship (Clinical Medicine IV) = (8 weeks total)
 - » 4 weeks family practice
 - » 4 weeks medicine, pediatrics or geriatrics
 - » RPAP – may opt out of Primary Care Clerkship (Clinical Medicine IV)
 - » One prerequisite of required course necessary – may take in Year 3 or 4
 - Strongly recommend taking Medicine, Pediatrics and/or Surgery clerkship first

COMMON ELECTIVES (over 200 available)

- Subinternships
- Dermatology
- Anesthesiology
- Laboratory – data interpretation
- Radiology
- Ophthalmology
- Cardiology
- Orthopaedic surgery
- Emergency medicine
- International rotations
- Research
- Family medicine rotations
- Indian Health Service
- School of Rural Health
- UCAM or RCAM

OTHER “TRACKS”

- Second degree (e.g., MD/PhD, MD/MPH, MD/MBA, MD/informatics, MD/JD)
- RPAP (36 credits)
 - Additional required courses (all students) - 22 credits:
 - » Medicine I (before RPAP) – 6 weeks
 - » Medicine II – 6 weeks
 - » Psychiatry – 6 weeks
 - » Neurology – 4 weeks

- May opt out—24 weekly maximum*:
 - » Primary Care Clerkship (Clin Med IV) – 8 weeks (most)
 - » Surgery – 6 weeks (most)
 - » Pediatrics* – 6 weeks (selected sites)
 - » Ob/Gyn* – 6 weeks (selected sites, otherwise before RPAP)
 - » Orthopaedics and/or Urology* – 2 or 4 weeks (selected sites) – both or one – counts as one opt out

<p>*Note: Dependent on site, educational experience and approval of RPAP director, preceptor, advisor, department head and Year 3-4 Director</p>
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- > UCAM or RCAM (extension of Primary Care Clerkship or Clin Med IV)

OTHER SUGGESTIONS/HINTS

- Year 3 begins early June (usually first Monday)
- Transition Workshop – second day of Period 1
- Take USMLE Step 1 end of Year 2, early Year 3 but before end of Period 2 (late August)
 - Should not take while on required 6-week clerkship
 - Later (after end of Period 2) – extenuating circumstances, advisor’s signature
 - *Register before access to on-line scheduling system*
- **Take required courses/clerkships in Year 3 (as many as possible); 44 of 52 required credits before October 1 of Year 4 (64 weeks available)**
 - *Career specialty selection* (maximal information)
 - Free time for interviews (Year 4)
 - Grades, evaluations available for residency interviews (Year 4)
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Electives, research projects, electives away for credit, international health (Year 4)
 - USMLE Step 2 preparation (Year 4)
 - Clerkship in Period 1 of Year 3
- Take USMLE Step 2 CK and CS after most required courses are completed, but **before February 15** in Year 4
 - Medicine, Pediatrics, Surgery, Ob/Gyn, Primary Care Clerkship, Neurology/Psychiatry, Emergency Medicine (?)
- Early residency applications: Neurology, neurosurgery, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, urology
- **Leave time for residency interviewing in fall, winter of Year 4**
 - 0.5 day/week off allowed in REQUIRED COURSES (3 days per 6 weeks)

- Do NOT take required course/clerkship in Period 8 of Year 4 (? Period 7)

RESOURCES TO HELP

- Advisors (clinical program, specialty)
 - Clinical Program
 - Specialty
- Career Counselors
 - J. Adams, M.D. (Duluth)
 - W. Jacott, M.D.
 - C. Moldow, M.D.
 - L. Repesh, Ph.D. (Duluth)
 - G. Vercellotti, M.D.
 - H. Horwitz, Ph.D.
 - R. McCollister, M.D.
 - P. Quie, M.D.
 - T. Thompson, M.D.
- Office of Student Affairs (H. Horwitz, Ph.D.)
- Year 3 and 4 Director of Clinical Education (T. Thompson, M.D.)
 - 612-626-2841 (telephone)
 - 612-626-4853 (fax)
 - thomp005@umn.edu (e-mail)
- Curriculum office (Genne McAndrew)
 - 612-625-4692 (telephone)
 - 612-626-4600 (fax)
 - www.meded.umn.edu (Web site)
 - mcand003@umn.edu (e-mail)
- Faculty
- Fellow students
- Course Book

COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS

- **Meeting – in person**
- Telephone, pager
- Letter

- E-mail
- Fax
- Information Web sites
 - Curriculum—Scheduling—Advisors
 - » www.meded.umn.edu
 - USMLE Board Examination
 - » www.nbme.org
 - NRMP-Match
 - » www.aamc.org
 - Careers in Medicine
 - » www.aamc.org/careersinmedicine

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