

CLINICAL PROGRAM ADVISORS

AREAS TO ADDRESS OR DISCUSS WITH ADVISEES

UPDATE

- Number of credits (weeks) – 2 years (102 weeks)
 - Graduation = 76 credits – 76 weeks (1 credit – 1 week)
 - » Required = 56 credits (9 courses plus surgical subspecialties)
 - » Elective = 20 credits (direct patient care or “hands-on” = 8 — Twin Cities or Duluth)
 - Non hands-on: Laboratory Medicine, Radiology, Research, Elective Away for Credit, International
 - » Second or third Friday of May
 - » Maximum 88 credits, 95 for RPAP

- Required courses/clerkships—take as many as possible in Year 3
 - Complete 44 of 56 required credits by October 1 of Year 4 unless extenuating circumstances exist and with advisor’s approval
 - » 44 credits in 64 weeks
 - Career selection
 - USMLE Step II preparation
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Time for interviews (Year 4)
 - Course in Period 1
 - Do not take required course in Period 8 of Year 4

- USMLE Step I, II: Discuss dates of exams, preparation, requests, results
 - Must pass USMLE Step I before exceeding 18 credits of work
 - Registration for USMLE Step I before access to on-line computerized scheduling system
 - Take USMLE Step I in May or June of Year 3 (preferred) and definitely before the end of Period 2 of Year 3 (late

- August) and before clerkships start unless extenuating circumstances exist and with advisor's approval
- Take USMLE Step II, CK and CS examinations after maximal clinical exposure but before February 15 of Year 4
 - **www.nbme.org**
- Career specialty selection – MedCareers
- **www.aamc.org/careersinmedicine**
- Interviews for residency (Year 4)
- Preparation for interview
 - Dates, sites of interviews
 - Early match (neurology, neurosurgery, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, urology)
 - Days away from required courses (allow 3 days per 6 weeks, 0.5 day per week) - policy
 - MSPE (old Dean's letter) - completed in September; send out November 1
- Computerized scheduling system
- Period and site selection
 - No signature required for course changes
 - Courses/clerkships—description: www.meded.umn.edu
 - Linked to advisor, evaluation programs
 - Registration for USMLE Step I required before access to on-line computerized scheduling system
 - Lottery
- Review evaluations – grades
- Residency selection: grades/evaluations in required courses
- Grade inflation (required courses only)

- Honors (outstanding): 15-30%
- Excellent: 30-60%
- Satisfactory
- N-Fail (None, we hope)
- Based on competencies, objectives, tests

- Evaluation (faculty of student; student of faculty, rotation)
 - Electronic
 - Linked to scheduling system

- Primary Care Clerkship (ambulatory medicine, Clinical Medicine IV)
 - Family Practice (4 weeks); Medicine, Pediatrics, Med-Peds or Geriatrics (4 weeks)
 - One prerequisite (required course) recommended -- example Medicine I, Pediatrics and/or Surgery

- Transition course: Year 2 → 3
 - Patient care units (e.g., charts, orders))
 - Skills lab: vascular, airway access; ACLS (available)

- Transition course: Year 4 → residency ?

- Didactic (CME-like) material: Years 3, 4 ?
 - For example, pain management

- Meetings: one per semester (two per year)
 - Advisor's responsibility to arrange

- Residents and Year 4 students as teachers program

- Student advisory group for required courses