Class of 2022 - Town Hall

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Class of 2022 Academic Plan

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Rationale and Context

• Schools have different curricula, phase lengths and course and clerkship requirements preceding the COVID pandemic and now subsequent to the pandemic.

• Curricula and assessments vary by school and reflect:
  • location
  • mission and vision
  • student entry pathways
  • communities served
  • accreditation status and requirements
  • site availability
  • graduate outcomes
  • career outcomes
Rationale and Context

• There are nuances to each program some of which are known publicly and others of which are not apparent or public.

• We have all learned from each other and continue to do so in a way that is respectful of differences and yet with an openness to share approaches that we might all benefit from.
  • Our school cannot copy what another school does because their approach may not meet our school specific needs and expectations.
  • We also acknowledge that our plans vary and are not going to be the same.

• Our goals for the academic plan:
  • Equitable and fair
  • Meets the school’s needs, expectations and accreditation mandates
Year 3 Requirements

Core Clinical Clerkships and Required Courses

- Ambulatory Care-Geriatrics (6 weeks)
- Inpatient Medicine (6 weeks)
- Neurology (4 weeks)
- Obstetrics-Gynecology (5 weeks)
- Pediatrics (5 weeks)
- Psychiatry (4 weeks)
- Surgery-Anesthesiology (8 weeks)
- Online Radiology Course (ORC)
- InFocus Weeks 5, 6, and 7
Year 3 Requirements

- Complete 14 weeks of elective (or 10 weeks of elective if in the InterACT Program) by graduation.
  - Year 3: 10 weeks of elective and/or vacation time
  - Year 4: 27 weeks of elective and/or vacation time
- Complete all required Year 3 milestones by the end of the spring semester of Year 3.
- Complete Comprehensive Assessment (COMPASS) 2 and other assessments to evaluate clinical skills.
- Complete all evaluations for all clerkships and courses in order to be promoted to the next academic year.
- Year 3 calendar consists of the core clinical clerkships (38 weeks), required courses (3 weeks), electives (10 weeks) and Winter Break (1 week).
| Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 | Week 9 | Week 10 | Week 11 | Week 12 | Week 13 | Week 14 | Week 15 | Week 16 | Week 17 | Week 18 | Week 19 | Week 20 | Week 21 | Week 22 | Week 23 | Week 24 | Week 25 | Week 26 | Week 27 | VACATION |
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### Module Period 1

- **Neurology/Psychiatry/Electives (1)**
  - 4 weeks / 4 weeks / 4 weeks

- **Obstetrics-Gynecology/Pediatrics/Electives (1)**
  - 5 weeks / 5 weeks / 2 weeks

- **Ambulatory Care-Geriatrics/Inpatient Medicine (1)**
  - 5 weeks / 6 weeks

- **Surgery-Anesthesiology/Electives (1)**
  - 8 weeks / 4 weeks

### Module Period 2

- **Neurology/Psychiatry/Electives (2)**
  - 4 weeks / 4 weeks / 4 weeks

- **Obstetrics-Gynecology/Pediatrics/Electives (2)**
  - 5 weeks / 5 weeks / 2 weeks

- **Ambulatory Care-Geriatrics/Inpatient Medicine (2)**
  - 8 weeks / 5 weeks

- **Surgery-Anesthesiology/Electives (2)**
  - 8 weeks / 4 weeks

### Module Period 3

- **Neurology/Psychiatry/Electives (3)**
  - 4 weeks / 4 weeks / 4 weeks

- **Obstetrics-Gynecology/Pediatrics/Electives (3)**
  - 5 weeks / 5 weeks / 2 weeks

- **Ambulatory Care-Geriatrics/Inpatient Medicine (3)**
  - 6 weeks / 6 weeks

- **Surgery-Anesthesiology/Electives (3)**
  - 8 weeks / 4 weeks

### Module Period 4

- **Neurology/Psychiatry/Electives (4)**
  - 4 weeks / 4 weeks / 4 weeks

- **Obstetrics-Gynecology/Pediatrics/Electives (4)**
  - 5 weeks / 5 weeks / 2 weeks

- **Ambulatory Care-Geriatrics/Inpatient Medicine (4)**
  - 5 weeks / 5 weeks

- **Surgery-Anesthesiology/Electives (4)**
  - 8 weeks / 5 weeks
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InFOCUS Weeks 5, 6 and 7

• Development of clinical skills and learning topics relating to patient safety and quality improvement.
• Enhancement of the InFOCUS Week 5 (June 29-July 2, 2020) content
  • Preparatory skills to begin clinical clerkships
  • Feel supported as clinicians in the era of COVID-19.
• Topics will include:
  • Clinical reasoning and assessment
  • Clinical skills sessions including proper use of PPE, use of Epic on the Wards, and Fundamentals of Clinical Imaging
  • Unique challenges facing clinicians during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  • Introduction to patient safety and quality improvement: infection prevention in the time of COVID-19
• IF6 and IF7 - Patient safety and quality improvement, Year 4 and residency planning
Core Clerkship

- Orientation
- Direct patient care experiences
- Teaching rounds
- Didactic sessions
- Self-directed learning
- Assessments including:
  - NBME Shelf Exams
  - Direct Observations (DO) of Clinical Skills
    - History taking
    - Physical examination skills
Assessment: what we needed to consider

- Class of 2021: Varying completion of Module 3
- Class of 2021: No completion of Module 4
- Class of 2021: will complete with Class of 2022
- Student preferences for the order they choose to take clerkships over the AY
Assessments

- Shelf exam = pass/fail

- Variety of assessments in each clerkship
  - Includes clinical evaluations, shelf, observed H&P skills
Clinical evaluations

**EXAMPLE: History Taking Skills**

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Grading

- Change in grading curve distribution
  - 10% Pass, 30% High Pass, 60% Honors

- Applied at end of academic year
  - Potential to “bump up” if distribution not met
  - No grade can be lowered
Electives

Pre-COVID-19, elective requirements: 28 weeks total to graduate
  Year 3 (10 available weeks)
  Year 4 (27 available weeks)

Class of 2021 and 2022 post-COVID-19: **14 weeks elective total to graduate**
  Year 3 (10 available weeks)
  Year 4 (27 available weeks)
Electives

Following completion of the last course of Year 2:

- Study period and/or
- **May take electives for credit**

We are actively working with faculty across the health system to develop and launch high-quality electives. They will continue to support remote elective opportunities that are meaningful and value-added.

Electives are graded as either Pass, High Pass, or Honors. There is no curve applied to elective grades.
Electives

Post-COVID changes:

- No cap on number of research electives permitted
- No cap on number of 1-week electives permitted
- Elective credit for Covid-19 related volunteer work that is overseen by Department of Medical Education
Elective credit for USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 CK board review courses:

• Students must attest that they have watched the USMLE Step 1 and/or Step 2 CK board review course (and completed any assignments), either live or recorded

• Credits: **2 weeks for each course** (maximum 4 weeks elective credit if you take both Step 1 and Step 2 CK course)

• Scholarly year or LOA students cannot receive elective credit for these courses
Electives

Registering for electives

- Empower
- Clinical Tailor Made Form (signed, submit to electives@mssm.edu)
- Research Tailor Made Form (signed, submit to electives@mssm.edu)

Blackboard->Student Resources->Medical Student Electives

- Information and instructions
- Links to electives forms
- List of on-line options

MARC appointments with Dr. Beverly Forsyth are available