Class of 2024

M2 Orientation: Clinical Curriculum Highlights

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Topics to Cover:

- STEP EXAMS
- IMPORTANT DATES
- M3 CLERKSHIPS AND REQUIREMENTS
- HARDSHIP AND EAST ONLY OPTIONS
- BREAKS, DELAYS, WELLNESS DAYS
Step 1

Eligibility: GPA of ≥ 2.25 and passing all courses

Must take Step 1 before starting Clerkships

Deadline is April 24, 2022
Step 2 CK

• Must complete all Core Clerkships first

• Best preparation is participation in clerkships and ‘shelf’ exams

• If you want to take it early...
  • Don’t be tempted!
  • Finish all your clerkships first
Important Dates to Remember

- M3 Orientation – Part 1: January 2022
- M3 Orientation – Part 2: February 2022
- M3 Clerkship Scheduling: February 2022
- PCM V – Prep for Clerkships week: April 25-29, 2022
PCM V: Prep for Clerkships Week

April 25-29, 2022
Mandatory for all rising M3 students
In-person clinical skills with other hybrid sessions
HIPAA, Sterile technique, CPR, Blood and Fluids, Communication, EMR, Clerkship Policies, Risk Management, Foley and IV placement, Suturing
Drug testing, (hopefully) TB skin testing
Watch for emails from Kimberlee Norwood
Clerkships start Monday, May 2!!
Things to do BEFORE Prep Week

- N95 Mask fitting
- BLS Recertification
- VA onboarding
- EMR training
- Check for holds (immunizations, financial, student authorization)
- CHECK YOUR EMAILS!!!!
A word about holds....

Holds prevent:

- Registration
- Evaluations
- Grades
- Financial Aid

Please, please, please clear all holds quickly and completely before the start of your rotations and before each semester!
Clerkship Requirements
7 Required “Core” Clerkships

• Internal Medicine – 8 weeks
• Surgery – 8 weeks
• Family Medicine – 6 weeks
• OB/GYN – 6 weeks
• Pediatrics – 6 weeks
• Neurology – 4 weeks
• Psychiatry – 4 weeks
Family Medicine
Internal Medicine (Medicine)
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Pediatrics
Career Exploration

- Elective experiences in the M3 year
- Three 2-week blocks
  - One 2-week block can be taken as “option” time
- Opportunity to experience a specialty that is not one of the ‘core’ rotations
What rotation should I do??!!

- Course bulletin: https://uthsc.edu/Medicine/OLSEN/
  - Course description
  - Course/clerkship director
  - Course coordinator
  - Location, blocks offered
  - Required pre-requisites or prior approvals
Why use an ‘Option Block’?

• Delays:
  – Illness or emergency situations ONLY
  – *Must* be approved by a Dean or P&P committee

• Acceptable Reasons:
  – Academic/Research
  – Military obligations
  – Wedding (your own)
  – Parental Leave
  – Approved Step 1 Delay

• *Remember*:
  • All students may use one 2-week CE block as ‘option’ time
If you have a major family, medical, or personal event that you need time away for... please email us!!

Examples:

Wedding
Birth or adoption of child
Step 1 Delay
Leave of absence (medical or otherwise)
Surgery
Scholar’s Year/PhD
East Rule

• Due to our number of students and available capacity on the Memphis campus, all students are required to schedule 1 rotation at an East location (Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville, or Jackson) during the third year.

• Housing* is provided by UT for M3 students on required core clerkships in East cities if their primary domicile is in Memphis.
"East Only" option

- Students can choose to complete all 3rd year rotations in the East.
  - Move to another city for the entire clinical phase.
- Students in this category are considered “East Only”
  - Separate scheduling time
- Options: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville
  - *Note: only 4 core clerkships offered in Nashville
Hardship Policy

• The Hardship Policy was developed to allow exemptions from the East rotation requirement for those select students.
• For information, go to OLSEN in the “General Clerkship Information” to find the Hardship application form.

Acceptable reasons for Hardship:

- You have a child under the age of 18 years
- You have a chronic illness that requires treatment from a local physician
- You have a family member with chronic illness for whom you are the primary caregiver.
Excused Absences and Wellness Days
Rationale

• Excused absences – Students should be able to attend general preventive medical care, urgent/acute medical care, and have appropriate time off for sickness.

• Wellness Days – Goal is to promote mental health and wellness among students.
What counts as an Excused Absence?

- Preventive or routine healthcare (e.g. PCP appointment, dentist, etc.)
- Acute illness/urgent medical appointments (includes sick days)
- Funerals
- Religious observances/Holy Days
- Jury duty and other legal obligations
- Step 2 CK*
- Residency interviews*
- Attendance at professional meetings if presenting or representing the College of Medicine

* Step 2 CK and residency interviews NOT allowed on M3 clerkships.
Professional Meeting Attendance

- Notify CD/CC 30 days prior to the START of the affected rotation.
- Must be either presenting (poster/oral) or representing the COM.
- Provide documentation (email/letter) of your acceptance to the meeting AS SOON AS YOU GET THIS.
- Goal is to maximize your participation in your event while also minimizing the time away from your clerkship.
- Approval is at the discretion of the Clerkship Director.
Wellness Days

FOUR WELLNESS DAYS PER YEAR

NO HALF DAYS OR HOURLY COUNTS
Examples

**Planned Wellness Days**

• Weddings
• Family reunions
• Planned mental health day
• Nondisclosed reasoning (e.g. appointment that you prefer not to disclose)
• Other important events that don’t fall under an excused absence

**Emergent Wellness Days**

• Unplanned mental health day
• Need for urgent counseling
• Any other unforeseen event that does not qualify for an acute excused absence
How to Request an Excused Absence or Planned Wellness Day

1. Notify (email) your Clerkship Director and Clerkship Coordinator 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE of the CLERKSHIP to request permission.

2. Please be professional in your interactions with your administrators!

3. Complete a Limited Leave Request form (on OLSEN).
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