Overview of the Advanced Clinical Year

Class of 2020
Today’s Meeting Agenda

1. Review Clinical Requirements for Graduation

2. Overview of the next few months and things to consider as you construct your senior schedule

3. Discuss On-Line Registration
Clinical Requirements for Graduation - Class of 2020

- **Core Third Year -**
  - Trans. to Clerkships
  - Medicine - 8 wk
  - Primary Care I - 4 wk
  - Surgery - 8 wk
  - Anesthesiology - 2 wk

- **Gateway 3**

  - **Clerkships and Core Elective(s)**
    - Women’s Health - 6 wk
    - Pediatrics - 6 wk
    - Psychiatry - 6 wk
    - Neurology - 4 wk
    - Core Yr (MS3) Electives – 2 or 4 weeks
Clinical Requirements for Graduation - Class of 2020

**Advanced Clinical Year**
- **Primary Care** 2 - 4 wk
  - Geriatrics/Palliative Care
  - Can be taken away at another medical school
- **Diagnostic Radiology** - 4 wk
- **Emerg Med Clerkship** – 4 wk
- **Subinternship** – 1 month
  - Medicine or Pediatrics
  - Subinternships in other specialties count as elective credit (i.e Surgery)

- **Selective(s)** – 4 wk (or Two 2 wk)
  - Select from Translational Science Courses (T-Sels)
- **Critical Care** - 2 wk
  - SICU, MICU, NICU, PICU
  - Can be taken away at another medical school
- **Electives** – 16 weeks
  - Check distribution requirements for subspecialties, research, and extramural electives
  - Students are permitted to do as many electives as their schedule will allow

- *Any Core Clerkships not completed in third year must be completed in April-June 2019.*
 Coming Up!

 January  Composing Your Senior Schedule
   Includes reviewing some sample senior schedules

 Jan 10 – Feb 7  Clinical Departmental Mtgs
  Sign-Up Required

 Jan 15  Clinical Dean Assignments Released
Coming Up!

- Jan 28 – Feb 28 Meet with your Clinical Dean to construct / sign-off on senior schedule.
- Feb 4 Visiting Student Learning Opportunities Mtg (VSLO/GLHO for Away Electives)
  - Feb/March Start applying for Away Electives
- Feb 26-Mar 15 On-line Registration for Advanced Year Coursework (Ms. Shonbrun will discuss)
- Mar 15 Signed Clinical Schedule Planner Due
Timeline

- **May 2019**  Nuts and Bolts ERAS and Residency Application Process – General Mtg
- **June/July** Meet with Your Clinical Dean to review CV, residency application process
- **July 1** Try to take Step 2CK by this date
- On-going Q & A seminars throughout summer
- **Aug/Sept** Meet with Your Clinical Dean and/or Specialty Advisor to review Personal Statement and Program Review List
- **SEPT 15th** Submit your ERAS application
Timeline

October  Do’s and Don’t Residency Interviewing
October  Mock Interview Available on Request
Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan  - Interviews
Nov 1, 2019  Last Day to Take Step 2 CK/CS
January  –  Class meeting re: Tips for Ranking Programs
          Meet Clinical Dean and Specialty Advisor to Review Rank Order List
Timeline

February – Submit Rank Order List
March – Match Day! *March 20, 2020*!!
May – Graduation! *May 20, 2020*!!
Things to Consider when Designing your Senior Schedule

- YOU will create your schedule, in consultation with your Clinical Assistant Dean
- Downstate electives in field(s) you are considering
- Possible off-campus electives timing
  - July not a good idea... Do Downstate elective first
- Clerkship Reexaminations (if applicable)
  - Most scheduled in April; Schedule posted on Registrar website

- Step 2CK – Ideally April through June 2019
- Step 2CS - Ideally July through September 2019
  - BUT No Later than November 1, 2019
Things to Consider when Designing your Senior Schedule – Con’t

- Required Subinternship – early for LOR vs. later
- Research electives?
- Electives of interest
- Interviews usually require one month off
  - Early Match – November or December
  - Regular Match – November, December or January (and a few in October!)
- Global Health in Dev Countries - April/May 2020
USMLE Step 2

- Step 2 has two parts: Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge) and Step 2 CS (Clinical Skills)
- Taking & Passing Step 2 CK & CS is a graduation requirement.
- All students are required to register and schedule both Step 2 CK & Step 2 CS by August 1, 2019.
  - BUT DO SO NOW!!
- All students are required to take both Step 2 CK & Step 2 CS by November 1, 2019.
USMLE Step 2 – Con’t

- Cost of Step 2 CK 2019: $630

- Cost can be included in the senior year Financial Aid/Student Loan package - once.
Step 2 Clinical Skills Exam

- Cost of Step 2 CS 2019: $1,290
- Score: Pass/Fail
- Register through NBME
- Closest site: Philadelphia
  Atlanta, Chicago, LA, Houston
- Gateway 3
  - Required Standardized Pt assessment Spring 2019
  - 8 station assessment very similar to Step 2CS
Step 2 Timing Issues

- Recommend taking 4 to 6 weeks off for Step 2CK
- Benefit of taking it early
  - close to Core Year shelf exams
  - You’re in “exam taking mode”
  - We encourage you to take the exam in April 2019 or 4-6 weeks after your last clerkship ends.
- Residency programs want Step 2CK on your application (9/15)—few exceptions. Take by July 1
- Students who take Step 2CK after July 1 will receive results in the third or fourth week of Sept.
Step 2 Timing Issues

- Timing of Step 2CS – recommended following SubI or Emer Med. So register for Step 2 CS during Sept/Oct if unsure about schedule.
- Most students do not take time off to study for Step 2CS.
- Programs do not expect a CS result at the time of application but require it at ranking time. MUST take Step 2CS by Nov 1.
Letters of Recommendation

- Most residency programs require 3 letters.
  - A.K.A. LORs

- When ERAS opens in May 2019, you may begin to designate letter writers and the request process.

- Letter writers will upload their LORs directly onto the ERAS LOR portal.

- Although YOUR ERAS application is sent out Sept 15, LOR’s can be sent in by program deadlines which can be as late as 11/1, although the sooner the better.
Course Scheduling & Registration
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- Remaining Core Clerkships
  - Have been scheduled for you
  - Currently enrolled clerkships end 3/29/19
  - Clerkships begin **4/8/2019**
  - If you have special issues or concerns, make an appointment with Ms. Shonbrun or Dean Christoforou
  - You should have already entered your site preferences.

- **Senior Advanced Year Courses begin 4/1/2019**
  - If you’re not in a clerkship or studying for Step 2CK.
Course Scheduling & Registration

- Registration for Advanced Clinical courses will occur for 3 semesters:
  - Spring 2019 registration (includes Apr – June)
  - Fall 2019 (includes July – Dec 2019)
  - Spring 2020 (includes Jan– May 2020)
- Elective offerings for Spring 2019 on-line
- Elective offerings for 2019-20 academic year will be available in February 2019.
Course Scheduling & Registration

- Clerkship remediation dates on Registrar website

- If you’re “undecided” use May, June, or July to take electives/SubI to assist your decision.

- Taking Away electives before “prime-time” (May or June 2019) …. VSLO availability

- Clinical Schedule Planner to assist you in developing your schedule is posted on-line.
Registration Dates

- **Feb 26-Mar 1**  On-line Registration SPRING 2019
  - All Students Taking Advanced Year courses in Spring 2019

- **Feb 14**  Time Tickets Released for Fall/Spring

- **Mar 4- Mar 15**  On-line Registration for Fall 2019 & Spring 2020 by Time-Ticketing

- **Mar 15**  Signed Clinical Schedule Planner Due in Student Services Center
Elective Requirements

- 16 weeks of Electives
  - For COM 2020 – 12 weeks MAX in a subspecialty
- 4 weeks of TSEL – Translational Sciences selective
- 8 weeks MAX in Research
- 8 weeks MAX in Away Electives
- 4 weeks MAX in non-clinical (Reading) elective

For more information
https://sls.downstate.edu/registrar/class_mtg/comp_electives.html
The Translational Science Selectives (aka T sels) are designed to re-acquaint you with some of the important science underlying your clinical practice and to give you practice in reading and discussing that literature prior to residency.

You complete a clinical elective while working on a research paper.

Full description can be found at https://sls.downstate.edu/registrar/_documents/class_meeting_materials/translational_scienc_e_selectives_guidelines_2018.pdf
TSEL REQUIREMENT (CONT)  

- 4 Weeks of TSEL Required  
  - May do more – will count as elective credit  
  - Research Paper Required  

- Does not count against “subspecialty” max  

- Must be taken at SUNY Downstate
Careers in Medicine

www.aamc.org/careersinmedicine

Valuable resource which includes:

- Self-Assessment Tools
- Decision Process
- Specialty Profiles

Use AAMC user name / password

Contact Ms. Froome for individual consultation.
Need Help?

- Assistance with your individual senior schedule, some resources:
  - Your Clinical Assistant Dean
  - Specialty Advisors
  - Christoforou or Shonbrun or Froome
  - Upperclass students