Overview of the Advanced Clinical Year

Class of 2021
1. Review Clinical Requirements for Graduation

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

3. Advisement and Registration Timeline
Clinical Requirements for Graduation - Class of 2021

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

- 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

- Gateway 3 (Indiv. Date TBD)
Clinical Requirements for Graduation - Class of 2021

- **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
  - Research with mentor of your choosing

- ✓ 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 year requirement not completed in third year must be completed in April-June 2020.
Activities to help students make decisions about senior schedule, specialty choice and residency application process

- Senior Schedule Planning Seminar
- Individual meeting with Clinical Advisory Dean
- Career Month – Residency program directors and departmental specialty advisors give workshops *(Jan-Feb 2020)*
- Student-to-Student Residency Forum *(Peer advice after Match day)*
- Nuts and Bolts of Residency Application Process Seminars
  - May/June 2020
  - CV and Personal Statement Writing
  - ERAS completion guidance
Activities (continued)

- Faculty-Student Specialty Linkage Program
  - Contact Student Affairs to be matched with a specialty advisor.
- Meetings for seniors having difficulty making a final decision on specialty
- Interviewing Seminar / Mock Interviews
- Rank Order Strategies
- Review of individual rank order lists by Clinical Advisory Dean or Student Affairs
Career Information Gathering Events

➢ Jan 22  Q & A Composing Your Advanced Year Schedule
➢ Jan/Feb Clinical Departmental Mtgs *(in progress)*
➢ Jan/Feb Individual meeting with Clinical Advisory Dean re: Adv. Yr. Scheduling and Signature Approval.
   ➢ (Sign-up links will be emailed the week of Jan 20)
➢ Jan/Feb Need a faculty advisor in the specialty you are considering? Email dawn.froome@downstate.edu for an individual referral.
➢ Jan 28 Visiting Student Learning Opportunities Mtg (VSLO/GLHO for Away Electives)
Course Scheduling & Registration
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- Delayed Core Clerkships extending beyond 3/27/2020 (if applicable)
  - Have already been scheduled for you – check Banner system.
  - Hospital Assignments released in late February
  - Core Clerkships begin 4/6/2020

- April Advanced Year Courses begin 3/30/2020
Registration for Advanced Clinical courses will occur for 3 semesters:

- Spring 2020 registration (includes Apr – June 2020)
- Fall 2020 (includes July – Dec 2020)
- Spring 2021 (includes Jan– May 2021)

Elective offerings for Spring 2020 currently **on-line**

Elective offerings for 2020-21 academic year will be available in February 2020.
Advanced Year Registration Dates

- Feb 18: On-line Registration begins
  SPRING 2020 ONLY
- Feb 25: Time Tickets Released for Fall and Spring Registration
- March 2 - Mar 13: On-line Registration for Fall 2020 & Spring 2021 by Time-Ticketing
- Mar 13: Signed Clinical Schedule Planner Due
Clinical Schedule Planner is to assist you in developing your schedule and is posted on-line.

Clinical Planner is required to be signed by your Clinical Advisory Dean.

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

Advantage of taking Away electives before “prime-time” (May or June 2020) .... Dependent on VSLO availability
Things to Consider when Designing your Senior Schedule

❖ YOU will create your schedule, in consultation with your Clinical Advisory Dean
✓ Use the information given at departmental info mtgs
✓ Downstate electives in field(s) you are considering and will generate a letter of recommendation
✓ Possible off-campus electives timing
  ✓ July generally not a good idea... new interns; hospital chaos
  ✓ Do Downstate specialty elective first
➢ Timing of Step 2CK – Ideally April through June 2020
➢ Timing of Step 2CS - Ideally August through October 2020
  ➢ BUT No Later than November 1, 2020
Things to Consider when Designing your Senior Schedule – Con’t

- Clerkship Reexaminations *(if applicable)*
  - *Most scheduled in April; Schedule posted on Registrar website*
- When to take required Subinternship – early for LOR vs. later?
- Research electives?
- Electives of interest
- Required Advanced Year Requirements
- Interviews usually require one month off: November or December
- Global Health in Dev Countries - April/May 2021
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, 2020.

➢ All students are required to take both Step 2 CK & Step 2 CS by November 1, 2020.

➢ Click here to register for Step 2 CK or Step 2 CS
USMLE Step 2 – Con’t

➢ Cost of Step 2 CK 2020: $645

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

- Cost of Step 2 CS 2020: $1,300
- Score: Pass/Fail
- Register through NBME
- Register ASAP – spots fill up quickly
- Closest site: Philadelphia
- Gateway 3 (Passing required; also good prep for CS)
  - Required Standardized Pt assessment Spring 2020
  - Office of Academic Affairs will e-mail assignments
Step 2 Timing Issues

- Recommend taking month off for Step 2CK
- Benefit of taking it early - close to Core Year shelf exams. We encourage you to take the exam in April 2020, or after as early as you can.
- Residency programs want Step 2CK on your application (9/15) – few exceptions.
- Timing of Step 2CS – recommended immediately following SubI or Emer Med. If unsure, pick Sept or Oct 2020.
- Most students do not take time off to study for Step 2CS. Practice, practice, practice.
Letters of Recommendation

- Most residency programs require 3 letters.
  - A.K.A. LORs
- When ERAS opens in May 2020, 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.
Medical Student Performance Evaluation

- A.K.A. **MSPE** or Dean’s Letter - **SENT OCT 1**
  - *evaluative* letter drafted by Clinical Advisory Dean sent to all residency programs applied to
  - summary of your academic performance for yrs 1-3 + evaluations rec’d by mid-August of your senior year
  - Class divided into Quartiles, based on Core Clerkship Grades, weighted by credits. (Similar to UG GPA)
  - majority of information is narratives from clerkships
  - includes positive & constructive comments
  - Clinical Advisory Dean will ask you to identify 3 bullets – called “Noteworthy Characteristics”
  - you will be able to read a draft of the letter during September, 2020
Overview of Calendar

❖ **January thru April**
  ❖ Career planning
  ❖ Meet Clinical Advisory Dean
  ❖ Attend Departmental Information Meetings
  ❖ Register for senior schedule, apply for away electives.
  ❖ Register for Step 2 CK/CS.
  ❖ Have you started creating a CV?
Overview of Calendar

❖ April through August

❖ May class mtg re: Nuts & Bolts Residency Process
❖ Take Step 2 CK by August 1, 2020
❖ Take Step 2 CS by November 1, 2020
❖ Continue Exploring and Decision Making
❖ Take subinternship or electives – based on advice from departmental advisors and Clin Advisory Dean
❖ Meet with Clinical Advisory Dean re: MSPE, Review of Personal Statement
❖ Letters of recommendation -3 to 4 required – decide who
❖ Have specialty advisor or Clinical Advisory Dean review residency application program list.
❖ Summer Q & A Sessions on ERAS completion
Overview of Calendar

September

❖ Review MSPE letter
❖ Complete residency application, writing personal statement
❖ **ERAS MUST be submitted by September 15th**

October through January - Interviews

In Sept/Oct, we offer mock interviews for students who request them.

Spring 2021 – Continue taking Adv. Year course requirements

February – Submit Rank Order List

March – Match Day! **March 19, 2021!!**

May – Graduation! **TBA**
Need Help?

- Assistance with your individual senior schedule, some resources:
  - Your Clinical Advisory Dean (CAD)
  - Specialty Advisors
    - (contact Ms. Froome dawn.froome@downstate.edu if you have not met with a specialty advisor prior and your CAD is not in that specialty)
  - Christoforou, Shonbrun or Froome
  - Upperclass students