

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Curricular Requirements for the 2019 Entering Class and Subsequent Classes

The awarding of the Doctor of Medicine degree is contingent upon satisfactory completion of all curricular requirements and academic and professional conduct requirements. The latter includes the demonstration of behavior patterns and attitudes consistent with the oath that all students take at the time of graduation. As such, student evaluation is based upon the observation of faculty and others in a teaching role (TA's, residents, etc.) of the student's behavior and conduct as well as performance on papers and examinations. A pattern of documented evaluator concerns about a student's performance may indicate unsatisfactory performance when the record is viewed as a whole, even though passing grades have been assigned. In addition, every student is required to successfully complete a scholarly research project, the Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE), and pass all School of Medicine required courses and Step 1, Step 2-Clinical Knowledge, Step 2-Clinical Skills of the United States Medical Licensure Examination.

The curriculum is dynamic and designed to provide students with a strong scientific foundation and a comprehensive approach to clinical medicine. The curriculum is planned to allow time for the student to complete required additional electives in areas of interest at the University of Washington and WWAMI affiliated institutions in order to broaden their perspective of medicine and the world in which the physician functions. To support curricular continuous improvement, small changes may be made to the MD program graduation requirements established at matriculation which would apply to students already enrolled.

The four-year medical school curriculum consists of three phases, totaling a minimum of **287 credits**

- A. The Foundations Phase – 120 credits
- C. The Patient Care Phase – 86 credits
- D. The Explore and Focus Phase – 81 credits

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| A | Foundations Phase Curriculum | 120 credits |
| | Blocked Courses: | |
| | Molecular & Cellular Basis of Disease | 11 credits |
| | Invaders and Defenders | 10 credits |
| | Circulatory Systems | 16 credits |
| | Blood and Cancer and Muskuloskeletal | 8 credits |
| | Energetics and Homeostasis | 10 credits |
| | Mind, Brain, and Behavior | 14 credits |
| | Lifecycle | 8 credits |
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| | Longitudinal Courses: | |
| | Foundations of Clinical Medicine | 15 credits |
| | Ecology of Health and Medicine | 4 credits |
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| | Scholarship Courses: | |
| | Independent Investigative Inquiry (III) | 6 credits |
| | Independent Investigative Inquiry Final Project (III Final Project) | 1 credit |
| | Research Methods | 1 credits |
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| B | Consolidation and Transition (3 courses: Foundations Capstone, Consolidation, & Transition to Clerkship) <i>credits counted under Foundations Phase</i> | 16 credits |
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| C | Patient Care Phase Curriculum* | | 86 credits |
| | Required Clinical Clerkships: | | |
| | Family Medicine | 6 weeks | 12 credits |
| | Internal Medicine | 12 weeks | 24 credits |
| | Obstetrics/Gynecology | 6 weeks | 12 credits |
| | Pediatrics | 6 weeks | 12 credits |
| | Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences | 6 weeks | 12 credits |
| | Surgery | 6 weeks | 12 credits |
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| | Blocked Course (Distance Learning): | | |
| | Ecology of Health and Medicine | 2 weeks | 2 credits |
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| D | Explore and Focus Phase Curriculum* | | 81 credits |
| | Required Clinical Clerkships: | | |
| | Neurology/Neurosurgery | 4 weeks | 8 credits |
| | Emergency Medicine | 4 weeks | 8 credits |
| | Advanced Patient Care** | 8 weeks | 16 credits |
| | Clinical Electives: 5 four-week blocks*** | 20 weeks | 40 credits |
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| | Blocked Course (Distance Learning): | | |
| | Ecology of Health and Medicine | 1 week | 1 credits |
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| E | Transition to Residency <i>credits counted under Explore and Focus Phase</i> | 4 weeks | 8 credits |
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| | Total minimum credits for M.D. degree: | | 287 credits |

* Students will be advised concerning their clinical training which will include different locations throughout the WWAMI region. **All students are required to complete a minimum of two four-week clerkships in Seattle at one of the following hospitals: UMWC, HMC, CHMC, or Puget Sound VA.**

** One of the two 4-week Advanced Patient Care Clerkships must be a Sub-internship.

***Electives can range from of 2-12 weeks, but will usually be either 2-weeks or 4-weeks. Students in the Medical Scientist Training Program and the UW Pathology fellowship who enter the UWSOM prior to 2015 and who do not engage in the clinical curriculum immediately after completing pre-clinical coursework meet the clinical requirements as they exist at the time they enter, with the exception of 8 credits of clinical electives which are waived. These students enter the clinical curriculum in summer of their third year of MD coursework after completion of the PhD or UW Pathology fellowship.