Patient Care Phase
Clerkship Options & Considerations
Patient Care Phase

Begins in spring quarter of the second year of the curriculum and extends through winter quarter of the following academic year.

• During the patient care phase the following required clerkships are taken:
  • Internal Medicine (12 weeks)
  • Family Medicine (6 weeks)
  • Obstetrics and Gynecology (6 weeks)
  • Pediatrics (6 weeks)
  • Psychiatry (6 weeks)
  • Surgery (6 weeks)
Patient Care Phase

Two general types:

• BLOCKED clerkships, all taken sequentially
  • (TRACK, Greater Seattle Option, Safari)

• INTEGRATED clerkships, some sequential and some integrated
  • WWAMI Rural Integrated Training Experience (WRITE)
  • Olympia (Washington) Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (Olympia LIC)
General information for EHM Clinical weeks:

- Required 1 credit courses that are 4-days long (Mon – Thu, Friday is reserved for travel to next clerkship)
- 2 weeks in Patient Care and 1 week in Explore and Focus
- Distance learning course, an internet connection is required.
- There are synchronous sessions and also requirements that can be completed asynchronously.
- Student need to register for these and will be reminded about this from registration.
- Course Director: Dr. Amanda Kost (akost@uw.edu) Course Administrator: Jaime Fitch (jgrocock@uw.edu)
Considerations

- Family logistics – young child, single parent, primary support for ill family member
- Other challenges
- Disability accommodations (next slide)

If you have an extenuating circumstance you must apply for the scheduling program that best meets your needs. For example, if you need to spend 24 weeks or more in a specific location (Spokane, Billings, Seattle) apply for a TRACK at that location and document your circumstances.

Depending on the circumstance, your schedule may be adjusted to allow additional time beyond 24 weeks at the TRACK site.

If you are pregnant and feel that you need to be in one location for part or all of your clinical phase, please describe your situation.
Disability Resources for Students (DRS) & Accommodations

• If you need to be in one location due to a disability, you MUST apply for a disability accommodation.

• See DRS website concerning documentation needed: http://depts.washington.edu/uwdrs/

• Contact uwdrs@uw.edu or 206-543-8924
Mistreatment of students by the faculty, staff and peers at UWSOM is prohibited. This includes:

- incidents of humiliation
- harassment or discrimination
- the use of grading in a punitive manner
4 WAYS TO REPORT

• Report directly to Melinda Frank, Director of the Learning Environment
• Report online using the Learning Environment Reporting Tool (aLERT button)
• Report to any UWSOM dean
• Report in any UWSOM evaluation
HOW AM I PROTECTED?

The clerkship director, faculty, or other UW affiliated individuals will not be contacted until your grade has been finalized. The only exception to this is if we believe you or another individual can be harmed, and if this is the case, we will contact you before proceeding. Your name and the completion date of the clerkship is never shared.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31

Students are always protected against retaliation under UW Executive Order No. 31 regardless of where they might be geographically in the 5-state WWAMI region. Executive Order No. 31 prohibits retaliation against anyone who reports concerns regarding discrimination or harassment.
1. Your report goes first to Melinda Frank, the Director of the Learning Environment. She will reach out to you to discuss further if needed.

2. The concern is then reviewed with a small group of deans from Student Affairs and Curriculum (Dr. Raye Maestas, Dr. Michael Ryan, Dr. Mark Whipple).

3. A determination is made about the severity of the concern, which determines the timing and appropriate follow up with the clerkship and faculty.

4. A meeting takes place with clerkship directors. Interventions recommended might include giving feedback, remediation, or removal from clinical teaching.

5. Concerns are tracked centrally.
Patient Care Scheduling Timeline

Clerkships starting Spring 2020

- Patient Care Surveys sent to students August 2020
- Patient Care Surveys due to Registrar September 2020
- Patient Care scheduling September – December 2020
- Patient Care Schedules released to students January 2020
- Patient Care Clerkship trades 2 weeks after schedules are released
Special Programs Application Process

- **May 15, 2020**: Special Programs Applications Available
- **June 15, 2020**: Special Programs Applications Deadline
- **June 19, 2020**: TRACK Applications Sent to Region for Review
- **July 22, 2020**: Students Notified of Selections
- **August 5, 2020**: Special Programs Decisions Due
Blocked Clerkship Options - Safari & Track

• **Traditional “safari” program**
  - Travel in WWAMI region
  - 24 weeks outside of the greater Seattle area
  - Application not required, default option

• **Track programs**
  - 24 weeks in the Patient Care Phase scheduled at Track site or Track region
  - Application required
  - Greater Seattle Option is a part of the Track Program

**NOTE:** All Safari & Track schedules have a 6 week period that is open for time off and/or electives
Greater Seattle Option

- Greater Seattle is Everett to Kent/Federal Way
- Does not include Bremerton nor Tacoma.
Is the Track program for me?

• Collection of traditional clerkships which are done in one community or region.
• Allows student to have a significant part of their year in a certain region.
• This fits if you really want to be in a particular community as opposed to specific clerkships in specific places.
• **Example:** if your number one priority is Family Medicine in Seattle at country doctor - then you should apply for the Safari Track.
Integrated Clerkships

**WRITE**

- Required curricular component for TRUST students (application still required)
- Application required for non-TRUST students

**Olympia LIC**

- Application required

*May meet additional Explore & Focus requirements (site dependent)*
WRITE Sites

- Nampa, ID
- Butte, MT
- Lander, WY
- Sandpoint, ID
- Juneau, AK
- Pullman, WA
- Wenatchee, WA (Pending on Approval

Soldotna, AK
Sample WRITE Schedule

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Note: Student A’s WRITE site (20 weeks) includes 6 weeks each Family Medicine, 3 weeks each Pediatrics and Psychiatry, a 4-week APC, and 4 weeks of Rural Medicine elective. Student B’s WRITE site (22 weeks) includes 6 weeks each of OB GYN and Family Medicine, 3 weeks each of Pediatrics and Psychiatry, and 4-week Rural Medicine elective.
Olympia LIC...

• Patient Care Phase Clerkships in and around Olympia
  • Block Rotations (22 weeks)
    • Internal Medicine, inpatient
    • Pediatrics, inpatient
    • General Surgery
    • Psychiatry, inpatient
    • OB/GYN
    • Palliative Care
  • Longitudinal blocks (two 11-week blocks)
    • Family Medicine
    • Internal Medicine, outpatient
    • Most of Psychiatry
    • Pediatrics, outpatient

• 44 weeks long
• Live in Olympia
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Non-LIC electives or study time
Housing

• Students provide their own housing at Track sites.
• If students are sent away from Track for a required clerkship, SOM pays for housing.
• WRITE is not a Track, it is a clerkship. SOM provides housing at WRITE site, just as it provides housing at all non-Seattle, non-Track clerkships. Students in the WRITE program provide their own housing for Seattle clerkships.
• Olympia LIC is (in terms of travel and housing policy) equivalent to a Track.
• WWAMI Safari students provide their own housing in Seattle.

https://sites.uw.edu/gowwami/
Time in Seattle

UWSoM medical students are required to spend a minimum of eight weeks of patient care or exploration and focus phase clerkships at one or more of the following four medical centers:

- University of Washington Medical Center
- Harborview Medical Center
- Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System
- Children’s Hospital Regional Medical Center
Student feedback

• Adiya Jaffari, WRITE
  • Foundations site: Idaho

• Jasmine Rah, Traditional/Safari
  • Foundations site: Washington/Seattle

• Dillon Brown, Olympia LIC
  • Foundations site: Wyoming