

Transition to Clerkships Student Q&A SESSION

Can you give me a brief overview on the clinical phases as well as the special programs?

- You can find an overview of your Patient Care and Explore & Focus phases on our [website](#). Each special program also has their own webpages:
 - [TRACK/GSO](#)
 - [WRITE](#)
 - [Olympia LIC](#)

How do we apply for a special program and does that include GSO?

- Special Programs (WRITE/LIC/TRACK/GSO) all have an application process that opens on **June 6, 2022** and closes a month later. You will get an email announcing when the applications are open, and students will rank their preferences for each program. If you are only interested in one program, you will have the option to say you are not interested in applying to other programs.

Are there resources for students who are still unsure if they want to apply is a special program? And are their past students' testimonials?

- There are current [student testimonials](#) listed in the Intro to Patient Care & Special Program Playlist. Students can also reach out to each program's admin to be put in contact with students.

How do we rank our preferences?

- Ranking your preferences is part of the application process. Students will also have the option to rank 'not interested' for programs you are not applying to.

Can I be in more than one special program?

- No. Students can only accept and participate in one special program.

Do all students who apply for special programs get in?

- Availability changes year to year and depends on the number of students who apply to each program. For more popular programs (like GSO) not all students are accepted. Some programs are able to take in all students that apply.

Are there options in TRACK to be able to prioritize which rotations they do at which site (i.e. OB GYN in Seattle and FAMED within WWAMI)?

- No. If students participate in a special program, they do not get to prioritize your other locations for rotations.

What if I have issues with the site or preceptor of the clerkship?

If students have issues with preceptors or receive any mistreatment, they should contact their site dean immediately and/or the Dr. Tolbert. Student Affairs also as a tool to report mistreatment through the learning environment. Information can be found [here](#).

Is there a formal process for students to trade clerkships?

There are a few weeks after schedules have been released (Winter) where students will have the option to work with other students to trade clerkships. The Registration & Scheduling team will send out information on this process closer to scheduling.