



## Explore & Focus Phase Committee Minutes

<b>Date</b>	May 15, 2023
<b>Time</b>	4:00 – 5:30PM
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	<i>Esther Chung; Joshua Jauregui</i>
<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b>Academic Chair:</b> <i>Esther Chung</i>; <b>Executive Chair:</b> <i>Joshua Jauregui</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>QUORUM REACHED:</b> <b>Voting Members:</b> <i>Alson Burke, Emily Myers, Matt Cunningham, Ralph Ermoian, Roger Tatum, Sarah Thomson</i></p> <p><b>Guests:</b> <i>Susan Merel, Eric Kraus, RaQuel Harwick, Niels Beck, Mary Sargent, Jerome Graber, Julie Bould, Kristen Seiler, Debbie Blackstone, Margie Trenary, Paul Borghesani, Erin Gunsul, Alexis Rush, Jung Lee, Justin Magee, Jordan Kinder, Ruth Sanchez, Gerald Tolbert, Christine Ibrahim Rizkalla, Geoff Jones, Gina Franco, Kellie Engle, Kris Calhoun, Claire Sandstrom, Sara Fear, Doug Schaad, Sara Kim</i></p>
<b>Regrets</b>	<b>Voting members:</b> <i>Barb Doty, Mike Spinelli, Nam Tran, Troy Johnston</i>

### Agenda

	ITEM	LEAD	TIME	ATTACHMENT	ACTION
1	MEDECK 617- Change from Clinical Elective to APC	Susan Merel	10 min	Attachment A	Decision
2	Approve April Minutes	Esther Chung	5 min	Attachment B	Decision
3	End of Explore & Focus Phase Report	Matt Cunningham	30 min	Attachment C	Discussion



1. MEDECK 617- Change from Clinical Elective to APC

**Discussion:** The committee reviewed the change approval form for MEDECK 617, “Harborview Evening Clinic.” The course is currently a clinical elective and is applying to become an Advanced Patient Care clerkship (APC). This is a longstanding elective which has satisfied APC criteria, except for the requirement that it be four weeks in length (because it is a longitudinal evening clinic). The course’s learning objectives are:

- Follow patient and modify their treatment plan over time.
- Perform excellent history and physical examinations in the outpatient setting.
- Utilize medical evidence to develop rational diagnostic plans, and initiate appropriate therapies.
- Demonstrate excellent communication skills, particularly with psychosocially needy patients.
- Demonstrate excellent documentation of care and patient tracking.
- Refer patients to appropriate community services.
- Demonstrate excellent communication with other health care providers.

In 2022, the Explore & Focus Phase and Curriculum Committees [approved revisions to the APC and Sub-Internship criteria](#). MEDECK 617 now meets all criteria for an APC.

See meeting handouts for details.

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**Decision:** The Explore & Focus Phase Committee approved MEDECK 617’s change from a clinical elective to an Advanced Patient Care Clerkship (APC).

2. Approve April Minutes

**Discussion:** The committee reviewed the previous minutes.

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**Decision:** The Explore & Focus Phase Committee approved April meeting minutes.

3. End of Explore & Focus Phase Report

**Discussion:** The committee reviewed the End of Explore & Focus Phase report for the 2021-2022 clinical academic year (primarily the E-17 and E-18 cohorts). Key takeaways:

- The overall final grades are positive for this clinical academic year. There were almost no Fails in the required Explore & Focus Phase clerkships (Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Emergency Medicine).
- Medical students’ evaluation of the clerkships is generally high. There is room for improvement in the percent of students receiving mid-rotation feedback, the percent of students observed doing a physical exam, and the percent of students observed taking a history.
- Students are overall very satisfied with supervision in required clerkships and other required clinical experiences.

See meeting handouts for details.