

Important 2025-2026 clerkship scheduling info for students who have not yet taken or have failed and not successfully retaken Step 1

Deadlines and Automatic Drops of Clerkship Rotations:

- As a reminder, per the [Step 1 policy](#), students who have not taken Step 1 by 9/1/25 will have their Autumn A rotation dropped; subsequent rotations will be dropped 6 weeks prior to their start until the student takes Step 1. This means Autumn B will be dropped if Step 1 is not taken by 9/19/25.
- For students who have previously been reviewed by the Student Progress Committee (SPC), please refer to the terms of your most recent SPC letter. In general, clerkship rotations will be dropped 6 weeks before they start until you have taken or passed Step 1, depending on the details of your most recent SPC letter.

Scheduling of Patient Care Phase (PCP) courses that were dropped or that you are missing:

- **Students who have not taken or retaken Step 1 by September 19, 2025, (end of Summer Quarter) will not be eligible to submit preferences** in the upcoming EVOS (E*value Optimization System) scheduling cycle for PCP starting in Spring quarter 2026 and running through Winter quarter 2027.
- Instead, the registration team will **manually schedule** students as soon as they become eligible to restart clerkships (i.e. after taking or retaking Step 1) with available rotations in open slots on their schedule in Autumn 2025 or Winter 2026 quarter. If the student has no open space on their schedule for Autumn 2025 or Winter 2026 quarter, the student will be manually scheduled at the end of the swap/trade period, typically in mid- to late-January. This will ensure that students who take or retake Step 1 can get rescheduled as quickly as possible without having to re-start the scheduling process for the entire class every six weeks as courses are dropped or students are added back into the scheduling pool. In the 2024-2025 scheduling cycle, ongoing sequential rotation drops disrupted EVOS scheduling and contributed a high number of unassigned rotations.

Scheduling of Explore & Focus (E&F) Rotations:

- **Students who have not taken or retaken Step 1 by September 19, 2025, will not be eligible to submit preferences in the upcoming EVOS E&F scheduling cycle for Spring 2026 – Spring 2027.** Students can add E&F courses to their schedules during open scheduling (typically late January or February) once all their remaining PCP courses have been scheduled (see process above). (Because of the flexibility of E&F and frequency of

course add/drops, along with the need for Step 2 study time and the Step 2 deadline of June 30, generation of E&F schedules prior to successful completion of Step 1 resulted in unusable E&F schedules with EVOS in the 2024-2025 cycle.)

- Note that students with SPC letters may have additional requirements before they can be scheduled for E&F courses, so please refer to the most recent SPC letter for the terms of re-entry into the curriculum. Your proactive advisor, [Kelly Rush](#) can be a resource for questions about your SPC letter.

General Reminders:

- If you are planning to take Step 1 on or before September 19, 2025, monitor your email for information about submitting course preferences for remaining PCP rotations & E&F courses through EVOS.
- If you take Step 1 after September 19, 2025, remember to e-mail somreg@uw.edu to request [adding any available PCP rotations](#) back to your schedule. Be sure to attach your Prometric confirmation.
- Per the [Step 1 policy](#), for students who have not taken Step 1 by the end of Autumn B (December 12, 2025), Winter B will be dropped, and the student will be referred to Student Progress Committee.
- Rotation drops can lead to graduation delays. Our proactive advisor, Kelly Rush at somspc@uw.edu can be a resource for mapping out possible schedules (in general terms) for individual student situations.

Resources:

- [Step 1 policy](#)
- [SPC policy](#)
- [Registration Information](#)
- [Proactive Advising Information](#)

If you have questions or would like help mapping out your schedule, please reach out to [Kelly Rush](#), [Dr. Sardesai](#) or [Dr. Sarah](#) to set up a time to meet.

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