



PATIENT CARE SCHEDULING

UW SOM Registration
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Preview

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I. Scheduling System, Goals, and Limitations

The logo consists of a teal square with a white border. Inside the square, the word "EVOS" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

EVOS

eValue Optimization System

Automated scheduling system

Simultaneously considers all student scheduling preferences

Enforces constraints that SOM sets (e.g., site availability)



What EVOS Does: Scheduling Goals



Create complete schedules that result in unimpeded progress toward the MD degree



Do so using an equitable process that takes student preferences into account

What EVOS Doesn't Do

EVOS won't give you everything you preference or everything you highly preference

Your schedule depends on:

- Your preferences
- Classmates' preferences
- Site availability

		Top 4 Prefs	Spots
FAM	Country Doctor Comm Cl – Seattle	14	8
	Fidalgo Med Assoc– Anacortes	11	8
	Swedish Cherry Hill - Seattle	11	5
	Petersburg Medical Center – AK	10	6
IM	Spokane Area Hospitals	25	14
OB	Yakima Valley Memorial Hosp- WA	17	15
	Multicare Rockwood – Spokane	9	7
PEDS	Jackson Pediatrics – Jackson, WY	8	4
SURG	Swedish First Hill – Seattle	27	19
	Northwest Hospital – Seattle	16	13

II. The EVOS Process

Step 1: Business Rules

All receive a complete, uninterrupted schedule:

- 6 weeks Family Medicine (FAM)

- 12 weeks Internal Medicine (IM)

- 6 weeks Obstetrics & Gynecology (OBGYN)

- 6 weeks Pediatrics (PEDS)

- 6 weeks Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences (PBSCI)

- 6 weeks Surgery (SURG)

- 6 weeks Elective/Time off

No overbooking courses – honor course maximums

Honor legal requirements: DRS (Disability Resource for Students) location accommodations

Honor program commitments:

- Track: Minimum 4 clerkships at sites within Track

- CUSP (Community-Focused Urban Scholars Program): Urban sites

Maximize student preferences

Step 2: Students Enter Preferences

Number of preferences: Up to 20	Important: All preferences are not equal! Preference #1: What is most important to you / your top priority <i>Carries more weight in algorithm than all other preferences</i> Preference #2 > Preferences #3-20 Preference #3 > Preferences #4-20
What to preference	Courses: FAM, IM, OBGYN, PEDS, PBSCI, SURG Elective/time off (no course scheduled) <i>You don't have to preference every clerkship – you will receive a full schedule.</i> <i>You don't have to preference EL/TO – you will receive it on your schedule.</i>
Preferencing decision #1	Timeframe: Do I care when I take all or specific clerkships or EL/TO?
Preferencing decision #2	Clinical site: Do I care where I take specific clerkship?

Didn't preference? Didn't use all preferences? Preferred badly?
It's ok - you still get ~ **MAGIC** ~ !

Preferencing Screen

Patient Care ALL					
	Course	TimeFrame	Zone	Site	
Preference 1 ▼	SURG - Surgery Clerkship - Optim ▼	Spring 6 wks: 05/11/26 - 06/19/26 ▼	Western Washington ▼	Northwest Hospital - Seattle, WA ▼	Clear Delete
Preference 2 ▼	SURG - Surgery Clerkship - Optim ▼	Any TimeFrame ▼	Western Washington ▼	Northwest Hospital - Seattle, WA ▼	Clear Delete
Preference 3 ▼	SURG - Surgery Clerkship - Optim ▼	Any Time Frame ▼	Western Washington ▼	Select a Course ▼	Clear Delete
Preference 4 ▼	Elective Time Off ▼	Spring 6 wks: 03/30/26 - 05/08/26 ▼	Any Zone ▼	Select a Course ▼	Clear Delete
Preference 5 ▼	FAMED - Family Medicine Clerks ▼	Any TimeFrame ▼	Wyoming ▼	Knisely Clinic - Douglas WY - Far ▼	Clear Delete
Preference 6 ▼	MEDRCK - Internal Medicine Cler ▼	Autumn 12 wks: 09/21/26 - 12/1/26 ▼	Montana ▼	Bozeman Deaconess Hospital - I ▼	Clear Delete
Preference 7 ▼	MEDRCK - Internal Medicine Cler ▼	Autumn 12 wks: 09/21/26 - 12/1/26 ▼	Any Zone ▼	Any Site ▼	Clear Delete
Preference 8 ▼	OB GYN - Obstetrics/Gynecology ▼	Any TimeFrame ▼	Eastern Washington ▼	Yakima Valley Memorial Hospita ▼	Clear Delete
Preference 9 ▼	PBSCI - Psychiatry Clerkship - Of ▼	Summer 6 wks: 08/10/26 - 09/11/26 ▼	Alaska ▼	Mat-Su Regional Medical Center ▼	Clear Delete
Preference 10 ▼	PEDS - Pediatrics Clerkship - Opt ▼	Any Time Frame ▼	Eastern Washington ▼	Select a Course ▼	Clear Delete

Step 2A: Track Preferencing

- Top 4 preferences must be from sites within the Track *

Note: Courses (😊) vs. weeks (😞)

Result: Some students 24 weeks, some students 30 weeks.

- You can make more than 4 Track preferences (and almost all Track students do).

Reminder: [Time in Seattle](#) requirement (8 weeks at UWMC, Harborview MC, VA Puget Sound, Seattle Children's)

* Q. What happens if I don't make my top 4 Track sites?

A. Adjustments made to preferences (~36%)

* Q. Is elective/time off considered part of Track?

A. **No. This is the single biggest mistake Track students make.**



Step 3: EVOS Runs

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Step 4: Schedules Released

	Start	End
Preferencing opens	Target: 9/25/2026	Target: 10/7/2026
Audit drafts	Late Oct	Early Dec
Receive final draft	Mid Dec	
Department review	Late Dec	Approx 1 week later - early Jan
Post to student schedules	Early Jan <i>Last year: 12/23/2025</i>	
Swap/trade	Close to MLK Day	Late Jan
Add/drop <i>Extenuating circumstances beyond student's control – Dr. Sardesai must approve</i> <i>Step 1 policy</i>	Early Feb	
Elective scheduling	Mid Feb	

IV. Things That Go Bump

(What Not to Do)



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- BUMP # 1: Creating a schedule vs preferencing courses
 - Made 7 preferences – one for each of the 6 clerkships and one for elective/time off
 - **THIS IS A BAD IDEA – A VERY, VERY BAD IDEA**
 - What happens when EVOS can't give someone Preference #2 and it has no other options in the preference list?

Alaska	FAMED - Family Medicine Clerkship	Petersburg Medical Center - Petersburg, AK	Summer 6 <u>wks</u> : 06/24/24 - 08/02/24	Time: 3
Alaska	OB GYN - Obstetrics/Gynecology Clerkship	PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Ctr - Ketchikan, AK	Summer 6 <u>wks</u> : 08/05/24 - 09/13/24	4
Alaska	PBSCI - Psychiatry Clerkship	HMC	Spring 6 <u>wks</u> : 05/06/24 - 06/14/24	2
Alaska	Elective Time Off	Site Not Specified	Spring 6 <u>wks</u> : 03/25/24 - 05/03/24	1
Alaska	MEDRCK - Internal Medicine Clerkship	Alaska Native Medical Center - Anchorage, AK	Winter 12 <u>wks</u> : 01/06/25 - 03/28/25	7
Alaska	SURG - Surgery Clerkship	Alaska Native Medical Center - Anchorage, AK	Autumn 6 <u>wks</u> : 10/28/24 - 12/06/24	6
Alaska	PEDS - Pediatrics Clerkship	Providence Alaska Medical Center - Anchorage, AK	Autumn 6 <u>wks</u> : 09/16/24 - 10/25/24	5



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- BUMP #2: Not preferencing according to your priorities
- BUMP # 3: Being too specific (at least sometimes)
 - Ex: All 6 clerkship preferences were for a clerkship at a site at a timeframe.
- BUMP # 4: Not reading directions / not asking questions
 - Email us (somreg@uw.edu)
 - Website (<https://education.uwmedicine.org/registration-records/>)
 - Drop-in Office Hours: 2 sessions from 6:00 – 7:00 PM Pacific
- Corollary: Wasted preferences
 - Multiple identical preferences (Myth: EVOS will know I really, really want it!)
 - Preference a clerkship for any time and any site.

V. Things That Help

Happy Magic

CONTROL WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL !

Can't control availability

Can't control other students' preferences

Only you know your scheduling priorities, so preference based on that!

We've been told over and over (and over) by both the EVOS team that runs the process and other schools that **the best thing you can do when entering preferences is to enter what is important to you**. Period. This is our fifth year to run EVOS, and we found this to be absolutely true.

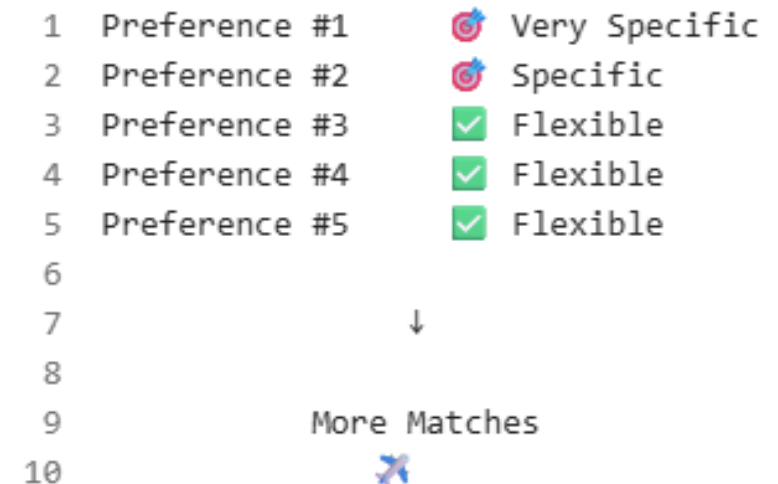


Focus on the result instead of the details

It's best to be specific with the first few preferences and less specific with preferences further down.

More specific = less flexibility for EVOS

Less specific = more flexibility for EVOS



Once upon a time...









How Can We Help?

Email us! (somreg@uw.edu)

Check [Registration & Records](#)

Come to office hours!

Read your emails!!!!!!

