

The University of Connecticut School of Medicine

Curriculum Description

Due to curriculum changes, this transcript applies only to those students who anticipate graduation in 1998

YEARS 1 & 2:

Basic Medical Sciences:

The courses for the first two years are listed on the other side of this sheet. They are graded only as components of a yearly unit, which is then assigned a grade of either "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory" and considered as one of the criteria for academic advancement.

Introduction to Clinical Medicine:

This course consists of varieties of clinical exposure, one half day a week throughout the first two years. It and is graded in yearly units as a second criteria for academic advancement.

YEAR 3:

There are two courses - Multidisciplinary Ambulatory Experience (MAX) and Inpatient.

MAX is divided into two 16-week components two 16-week components - MAX-1 and MAX-2.

MAX-1: There are two seven-week experiences: Internal Medicine and Pediatrics;

During these experiences, the students have a half-day/week ambulatory Psychiatry Continuity Clinic.

MAX-2: There is one seven-week Family Medicine Experience, and a second seven-week experience consisting of

Ob/Gyn (4 weeks)

Surgical Subspecialty (1 week)

Psychiatry Consult Liason (2 weeks)

Home Week: After every seven-week experience of MAX-1 and MAX-2 the students have a Home Week. Evaluations are an essential activity during Home Week. In addition, each Home Week is oriented around a theme.

Inpatient Experience: The inpatient block is 16 weeks in duration, and consists of rotations in Medicine (4 weeks), Surgery (4 weeks), Ob/Gyn(2 weeks), Pediatrics (2 weeks), Psychiatry (2 weeks) and a new experience called Beginning to End (2 weeks). In the Beginning -to-End experience, students follow patients from admission in the Emergency Department through discharge, regardless to which service the patient is admitted.

These three 16-week components can be taken in any order. Students may earn "Honors" in the 6 major clinical disciplines.

YEAR 4

Advanced Clinical Experiences: This course is 3 months duration, and provides students with an intensive inpatient experience, and exposure to issues related to critical and emergency/urgent care. It is divided into three sections (each 1 month in duration), which can be scheduled at any time during year four.

Advanced Inpatient Experience: Students can choose between Medicine, Pediatrics, Surgery, Family Medicine, Psychiatry, or Obstetrics/Gynecology.

Emergency/Urgent Care Experience: Students rotate through an urgent/emergency setting.

Critical Care Experience: Students can choose between Medical Intensive Care Unit, Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Coronary Care Unit, or Pediatric/Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Selectives: The Selectives course is 2 months in duration (block or longitudinal) and can be scheduled at any time during year four. Students develop and carry out an independent project in one of the following areas: research, community health, or education.

Electives-II: Students have 5 months of elective time, with each elective being 1 month in duration (students may use 1 month for vacation/residency interviews). Electives can be scheduled at anytime during year four.

In order to graduate, students must pass a 14 patient clinical skills assessment exam in their fourth year, and fulfill a 15 hour community service requirement.