

Medical Student Handbook

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INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

It's an exciting time to be in medicine. Advances in the sciences related to the study and practice of medicine are moving at an incredible pace. These developments improve our understanding of disease and enhance potential treatments. The School of Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University is committed to preparing physicians in a collegial environment filled with faculty at the forefront of scientific (basic and clinical) and educational advances.

OHSU has a long history of being on the cutting edge of innovation in medical education. Our interdisciplinary format of teaching in the foundational years of medical school facilitates not only the acquisition of basic science knowledge, and the application of this knowledge in clinical settings. We are dedicated to your training and want to ensure that you will have the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values necessary to practice medicine now, and into the future. You will be given the opportunities to gain medical knowledge and skills, and to engage in crucial self-reflection and self-assessment so you can identify areas of strength and those needing improvement. This reflective-practice will give you the foundation to be a life-long learner while providing high-quality, compassionate patient care.

Collaboration is central to future generations of health care professionals. Interprofessional education is another important aspect of medical education. We strive to provide our students with a range of learning experiences that promote knowledge of working in interprofessional teams. We anticipate that all of you will serve in leadership roles in your chosen area of expertise, whether that is in a rural Oregon community, in an academic health center, or in a large inter-specialty practice setting.

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ACCREDITATION

The Oregon Health & Science University is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) and has been reaffirmed through a seven-year cycle ending in 2029. For more information, contact: NWCCU, 8060 165th Ave NE Suite 100, Redmond, WA 98052, 425-558-4224 or visit www.nwccu.org. The OHSU School of Medicine's undergraduate medical education program is fully accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) and meets the licensure requirements in all 50 states. For more information, contact the LCME, www.lcme.org.

OHSU MISSION STATEMENT

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) is the state's only comprehensive public academic health center. Its fundamental purpose is to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Oregon and beyond. A [Board of Directors](#) nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate governs the university.

As part of its multifaceted public mission, OHSU strives for excellence in education, research and scholarship, clinical practice and community service. Through its dynamic interdisciplinary environment, OHSU stimulates the spirit of inquiry, initiative, and cooperation among students, faculty and staff.

Setting the example for integrity, compassion and leadership, OHSU strives to:

- Educate tomorrow's health professionals, scientists, engineers and managers in top-tier programs that prepare them for a lifetime of learning, leadership and contribution.
- Explore new basic, clinical and applied research frontiers in health and biomedical sciences, environmental and biomedical engineering and information sciences, and translate these discoveries, wherever possible, into applications in the health and commercial sectors.
- Deliver excellence in health care, emphasizing the creation and implementation of new knowledge and cutting-edge technologies.
- Lead and advocate for programs that improve health for all Oregonians, and extend OHSU's education, research and healthcare missions through community service, partnerships and outreach.

OHSU VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to partner to make Oregon a national leader in health and science innovation for the purpose of improving the health and well-being of Oregonians and beyond.

OHSU's focus on healing, teaching and discovery – combined with our deep history in Oregon – is unique. We are the state's only academic health center and one of the only universities in the U.S.

devoted exclusively to educating doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and public health professionals. We not only treat the most complex health needs in the region, we make discoveries that save lives and train leaders to address the societal issues that impede health.

HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The University of Oregon Medical School was established by a charter from the Board of Regents of the University of Oregon in 1887. As schools and facilities were added over the decades, the name went through several iterations before becoming Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in 2001. OHSU occupies 7 million square feet on 420 acres, including the Marquam Hill, Schnitzer and West campuses and the South Waterfront Central District. The Marquam Hill campus includes 118 acres and 36 major buildings overlooking the city of Portland and is connected to the South Waterfront by the Portland Aerial Tram. Physical facilities on the hill include advanced laboratories and scientific equipment which supported the Vollum Institute, Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, the LEED silver-certified Biomedical Research Building and many other research institutes; OHSU Hospital; the Peter O. Kohler Pavilion; Doernbecher Children's Hospital; OHSU Library and Auditorium and a student activity building. The School of Medicine is affiliated with the Portland Veteran's Affairs Medical Center and Shriners Hospital for Children located on the Campus. The School of Medicine provides educational programs for medical and graduate students, as well as programs for physician assistants, radiological technologists, medical technologists and dietitians. The Graduate Medical Education programs are offered in most fields of medicine, as well as oral maxillofacial surgery. Courses offered by the School of Medicine's Office of Continuing Professional Development and Lifelong Learning reach over 10,000 health care professionals each year.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS FOR MD DEGREE

MD Program

The School of Medicine Undergraduate Medical Education Program is designed to present an educational continuum that balances the scientific basis of medicine with early clinical experience; offers progressive patient care responsibilities for students; permits students to individualize their educational programs; and enhances a student's independent learning and problem-solving skills. The foundational sciences are presented in a multidisciplinary and integrated format, relating normal and abnormal structure and function, and integrating basic, clinical, and health systems sciences. The clinical experience phase reinforces basic, clinical and health systems sciences integration, application of knowledge, advanced clinical and communication skills, and fosters development of lifelong learning and professional identity in becoming a physician.

Dual Degree Programs

Medical students in the MD/PhD and MD-MPH dual degree programs must take all required MD program courses/blocks while enrolled as a medical student in the Foundations of Medicine portion of the curriculum. This includes the passing of USMLE Step 1 examination before transitioning to the graduate studies portion of the dual-degree and/or taking any clinical experiences (see exceptions for certain public health coursework that is required during the Foundations of Medicine and those courses that are allowed to be taken by MD-MPH students prior to taking USMLE Step 1 in the MD-MPH curricular structure elsewhere in this Handbook). The two combined degree programs and the MD-Oral Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) residency training program are briefly described below. As students in these dual degree/combined training programs are enrolled in multiple academic programs, academic and professionalism student performance information will be shared across programs as needed. Academic and/or professionalism issues in one program may result in repercussions in the other.

MD/PhD Program

The MD/PhD dual degree program provides rigorous training in both research and clinical medicine, providing a strong foundation for a career as a Physician-Scientist. The MD/PhD dual degree is a fully funded program, providing tuition, fees and stipends for all enrolled students. Funding is provided by the OHSU School of Medicine, endowed funds, and by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health under Award Number T32GM109835 “Medical Scientist Training Program of Oregon Health & Science University.” PhD degrees may be obtained in the SoM through graduate programs in Behavioral Systems Neuroscience, Biomedical Engineering, Biomedical Informatics, Neuroscience, and Biomedical Sciences.

The dual degree program is designed for exceptional students with a strong basic science background. Successful applicants must show evidence of potential for outstanding performance in both the MD and PhD programs and a firm commitment to a career in academic medicine. Prior research experience is expected. Funding, including tuition and stipend support, is provided for students in this program.

The curriculum is designed to allow students to complete the program in seven- to eight- years, depending on the student’s progress in fulfilling the requirements for both the MD and PhD degrees. Upon joining the MD/PhD program, students are assigned to a Scientific Oversight Committee that helps them formulate a schedule of graduate and clinical courses, the PhD qualifying examination, and doctoral thesis research. Students begin with the Foundational years of the MD curriculum. Research rotations help students select a graduate program. In addition to the MD and PhD curriculum, MD/PhD students complete MD/PhD specific curriculum: a weekly MD/PhD journal club, a one term Professional Development Fundamentals course, and finally an eight week Clinical & Translational Research Experience exposing them to clinical trials work while in their final year of the MD program. When their PhD is completed, students are comprehensively supported by Dean’s Office and OASIS advisors as they re-enter UME to complete the clinical experience phase of the curriculum. See the MD/PhD course schedule and yearly progression outlined later in this Handbook.

The MD/PhD dual degree program is led by Interim Program Director, Dr Yabing Chen (chenyab@ohsu.edu). A search for the permanent Program Director is ongoing at the time of this revision. Dr. Chen previously served as the programs Associate Program Director. More information can be found [here](#). The Office of Graduate Studies can be reached at somgrad@ohsu.edu.

MD-MPH Program

The Oregon Health & Science University MD-MPH dual degree program is a five-year program jointly sponsored by the OHSU SoM and the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health. It is designed for students who demonstrate: (1) a potential for excellent performance in both the MD and the MPH curricula, and (2) a firm commitment to, and potential for, a career in which the population-based clinical practice model (a medicine-public health model) would be particularly useful, or in which the combined degree would prepare for enhanced career productivity in clinical and public health policy, programs, or research.

The dual degree program follows a quasi-integrated curriculum designed to allow selected students to complete the requirements for both the Doctor of Medicine (MD) and the Master of Public Health (MPH) degrees within five years. The curriculum is quasi-integrated in the sense that we expect MD-MPH students to be engaged in formal or informal public health-related study throughout their tenure at OHSU. Students in the MD-MPH dual degree program currently complete the MPH with either an Epidemiology or Health Management and Policy concentration to provide them with the tools to be successful in whatever area of clinical medicine and public health they choose. They will also have opportunities to pursue specific areas of public health interests in two ways: (a) through elective courses in other MPH tracks and (b) by engaging in Practice Experience to address these interests.

Students are accepted into the MD-MPH dual degree program only at the time of initial admission to the MD program. Successful applicants begin their studies at OHSU with an Introductory Epidemiology course in the summer (July and early August), just before beginning MD coursework. During the first academic year they take a weekly Public Health & Medicine Seminar course in the winter quarter and a Community Health course in the spring. As time permits, students also may take a limited number of public health courses during the remainder of the first eighteen months of medical school (see MD-MPH curriculum structure later in this Handbook for full details of coursework required and/or allowed to be taken prior to USMLE Step 1). Finally, MD-MPH students have a year of concentrated MPH study that typically begins in September of the third academic year through early August of the following year, during which they complete the remainder of the required MPH course work and explore opportunities for the MPH Practice Experience. During the final two years at OHSU, these students will complete their core and elective clinical experiences, apply for residency, and take 1-2 months to complete their capstone Practice Experience and research project required for the MPH. The Program Director for the MD-MPH dual degree program is Dr. Alex Foster (fosterb@ohsu.edu).

MD-Oral Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) Residency Training Program

Students admitted to the OMS program must meet the requirements of both the MD degree as specified and the OMS residency to remain in the program. Dismissal from either program for academic or non-academic reasons constitutes dismissal from all aspects of the dual degree six-year program. Two to three students will be admitted per year.

Requirements for the MD Degree: Students are expected to adhere to all policies, procedures, and expectations required for the medical degree as specified. The MD degree will be granted when the required courses, examinations, behaviors and electives are successfully completed. The Program Director for the OMS Program is Dr. Mark Engelstad, DDS, MD, MHI (engelsta@ohsu.edu). See the OMS curriculum structure diagram later in this Handbook.

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ORGANIZATION

The Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) Program is led by Dr. Benjamin Schneider, Associate Dean for UME (ADUME). The UME Program is a branch of the School of Medicine Office of Education, which also includes branches for Graduate Medical Education, Graduate Studies, and Continuing Professional Development. The School of Medicine is led by Dean & Executive Vice-President, Nathan Selden, MD, PhD, who in turn, reports to the President of the University, Shareef Elnahal MD, MBA.

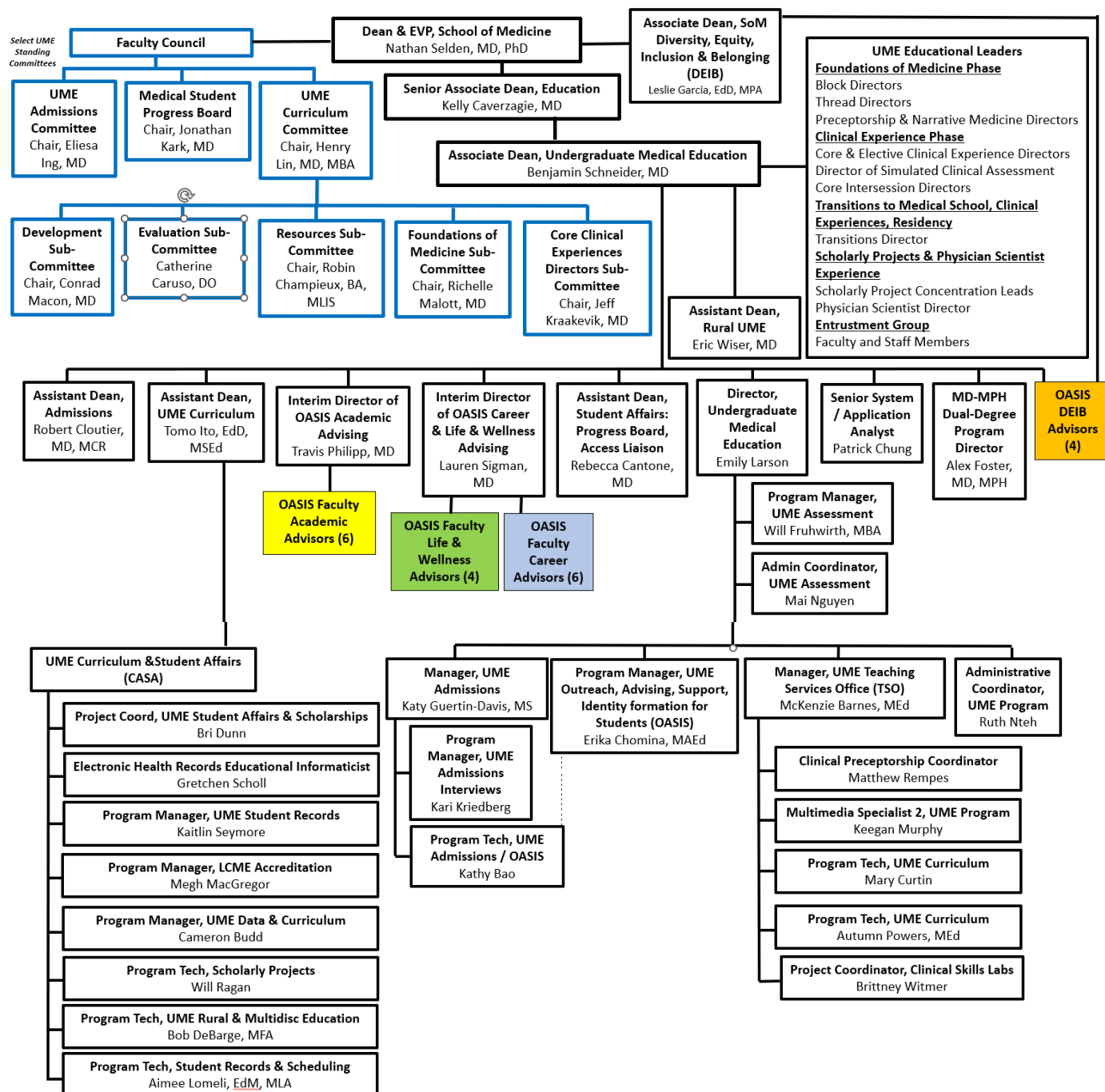
The Office of UME consists of the following units:

1. Admissions
2. Outreach, Advising, Support, and Identity formation for Students (OASIS)
3. Teaching Services (TSO)
4. Curriculum and Student Affairs (CASA)
5. Assessment

The Office of UME is responsible for managing all aspects of medical student education, including the admissions process, advising, outreach, curriculum, student services and activities, academic scheduling, grades and course support.

(See next page for UME organizational operations chart and select UME faculty committee structure)

UME ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



(Please see an accessible version of this information on the following page. Students can also access this on the Office of UME site [here.](#))

UME Organizational Structure

Leadership

- Dean & EVP, School of Medicine
- Senior Associate Dean, Education
- Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education
- Associate Dean, DEIB

Senior UME Leadership Team

- Assistant Dean, Admissions
- Assistant Dean, Student Affairs (Progress Board, Access Liaison)
- Assistant Dean, Rural UME
- Assistant Dean, UME Curriculum
- Interim Director, Academic Advising
- Interim Director, Career/Life/Wellness
- Director, Undergraduate Medical Education

Program & Functional Leads

- Senior Systems/Application Analyst
- MD-MPH Dual-Degree Program Director

Committees and Governance

- UME Admissions Committee
- Medical Student Progress Board
- UME Curriculum Committee
 - Evaluation Sub-Committee
 - Development Sub-Committee
 - Resources Sub-Committee
 - Foundations of Medicine Sub-Committee
 - Core Clinical Experiences Directors Sub-Committee

Educational Structure

- Foundations of Medicine Phase
 - Block Directors; Thread Directors; Preceptorship & Narrative Medicine Directors
- Clinical Experience Phase
 - Core & Elective Directors; Simulated Clinical Assessment; Core Intersession Directors
- Transitions to Medical School, Clinical Experiences, Residency – Transitions Director
- Scholarly Programs
 - Scholarly Project Concentration Leads; Physician Scientist Director
- Entrustment Group – Faculty & Staff Members

OASIS Advising Structure

- OASIS Faculty
 - Academic Advisors (6)
 - Career Advisors (6)
 - Life & Wellness Advisors (4)
 - DEIB Advisors (4)
- Interim Director, Academic Advising
- Interim Director, Career/Life/Wellness
- Program Manager, OASIS
- Program Tech, Admissions and OASIS

UME Admissions Team

- Manager, Admissions
- Program Manager, Interviews
- Program Tech, Admissions and OASIS

Teaching Services Office (TSO)

- Manager, TSO
- Program Techs (2)
- Preceptorship & Narrative Medicine Coordinator
- Clinical Skills Coordinator
- Multimedia Specialist

Curriculum & Student Affairs (CASA)

- Manager, CASA; Assistant Dean, UME Curriculum
- Program Manager, Student Records
- Program Manager, Data & Curriculum
- EHR Educational Informaticist
- Program Tech, Rural & Multidisciplinary Education
- Program Tech, Scholarly Projects
- Project Coordinator, Student Affairs & Scholarships
- Program Tech, Student Records & Scheduling
- Program Manager, LCME Accreditation

UME Assessments

- Program Manager, UME Assessment
- Admin Coordinator, UME Assessment

Administrative Support

- Administrative Coordinator

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Registration Policy

The MD curriculum is restricted to students who have been competitively selected by the School of Medicine Admissions Committee to earn the MD degree. The only exception to this policy is students selected to participate in OHSU graduate degree and special programs. These students and/or advisors may seek permission from the Associate Dean for UME (ADUME) to participate in selected courses in the MD curriculum. Appeals of decisions made by the ADUME should be directed to the Dean of the School of Medicine.

Tuition Policy

1. All enrolled medical students will be charged applicable tuition and fees according to the official OHSU Academic Year Fee Book in effect at the time of enrollment. Students are typically required to pay quarterly tuition and fees as a full-time student for 16 academic terms. Refer to the **Curriculum Timeline Modification Policy** section of this handbook for additional information on applicable tuition and fee charges during a curriculum interruption/leave of absence, extension, or slowdown.
2. Students in the MD-OMS program are required to pay resident tuition and fees for all terms in which they are enrolled in the MD curriculum.
3. To learn more about OHSU tuition, click [HERE](#).

Tuition Payment Policy

1. Students are expected to pay tuition and fees at the beginning of each quarter.
2. The OHSU Student Account Office will provide students with bills regarding delinquent payments.
3. If the balance is not resolved by the due date, a financial hold will be placed on the account. For detail on collection actions, refer to the [OHSU Tuition and Fee webpage](#) to access the latest OHSU Tuition and Fee Book.

Curriculum Timeline and Timeline Modification Policy

All students are expected to maintain continuous enrollment and progress through the MD curriculum without delay in meeting their graduation requirements, and the curriculum is structured to support this timely progression. The typical student will have met all graduation requirements within 3 years + 10 months from date of matriculation and pay 16 terms of full tuition and fees. Some students may meet all graduation requirements faster or slower than 3 years + 10 months, and in certain instances may pay less or more, respectively, than 16 terms of full tuition and fees. In general, MD students are expected

to meet all graduation requirements and graduate within 16 academic terms of active MD Program enrollment. If a student would like to request or is expected to exceed 16 academic terms of enrollment to graduate, they must request and obtain approval for a curriculum extension. **All tuition and fees will be charged based upon the official OHSU Academic Year Fee Book in effect at the time of enrollment. The maximum time-to-degree for the MD program is six years** (except for dual-degree students admitted to the MD-MPH and MD/PhD programs.) This maximum time-to-degree includes all time from matriculation to graduation including any time off for leaves of absence, curriculum slowdowns, or extensions. The following section outlines the definitions, procedures, tuition implications and documentation details for students interested in modifying their curriculum timeline.

Curriculum Interruption/Leave of Absence: A formal period out during the program of study where a student is not enrolled, not actively taking courses or fulfilling graduation course requirements, and not utilizing curriculum resources; a temporary but complete exit from the curriculum. If the student does not have continuous enrollment for any given term(s), the student is required to take a University Leave of Absence (LOA) for the term(s) and must complete the necessary LOA paperwork at least one week before the start of the term in which they do not have enrollment. If a student is not enrolled in any given term(s) and has not submitted their LOA paperwork by the start of the term, the Office of UME will administratively place the student on LOA. If a student is not enrolled in coursework at the beginning of a term but adds enrollment before the end of the given term, the LOA will be nullified from the student's record for the given term.

- **Examples of Circumstances That May Qualify:** Students may be granted a LOA due to personal or family illness, pregnancy, non-passing score on national board examination, or other unusual or unexpected circumstances.
- **Procedure for Requesting a Curriculum Interruption/LOA:** Students will follow the **University LOA policy #02-70-030 and procedure** which can be found in chapter 2 of the [OHSU Policy Manual](#), and complete the **UME Request for University Leave of Absence** form in the [Student Information/Forms section on the Office of UME](#) site. The student is required to meet with and submit the UME Request for University Leave of Absence form to an Assistant Dean for UME Student Affairs, who will determine if the request is granted or denied, and a member of the Office of UME will then communicate this decision to the student. If approval is granted, the student will be directed to complete next steps with the [OHSU Registrar's Office](#) to officially process the LOA. The circumstances necessitating a LOA are expected to be resolved at the end of the LOA.
- **Procedure for Requesting Re-Entry:** At the time of desired re-entry, the student on a **medical** LOA must submit a **provider attestation for reinstatement** prior to being formally re-enrolled. Students in all other categories of LOA are required to notify one of the Assistant Deans for Student Affairs of their intended re-entry date to plan their schedule of coursework once they have returned. The timing of this notification may vary depending upon the individual circumstance but shall be no later than 20 business days prior to the start of the term they intend to enroll. Re-entry into the clinical curriculum typically requires at least 5 weeks' notice. Students are encouraged to plan their re-

entry with as much lead time as possible, working with the Office of UME Dean's Office staff to develop their schedule.

- **Tuition and Fees Charged:** During a curriculum interruption/LOA, no tuition and fees are charged if the student is out for the entire term. **Note:** A student who takes a LOA after starting enrollment in a term will have paid tuition and fees for the entire term and will only be eligible for a refund according to the official OHSU Refund Schedule posted to the [University Registrar's Office website](#). During a curriculum interruption/LOA, a student is not eligible for federal financial aid because they are not enrolled in the program. Student loans may enter grace periods and/or be payable during this time. Curriculum interruption/LOA may also affect a student's ability to maintain Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements, which could affect a student's continued eligibility for federal financial aid. Students are advised to work closely with the Financial Aid office to understand the financial implications of curriculum interruptions/LOAs. It is the student's responsibility to meet and maintain all financial aid eligibility requirements. Students who take a LOA also should be aware of the impacts to scholarship eligibility because in certain cases, scholarships are paused, and may be discontinued, if a student is not continuously enrolled. A LOA will also impact the student's eligibility for student health insurance or care by Student Health providers, and all students considering a LOA should discuss coverage implications with staff at the Student Health and Wellness Center.
- **Documentation in Student's Academic Record:** LOAs are tracked by the University Registrar's office and the UME office and documented on the student's Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPR) sent to Residency Program Directors prior to the National Residency Match Program (NRMP) process. This documentation includes the start and end dates and a brief explanation of all LOAs.
- **USMLE Step 1:** Students who have been approved to take additional study time to prepare for the USMLE Step 1 examination, and who have taken a LOA to support this preparation, must post a passing score on the examination before re-entering the MD Program. Students will not be allowed to register for any MD coursework as part of a re-entry plan until they have posted a Pass.

Curriculum Extension: A period at the end of the expected length of a program, where a student is given approval to complete their graduation requirements beyond 16 academic terms. The MD Program's maximum enrollment is 16 academic terms. Any additional terms beyond this maximum require an approved curriculum extension on file. During the extension, the student is enrolled and actively taking courses and is using curriculum resources beyond what a typical student would be expected to use to complete all graduation requirements.

- **Example of Circumstance That May Qualify:** The case where a student has had academic difficulty (e.g., received a non-passing grade in one or more required curriculum components and is remediating said components.) **Note:** students who have had academic difficulty but are able to remediate non-passing components within the typical expected time frame for the program do not require and will not be granted a curriculum extension.
- **Procedure for Requesting a Curriculum Extension:** A curriculum extension is granted only in select cases. A student requesting a curriculum extension is responsible for submitting a detailed proposal

on the appropriate form to an Assistant Deans for Student Affairs who will forward this to the Medical Student Progress Board (MSPB) for consideration. The MSPB will consider this proposal, and on certain occasions the student will be asked to appear in person to provide additional information. Following this, the MSPB will forward a recommendation to the ADUME, who will render the final decision, approving or denying the extension request, and communicate this to the student. **It is important to note that the student will be required to strictly adhere to the approved curriculum extension plan, and if changes are desired to a previously approved curriculum extension plan, the student must submit a new request to the ADUME for consideration and re-approval.** Changes to a previously approved curriculum extension plan are not guaranteed. Any changes requested by a student that are approved by the Associate Dean will be communicated in writing to the student.

- Tuition and Fees Charged: Full tuition and fees will be charged for all enrolled terms, including the extension period. The amount of the full tuition and fees charged will be determined according to the official OHSU Academic Year Fee Book in effect at the time of enrollment. Students are advised to work closely with the Financial Aid Office to understand the financial implications of a curricular extension. It is the student's responsibility to meet and maintain all financial aid eligibility requirements.
- Documentation in Student's Academic Record: All coursework attempted will be documented on the student's transcript. The Medical Student Performance Evaluation will reflect student performance for all program components up to the point in time it is sent to Residency Program Directors as a part of the NRMP, typically mid-Fall each year.

Curriculum Slowdown: A planned special curriculum with deliberate slowing of meeting graduation requirements. During the slowdown period, students granted a curriculum slowdown are enrolled, actively taking courses, and are using curriculum resources but at a lesser amount than a typical student in the program.

- Example of Circumstance That May Qualify: A curriculum slowdown is granted only in rare cases and may be needed for compelling health or personal reasons. This may be needed in the case where a student is receiving accommodations due to a disability.
- Procedure for Requesting a Curriculum Slowdown: Students wishing to slow down their curriculum are responsible for submitting a detailed proposal to one of the Assistant Deans for Student Affairs who will forward this to the Medical Student Progress Board (MSPB) for consideration. The MSPB will consider this proposal, and on certain occasions the student will be asked to appear in person to provide additional information. Following this, the MSPB will forward a recommendation to the Associate Dean for UME, who will render the final decision, approving or denying the request, and communicate this to the student in writing. **It is important to note that the student will be required to strictly adhere to the approved curriculum slowdown plan, and if changes are desired to a previously approved curriculum slowdown plan, the student must submit a new request to the ADUME for consideration and re-approval.** Changes to a previously approved curriculum

slowdown plan are not guaranteed. Any changes requested by a student that are approved by the ADUME will be communicated in writing to the student.

- Tuition and Fees Charged:** Students who are granted approval for a curriculum slowdown will pay **50% of full tuition** for all terms in which the student enrolls in 1 – 8 credits and will pay **100% of the full tuition** for all terms in which the student enrolls in 9 or more credits. Students approved for a curriculum slowdown will pay **full fees for all enrolled terms** as part of the curriculum slowdown. The amount of tuition charged will be determined according to the official OHSU Academic Year Fee Book in effect at the time of the curriculum slowdown and will be outlined in the approval communication for the planned proposal. **Note:** students will pay full tuition and fees for all enrolled terms that are NOT a part of the curriculum slowdown (e.g., a student is taking courses as expected in the Foundations of Medicine curriculum but then has a curriculum slowdown plan for some or all of terms in the Clinical Curriculum. This student would pay full tuition and fees for all terms of Foundations of Medicine, and partial tuition as outlined above and full fees for terms in the Clinical Curriculum impacted by the slowdown plan.) In addition, any term that a student is registered for both full enrollment and slowdown enrollment will pay full tuition and fees for that term (e.g., when a student starts the curriculum slowdown midway through a term.) During a curriculum slowdown a student may not be eligible for, or may be eligible for reduced amounts of, federal financial aid. A curriculum slowdown may also affect a student's ability to maintain Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements, which could affect a student's continued eligibility for federal student aid. Students are advised to work closely with the Financial Aid Office to understand the financial implications of a curriculum slowdown. It is the student's responsibility to meet and maintain all financial aid eligibility requirements.
- Documentation in Student's Academic Record:** All coursework is documented on the student's transcript. The Medical Student Performance Evaluation will reflect student performance for all program components up to the point in time it is sent to Residency Program Directors as a part of the NRMP, typically late Fall each year. The curriculum slowdown will also be documented on the Medical Student Performance Evaluation.

Examples of Curriculum Modification Requests and Outcomes

Circumstance	Typical Decision	Tuition Implications
UNSUCCESSFUL MATCH Student who entered the NRMP in their final year of medical education and was planning to begin residency training in June but did not match and was unsuccessful in the Supplemental Offer Application Process (SOAP.)	No extension granted assuming all graduation requirements have been met. Student will graduate on time, typically in June.	Full tuition and fees paid as expected with typical program (i.e., 3 years + 10 months, 16 terms)
CURRICULUM INTERRUPTION OR LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE(S) Student who is unable to graduate on time due to previous	Upon re-entry, students in this category will have their expected graduation date moved to <u>no later than</u> the end of the term in which	Full tuition and fees for all enrolled terms.

Circumstance	Typical Decision	Tuition Implications
curriculum interruption or leave(s) of absence(s), for any reason, and where they have had a temporary but complete exit from the curriculum.	they will have met all their graduation requirements. If a student has been granted a LOA after starting enrollment in a term such that it is too late for a tuition refund but the student is not able to take coursework for the remaining part of the term, then after re-entry from the LOA they may need to re-enroll beyond their initial expected graduation date to finish their graduation requirements. Once they meet all their graduation requirements, the student will be graduated.	No tuition and fees are paid during LOAs, unless the student takes a LOA after enrolling in a term and does not qualify for a tuition or fee refund in that term. Students needing to re-enroll will be charged full tuition and fees for the term(s) in which they re-enroll until they have met their graduation requirements and are graduated.
PLANNED CURRICULUM SLOWDOWN Student who is unable to graduate as initially expected due to slowed progression through the curriculum for compelling health or personal reasons. Students in this category are enrolled each term but are not taking the full credits available. This is a planned event and requires prior approval.	A curriculum slowdown is approved in rare circumstances, and approval is contingent upon student submission of a written plan and proposal for coursework timeline.	Pays full tuition and fees for all enrolled terms that are not a part of their slowdown plan, and partial tuition and full fees for enrolled terms that are a part of their slowdown plan.

OHSU Student Debt Counseling and Financial Planning Policy

The Office of the Provost at OHSU has approved the **OHSU Student Debt Counseling and Financial Planning Policy #02-90-025** which can be found in chapter 2 of the [OHSU Policy Manual](#), and

to assist students with a comprehensive program of debt management counseling and financial planning services. These services include, but are not limited to:

- Individual meetings with financial counselor;
- Ongoing educational activities; and
- [Online information](#) and resources with links to resources/tools to help students strategically manage the repayment of educational debt.

All student loan borrowers are expected to use the [debt management counseling](#) and financial planning services which are specifically tailored to the needs of OHSU students. Students who do not borrow to finance their education are also encouraged to utilize these financial planning services.

Respect at the University Compliance, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) & Encryption of Electronic Devices

Completing required training courses

As a new student, you must complete three trainings before you can receive your OHSU ID badge. The required trainings are: Information Privacy and Security Essentials, Respect at the University, and Integrity Foundations.

These are available in Compass, OHSU's learning management system. Log in from the O2 shortcuts menu, or directly at <https://ohsu.csod.com/>. After logging in with your OHSU username and password, find links to the courses under "My Assigned Training".

Technology, security and privacy

You are responsible for the computer and mobile devices you use during your studies at OHSU. Following best practices — such as running an up-to-date operating system — can help protect yourself while also contributing to a safer computing environment at OHSU. In addition, your use of computing resources must abide by [OHSU's Acceptable Use of Computing and Telecommuting Resources policy](#). The following information will help you use your computing resources in line with that policy as well as [OHSU's additional information privacy and security policies](#).

Go to the [Technology, Security and Privacy page on Student Central](#) on O2 for the latest information and to learn more, including how to connect to the internet, how to check your OHSU email and more.

Wireless internet access

There are several ways to connect to wireless internet, whether you are on campus or on the go. **For the best experience on campus, however, students should use OHSU-Student.** More information about OHSU's wireless networks can be found at www.ohsu.edu/wifi.

OHSU-Student – STUDENTS SHOULD USE THIS NETWORK

The OHSU-Student wireless network is the preferred on-campus network for students using personal laptops, smartphones, and tablets. To connect:

- Open your Wi-Fi settings
- Select OHSU-Student from the list of available networks
- Log in with your OHSU username and password

Shared Global Wi-Fi (Eduroam)

The eduroam wireless network is a shared global wireless service for participating research and education institutions. While **not recommended** on the OHSU campus, students visiting other institutions can connect to the Eduroam wireless network quickly and easily using your full OHSU email address (not just your username!) and password at 450+ colleges, universities and research facilities in the United States. Visit incommon.org/eduroam for a full list of participating institutions.

Public Wi-Fi (OHSU-Guest) – STUDENTS SHOULD NEVER USE THIS NETWORK

OHSU-Guest is an unsecured wireless network that is provided for OHSU patients, visitors, vendors and others who need internet connectivity while on campus. OHSU-Guest is outside of the secure network and is not protected by the OHSU internet security system. **Therefore, it should NOT be used by OHSU employees, students, and affiliates.**

Private Wi-Fi (OHSU-Secure) – STUDENTS SHOULD NEVER USE NETWORK THIS UNLESS YOU ARE CONNECTING ON AN OHSU-OWNED DEVICE

OHSU-Secure is a secure wireless network that is provided for OHSU employees. Students should NEVER use OHSU-Secure unless you are using an OHSU-owned device. This is because to access internal resources using the OHSU Secure network, the computer must meet the requirements outlined below (which are required for OHSU employees using OHSU-owned devices):

BitLocker, FileVault or Symantec Desktop Encryption

Your computer must be encrypted with BitLocker, FileVault or Symantec Desktop Encryption. View updated options through the Information Technology Group (ITG) [Encryption Tools](#) Page.

ForeScout SecureConnector

SecureConnector must be installed and running. SecureConnector checks the encryption status of your computer and ensures it is compliant with security requirements. The ForeScout SecureConnector installers are available to [download here](#).

Dell Data Protection

Dell Data Protection ensures that restricted information (see the *Protecting restricted information* section) cannot be moved from OHSU-Secure to unencrypted removable storage devices, such as USB sticks (thumb drives) and external hard drives. It can also be used to encrypt unencrypted removable storage devices.

If you connect to OHSU-Secure without meeting these requirements, an OHSU security program will disconnect you from the network. In addition, **OHSU-Secure should never be used for academic testing.**

If you need access to internal OHSU resources as part of a clinical or lab experience, first connect to OHSU-Student (above) and then use [Citrix Remote Access](#).

Mobile device management

If you want to have your OHSU email delivered directly to an app on your smartphone, you must take steps to protect that device. If you choose to enroll, you have a choice of two VMware applications:

- **AirWatch Container**, which “contains” your OHSU-related activities to specific apps. When you enroll your smartphone in AirWatch Container, the OHSU App Catalog will be downloaded to your smartphone as well. From there, you can install the Boxer app for access to your OHSU email, calendar and contacts. Other apps, including a secure web browser for access to internal resources, are also available.
- **Intelligent Hub** lets you use your smartphone’s built-in apps for OHSU-related activities. For example, if you have an iPhone, you can access your OHSU email, calendar and contacts through its Mail app. You can also use Safari to access other internal resources. In addition, be aware that some OHSU-related applications and technology may only be accessible through Intelligent Hub, rather than AirWatch Container.

Generally, these applications can run on mobile devices built by mainstream manufacturers running Android 8 or later, or iOS 11 or later.

Note: Requirements change over time. You do **not** need Intelligent Hub or AirWatch Container to check your OHSU email from a web browser on your smartphone; however, Duo Mobile may be required, depending on how your smartphone is connecting to the internet (see the *Two-step authentication*

section for details). To learn more, go to the [personally owned mobile devices page on O2](#). Connect personally owned devices to the network

Two-step authentication with Duo-Mobile

Two-step authentication (multi-factor authentication) is required to log in to certain OHSU systems from **outside** the OHSU-Secure wireless network — for example, when you log in to mail.ohsu.edu from your home Wi-Fi network. It is also required to remotely log in to applications that use single sign-on, including Banner, OneDrive, Compass and Course Sites.

OHSU uses Duo Mobile for two-step authentication. Duo Mobile is a free app you can download from your smartphone's app store. If your smartphone is enrolled in AirWatch Container or Intelligent Hub as part of mobile device management, the Duo Mobile app is also available from the OHSU App Catalog. If you can't or don't want to use the Duo Mobile app, you can request a security token (key fob). Email to Keegan Murphy murphkee@ohsu.edu, please include your telephone number and your USPS address, since students do not have a campus mail code. To learn more, go to the [Duo Mobile page on O2](#).

Cloud storage

Cloud services provide a place to store files available via the internet. There are other services such as applications and other tools and resources that can be made available via a cloud service, but most people associate the cloud with file storage. The following tools are approved for use at OHSU:

OneDrive for Business (OneDrive) features built-in integration with Microsoft productivity software. OHSU members may use their OHSU OneDrive accounts to store restricted information, including protected health information (PHI).

Teams/SharePoint Online. OHSU members may use OHSU SharePoint Online as centralized or team storage – it is approved to store restricted information, including PHI. SharePoint Online is file management platform that stores files in your Microsoft Teams workspace. It can store, manage, and distribute files to users with different access levels and permissions. Access is available from Teams, OneDrive, or directly from the SharePoint Online web address.

To learn more and get started, go to: [this page on O2](#). Other common cloud storage services, such as Google Docs and iCloud, should **not** be used for OHSU restricted information (see the *Protecting restricted information* section), because these services have not agreed to comply with OHSU's information privacy and security policies. For the latest information on file storage and collaboration, visit the [Technology, Security and Privacy page on Student Central](#).

Removable storage devices (e.g., thumb drives and external hard drives)

Removable storage devices, such as USB sticks (thumb drives) and external hard drives, must be encrypted with Dell Data Protection if they contain restricted information (see the *Protecting restricted information* section)

Software is required for computers that need access to internal resources on the secure network. It ensures that restricted information cannot be moved from the secure network to unencrypted removable storage devices. To learn more, go to the [File and Removable Media Protection page on O2](#).

Additional resources

If you receive a suspicious email:

- Select the message you want to report as suspicious
- Click the **Report Phishing** button, the small fish icon in the header area of the email.
- The first time you click this in the Web App, you will be asked if you trust the domain. Click OK.
- When prompted, click ok to confirm you want to report the email.

Note: if you are using Outlook Web app in a mobile browser you will need to click the Report Phishing text from within the header area of an opened email. You will not see the fish icon that you see when using a desktop browser. Additional privacy and security information is available on the [IPS website](#).

OHSU occasionally sends phishing training exercises to help you practice identifying and reporting suspicious emails. Examples of past exercises are also accessible from the Phish Bowl.

Protecting restricted information

You are responsible for protecting all restricted information that you come across at OHSU. Restricted information is anything not meant for the public, e.g. information about patients, employees, students, and research data. Often, it is protected by federal regulations. For example, Protected Health Information (PHI) under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). As a medical student, you may work with PHI and other kinds of restricted information during your studies at OHSU. You can help keep that information safe by following these guidelines.

Text messages

Do **not** use mobile devices, to text PHI. OHSU pages can and should be encrypted. Follow these instructions to encrypt an [iOS](#) or [Android](#) device. These steps encrypt the **device** — not the pages it receives. Therefore, the following additional precautions should be taken:

- Limit PHI to the minimum necessary for effective patient care.
- Change your smartphone settings so that the “preview” does not display on the locked screen.
- Delete pages containing patient information after reading them.

Photos and videos

- Photos and videos of patients for personal purposes are not permitted.
- If photos are taken for education purposes, the patient must sign a release before being photographed.
- If photos are being taken for treatment purposes, the photos must be incorporated into the patient's chart in Epic.
- No photos, videos, or recording devices, including AI glasses or tools, are allowed in the anatomy lab.

Additional tips

- Do not include any PHI in written history and physicals (H&Ps) that you complete.
- Never send PHI to personal email accounts (e.g., Gmail, Hotmail).
- Only access the electronic health records of patients for whom you are directly providing care.
Do not access the records of your family members or friends!

Failure to adhere to HIPAA regulations or comply with protecting PHI may result in serious consequences, up to and including dismissal from medical school. This includes electronic health record "snooping." For additional information, see OHSU's [information privacy and security sanctions policies](#) or contact the Information Privacy and Security Office at 503-494-0219 or oops@ohsu.edu.

For further information regarding privacy and/or compliance:

- [Information Privacy and Security](#)
- [Information Privacy and Security Policies and Regulations](#)
- [Mobile Device Management](#)
- [FAQ: Encryption](#)

If you see something, say something

OHSU is responsible for protecting the personal information of thousands of employees, students and patients. If you have concerns about the security or privacy of that information, report it as soon as possible. Even if you aren't sure something is really an incident, go ahead and report it — the privacy experts will take it from there.

What to report

Information privacy and security incidents happen when restricted information is accessed, acquired, used or disclosed without authorization. Some common examples include:

- Sending to the wrong address a fax or email that contains restricted information.
Sending an unencrypted email that contains restricted information.
- Losing equipment that is used to store or work with restricted information, such as laptops, mobile phones, pagers and removable storage devices (e.g., thumb drives, external hard drives).
This also includes cases of theft.

- Sharing OHSU network passwords, which is a violation of OHSU policy.
- Inappropriately accessing records in a patient-care tool, such as EPIC.
- Inappropriately sharing PHI. Patients file complaints when they suspect the privacy of their information has been compromised — for example, if it has been verbally disclosed when it shouldn't have been.
- Storing PHI in unapproved cloud-based services. Remember, OneDrive is OHSU's currently approved cloud storage solution.
- Inappropriate PHI disposal, such as putting records in a recycling bin instead of a confidential shred bin managed by OHSU.

How to report

To report a concern, contact the Information Privacy and Security Office at 503-494-0219 or oops@ohsu.edu. Alternatively, you may [report a concern anonymously](#) through the Office of Integrity.

Student Laptop Minimum Standards for All Students

Computers 4 years or older are not recommended.

Computers are an integral part of our existence today, and that is especially true at OHSU. From simple word processing to complex data modeling and visual rendering, computers span a wide range of capabilities. For your purposes here at OHSU, it is important that whatever computer you use at least meet the minimum requirements for the common testing applications used for your coursework, which are:

Windows-based Computers

OPERATING SYSTEM	Windows* 10 or 11(22H2 or newer)
CPU/PROCESSOR	Intel: Core i3-11xxx (11 th gen) or newer AMD: Ryzen 5000 series or newer ARM: only on Windows 11 (24H2) and higher
RAM/MEMORY	8GB
HARD DRIVE STORAGE SPACE	500GB (1TB preferred)
USB PORTS	One free USB 2.0/3.0 port
CAMERA AND MICROPHONE	Required
WIRELESS	Required
RESOLUTION	1280x768 or greater

MacOS-based Computers

MODEL	MacBook (Pro, Air, Neo), iMac (all versions)
OPERATING SYSTEM	MacOS* or 14 Sonoma, 15 Sequoia, or 16 Tahoe
CPU/PROCESSOR	Apple: M1 chip or newer (A18 or newer for Neo)
RAM/MEMORY	8GB
HARD DRIVE STORAGE SPACE	250GB (1TB preferred)
USB PORTS	One free USB 2.0/3.0 port
CAMERA AND MICROPHONE	Required
WIRELESS	Required
RESOLUTION	1280x768 or greater

***Note:** Server versions of any OS are not supported. Linux, iOS, ChromeOS, and Android are not supported.

Recommended Accessories:

- USB mouse
- USB-C to USB adapter (for newer machines that only have USB-C ports)
- External storage (high-capacity flash drive, external HDD/SSD, cloud storage service)

Medical students who have questions about acceptable uses of technology or experiencing difficulties regarding your technology during the Foundations of Medicine phase, please contact the UME Teaching Service Office tso@ohsu.edu.

Student Laptop Loaners

If a currently enrolled medical student's personal laptop needs repair or is lost, the UME Program can often provide a loaner for a limited time. Students wishing to request a loaner should contact tso@ohsu.edu to explore this. Funds for laptop repair or replacement may be available through finaid@ohsu.edu or Emergency Funding from the Assistant Deans of Student Affairs.

School of Medicine Diversity Definition for Medical Students

Diversity at OHSU means creating a community of inclusion. We honor, respect, embrace and value the unique contributions and perspectives of all employees, patients, students, volunteers and our local and global communities. Diversity maximizes our true potential for creativity, innovation, quality patient care, educational excellence, and outstanding service. Diversity includes age, culture, disability, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, marital status, national origin, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, socioeconomic status, and diversity of thought, ideas and more. Although each of these is important, the SoM is explicitly committed to increasing the diversity of its medical student body in the following three areas:

- Persons from **racial or ethnic groups that are under-represented in medicine and biomedical research**: Black or African American, Latino or Hispanic (originating from Mexico, Central or South America, or Caribbean cultures), American Indian/Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.
- Persons from **rural environments**, defined as the majority of childhood years in a frontier environment or rural town as defined by the Oregon Office of Rural Health (i.e., less than or equal to 40,000 population and at least 10 miles from a community of that size or larger).
- Persons who have experienced **significant disadvantages or adversity** (i.e., first generation college graduate, recipient of social service resources while in elementary or secondary school, enhanced education or other programs for diverse populations, or by experience of economic, educational, cultural, or family adversity).

Commitment to Inclusion: Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Policy

OHSU is committed to creating and fostering a learning and working environment based on open communication and mutual respect. Inclusion means we honor, respect, embrace and value the unique contributions and perspectives of all employees, patients, students, volunteers, and our local and global communities. It is fundamental to OHSU's ability to attract and retain top talent. Inclusive cultures also foster innovation and creativity, flourish in a competitive market, maximize the return on our investment in people, and ensure flexibility to thrive. OHSU recognizes the strength that comes with being diverse in people and ideas. Any form of prohibited discrimination, harassment, including sexual harassment and sexual misconduct and retaliation has no place at OHSU and shall not be tolerated.

If you encounter sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, national origin or ancestry, veteran or military status, sex, marital status, pregnancy or parenting status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability or any other protected status please contact the **Office of Civil Rights Investigations and Compliance (OCIC) Department** at 503-494-5148 or ocic@ohsu.edu. Inquiries about Title IX compliance or sex/gender discrimination and harassment may be directed to the OHSU **Title IX Coordinator** at 503-494-0258 or titleix@ohsu.edu.

OHSU provides equal opportunities to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, military service, or any other status protected by law. It does not discriminate on any status protected by law. This policy applies to all employment, education, volunteer, and patient care related activities or in any other aspect of OHSU's operation. Such compliance efforts are coordinated by the OHSU **OCIC Department**. OHSU [Policy 03-05-048 "Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation"](#), outlines further details of OHSU's commitment and stance on this important issue.

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity operated by recipients of federal aid. OHSU complies with Title IX and 34 CFR Part 106 by prohibiting sex and gender discrimination in education programs, activities, employment, and admissions.

The OHSU Office of OCIC has published [Policies and Resources and Protocols](#), which offer tools and helpful resources to assist OHSU members in managing, responding, and dealing with incidents of discrimination, harassment and bullying.

What to do if you encounter sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or discrimination at a regional, or off-campus, site:

OHSU's commitment to creating and fostering a learning and working environment based on open communication and mutual respect extends to all students, whether they are located on- or off-campus. If you are located off-campus or off-site and experience or witness an incident that you want to report, please contact OCIC. If you wish to report it confidentially, please contact the Student Health and Wellness Center and set up an appointment by phone, 503-494-8665.

Patient Requests for or Refusal of Healthcare Professionals or Other Personnel with Specific Characteristics

OHSU Healthcare determined in 2017 the need to revise a previous policy to address instances where patients at OHSU Hospitals and Clinics had requested or refused care provided by healthcare professionals or other OHSU personnel because of a specific characteristic of the employee. In general, these requests are not accommodated, and only three situations outlined in the policy will be considered for accommodation. The policy can be found at the following [link](#).

Gender Designated Facilities

OHSU distinguished itself as a leader among Academic Health Centers regarding gender affirming care with the establishment of the OHSU Transgender Health Program in 2015. The program “strives to advance a vision of safe, affirming and welcoming care for all transgender and gender nonbinary individuals at every touch point across the organization.” (*OHSU News Dec. 21, 2017*). In 2017, OHSU approved and implemented the [Gender Designated Facilities Policy](#) so that “all OHSU members, patients, and visitors may use Gender Designated Facilities that best align with their gender identity or expression.” For more information, see the [Gender Designated Facilities FAQ](#).

Diversity and Inclusion Resources and Guides

OHSU has created multiple diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging resource that can be found on [this site](#), including the [Inclusive Language Guide](#) and other [Diversity and Health Resources](#). The [main O2](#)

[\(internal\) site](#) for University-wide information related to OHSU's efforts for fostering a welcoming environment, diversity, and inclusion contains additional links, and resources for OHSU students.

Additionally, the [School of Medicine's Diversity and Equity website](#), featuring the leadership of **Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, Leslie Garcia, MPA, EdD**, has a wealth of resources for medical students. The OHSU SoM is deeply committed to increasing and supporting diversity among our faculty, staff, and learners. We consider a wide range of life experiences as part of diversity, including rural heritage, economic background, sexual orientation, culture and belief systems, and hardships accessing educational opportunities. The SoM Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Strategic Action Plan 2021 - 2025 charts our contributions to institutional goals in the areas that we can significantly impact, including retention and recruitment of individuals under-represented in medicine and biomedical science. The action plan is the result of sustained urgency and focus by school leaders and the **SoM Diversity Affairs Committee**, (can be found on the [SoM Standing Committees website](#)) which includes faculty members appointed by the Dean of the School of Medicine. A **monthly DEIB newsletter** is published with tools, resources, and programming to support students, staff, residents, and faculty. All programs are posted on the [website](#). Email garcial@ohsu.edu for suggestions. See [full website](#) for resources, [mentoring](#) and DEIB events.

Professional (Malpractice) Liability

The Dean explicitly authorizes medical students, as a part of their academic responsibilities, to participate in clinical activities, including care and treatment for patients, taking histories and performing physical examinations at OHSU, OHSU facilities or non-OHSU sites. Such authorization by the Dean is for student academic activities (including clinical activities) that are under the direction of and in a location to which assigned by an individual with a faculty position. Sites include inpatient (such as hospitals and extended care facilities, nursing homes and hospices), outpatient (such as clinics and physician offices), patient dwellings and any other location where education and training of medical students may occur. **To be covered by the State Tort Claims Act, a medical student must be registered for an approved course when participating in clinical activities, and this includes all electives on and off campus. During any University break or vacation, students are not covered by malpractice liability and therefore should refrain from participating in clinical activities, unless provided specific approval as an "observer" by the OHSU Office of Visitors and Volunteers (contact OVV@ohsu.edu).** All "away" clinical experiences, both inside and outside of Oregon, require approval (see the OHSU Office of UME site for request form) prior to registration. Certain experiences require an Off-Campus Authorization (OCA), and students will only be approved for these experiences if the OCA is provided by OHSU.

Life and Disability Insurance

Medical students are automatically enrolled in life and disability insurance while they are enrolled, as long as a student remains active, full-time status, engaged in the medical school curriculum. Information

on life and disability insurance is distributed to the incoming medical students, along with beneficiary designation/change form for Life and Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance.

OHSU Health Insurance

All medical students are required to have major medical health insurance. Information on eligibility and restricted enrollment times are described in the section entitled, Health Insurance Info and Waiver Applications [here](#).

Infectious and Environmental Hazards and Post-Exposure Procedure

Medical students are provided with specific presentations and demonstrations on blood borne pathogens at the beginning of medical school and again during the Transition to Clinical Experiences course prior to entering the clinical experiences curriculum. Medical students are provided with an electronic card (“OHSU Procedure Following Exposure to Blood/Body Fluids”) which delineates the procedures to be followed when a student is exposed to blood/body fluids. All medical students are required to maintain health insurance coverage to be enrolled in coursework in the MD program (typically, this is the Student Health Insurance Plan or other private/public individual or group plan if the student has opted for a waiver). **There is no cost to the student for initial care or post-exposure treatment at the Student Health & Wellness Center (SHW) due to an infectious or environmental hazard exposure during a clinical experience. For students with conditions requiring referrals or additional medical care not available at the SHW, the student’s insurance plan will outline the co-pay, deductible, and/or any other out-of-pocket costs that the student is responsible for covering.**

If you are exposed to blood/body fluids, IMMEDIATELY:

1. Remove yourself from the situation. Thoroughly wash the exposed area with soap and water. Rinsing eyes at an eyewash station is recommended if there was any possibility eye exposure.
2. Notify the attending physician, resident or site coordinator.
3. Within ONE HOUR of the exposure, contact the Student Health and Wellness Center (SHW) at (503) 494-8665 to receive an appropriate medical evaluation and a postexposure treatment plan. This is typically completed via phone.
 - If you are exposed after SHW business hours, you should REPORT IN PERSON to the OHSU Emergency Room. Identify yourself as an OHSU MD student with a blood/body fluid exposure so they can fast track you through the post-exposure process.
 - If you are exposed while rotating outside of an OHSU facility, report immediately to your attending physician or resident and follow the policies of the non-OHSU facility. This is often managed by the health center’s Occupational Health team or the local Emergency Room. Follow-up care is typically provided by SHW after emergency care at the local facility has been sought, and students should contact SHW Center to discuss next steps.
4. Note the severity and type of exposure and the likelihood that the patient is at risk for HIV, Hepatitis B, and/or Hepatitis C infection. If the source patient is HIV positive or at risk for such,

be sure to get care as quickly as possible. HIV post-exposure prophylaxis should be started as soon as possible after an exposure.

5. Work with your faculty, site contact or Student Health and Wellness Center provider to obtain venous blood from the source patient to be sent for rapid HIV, Hepatitis C PCR and Hepatitis B antigen testing.
6. Contact an Assistant Deans for Student Affairs to inform them of the incident. They can provide you support and resources to assist you in mitigating the effects of the incident and any sequela on your medical student education and learning activities.

NOTE: Body fluids deemed potentially infectious for HIV include blood products, semen, CSF, amniotic fluid, menstrual discharge, vaginal secretions, pleural, peritoneal, or pericardial fluid, and any other body fluids/tissue contaminated with blood.

Basic Life Support Instruction

All students participate in a Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification for Health Professionals course early in the first year, typically during the Transition to Medical School course, and be recertified prior to the 2-year expiration date. Students are required to track BLS expiration dates and keep their certification current at all times when enrolled in clinical preceptorships and rotations. Instructions on how to sign up for a recertification course can be found on the Office of UME site, Student Information tab, Miscellaneous section. Failure to maintain a valid BLS certification will result in cancellation of clinical rotations or preceptorships and may result in failure of a course.

Photo Usage Policy

The SoM creates a class photo for staff and faculty. Each student will be given the opportunity to grant permission to OHSU to use photographs, video, audio recordings, and/or textual material of themselves for use in all university publications, websites, etc. Students who do not want their picture used are required to sign the Media Release Form that they are given by the Provost's office during the Transition to Medical School week.

Criminal Background Checks

OHSU requires a criminal background check on all admitted students prior to matriculation. Permanent records are maintained in the UME Curriculum & Student Affairs. All students are expected to comply with OHSU and Veteran's Affairs (Portland VA Health System) policy for criminal background checks and fingerprinting. If criminal activity is reported to the SoM at the time of the pre-matriculation background check or at any point during the student's time in the MD program, the ADUME is responsible for reviewing the issue and following the [OHSU policy #03-10-011](#) "Background Checks." In certain situations, following review of the case by OHSU public safety officials and the appropriate medical school dean, the Medical Student Progress Board may be asked to review a student's criminal

activity record to make a recommendation to the ADUME regarding the student's admission or progression in the program. Criminal convictions of any kind may disqualify an applicant from matriculating or prompt a dismissal hearing for a current student. In addition, all OHSU students have a duty as outlined in [OHSU policy #03-10-011](#) to directly report all criminal convictions that occur at any point during the student's time in the MD program to the OHSU Public Safety Department. Starting with matriculation in 2027, students will be required to submit materials to Advanced Reporting to matriculate at OHSU, in addition to any schools utilizing Certiphi through AMCAS.

Drug Testing Policy and Procedures

OHSU requires all faculty, staff, residents and students who are involved in patient care to have a drug screening test. The information provided below is to assist you with complying with the **OHSU policy #02-01-003 "Student Drug and Alcohol Testing"** in the [Student Affairs policy section](#). Despite the changes in Oregon statute regarding marijuana use and possession beginning July 1, 2015, OHSU continues to adhere to Federal law and maintain a **zero-tolerance policy** in this regard. Test results are confidential as required by Federal and State laws, and tests are paid for by OHSU.

Testing Timeline:

Entering medical students must complete pre-matriculation drug testing in July as indicated on their acceptance offer letter and subsequent onboarding instructions, so results can be received and reviewed by the Office of UME **before** matriculating to the MD program. Enrolled medical students can be tested for cause at any time during their undergraduate medical education program.

What Happens After the Testing?

A report will be sent to the UME Curriculum & Student Affairs office in the SoM who will obtain a record that students have complied and have a negative result. If a "dilute" report result is received, the student must repeat testing at their own cost. The report is not part of the student permanent record and is only maintained until the student graduates.

Results may be shared with affiliated hospitals requesting this information to prevent students from having to comply with further drug testing at their facility and to assure affiliated hospitals that the student has complied with the policy.

If the Medical Review Officer at the testing vendor requests a review with a student and the student then receives a negative report, only the negative report is provided to the SoM. The Medical Review Officer and laboratory follow all standard processes for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs, as mandated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

If a student receives a positive drug screening result, it will be forwarded to the ADUME, the Assistant Deans for Student Affairs, and the Medical Student Progress Board (see section for Role of Board). The student will typically be asked to meet with an Assistant Deans for Student Affairs and the Medical Student Progress Board for further review of the problem and to outline recommendations and/or accommodations to resolve the issue on a case-by-case basis. Positive drug tests may disqualify an applicant from matriculating or prompt a dismissal hearing for a current student.

Pre-Entrance and Continued Enrollment Immunization Requirements

OHSU requires immunizations for its students in accordance with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and from the State of Oregon. Students must comply with OHSU [pre-entrance immunization requirements](#) per [Policy 02-90-010](#), and remain in compliance for the duration of their enrollment at OHSU. Newly matriculating students should download the OHSU Immunization Status Form from the Student Health and Wellness Center [website](#) and return to the Student Health and Wellness Center no later than mid-July. **Questions regarding pre-entrance immunization requirements should be directed to SHWcompliance@ohsu.edu**. Only once you have submitted your form and the Student Health and Wellness Center (SHW) has processed it, will you be able to obtain your OHSU badge. The SHW will ONLY be able to help with the Hepatitis B requirement for those who have already initiated the series and will only have a certain number of these appointments available. Students must establish with a SHW provider to obtain these services. Your insurance will be billed, and students will be responsible for covering any fees not covered by their insurance. A fee of \$95 will be placed on accounts for those that have not completed all immunization and screening requirements 14 days after matriculation. A hold will be placed on accounts for those that have not completed the requirements 30 days after matriculation and you will not be registered for any coursework the next term. Students must remain in compliance for the entirety of the medical education program. Failure to meet the requirement will result in a student being restricted from attending any clinical courses. Students can check their immunization status by logging into [Enterprise Health](#) and will receive an email from SHWcompliance@ohsu.edu if they fall out of compliance.

Inclement Weather Policy

OHSU, as a health care system, must always remain open during inclement weather. However, adverse weather conditions may present travel problems or other unsafe situations, causing classes to be delayed or canceled, as well as alterations in some office, clinic and lab schedules. During inclement weather, all students are advised to check the **OHSU [O2 website](#)**, or listen to the **OHSU Alert Line at 503-494-9021**. Decisions regarding the status of operations (i.e., Regular or Modified) on the OHSU campus are made by the OHSU Provost's Office by 6:00AM. The UME program abides by the status determined by the University, and will hold, delay, or cancel classes as directed by the central University administration. Outlined below are guidelines for medical students concerning inclement weather.

OHSU policy #1-40-010 regarding University functions and personnel during times of Modified Operations can be found at the following [link](#).

Text Alerts: In addition to understanding the OHSU policy, all OHSU medical students are encouraged to sign up for automatic text alerts from the University when Modified Operations is declared or lifted, by following instructions at this [link](#).

Foundations of Medicine / Pre-Clinical Experiences Students

During a weather event, classes may be on a normal schedule, delayed, or canceled. If classes are to be held or delayed, pre-clinical experience students are expected to make a reasonable effort to attend class and instructional sessions. In addition, specific instructions will be posted to the course Announcement space (which also generates an email to students) for the Foundations of Medicine Block as early as possible (usually by 6:00 am) to give instructions to students about the class schedule. If conditions make it impossible for you to travel safely to OHSU for a scheduled activity requiring attendance (e.g. examination), please contact UME Teaching Services by email (tso@ohsu.edu) and submit the [time off request form](#).

If you are scheduled for a preceptorship, follow the above procedure. You are responsible for contacting your preceptor and the preceptorship coordinator directly, regarding your attendance.

Clinical Experiences/Clerkship Students

Students in **clinical experience rotations in metro Portland-area locations** (Clackamas, Multnomah, Columbia, or Washington counties in Oregon, or Clark County in Washington) will follow the OHSU modified operations policy. During Modified Operations, only Critical Function Employees should report to keep roads clear for emergency personnel and patient care. Medical students are **not** Critical Function Employees, therefore, if OHSU has declared modified operations, you must not come in.

Typically, once OHSU declares modified operations status, the students in clinical experience rotations will receive an email from their Clinical Experience Director or the Course Coordinator with further instructions. Students should communicate with their Clinical Experience Director and Coordinator via email if they have not received information from them after the University has implemented modified operations, or if they are currently at their Portland Metro clinical rotation and need to return home. Students are also strongly encouraged to communicate with their clinical team supervisors (i.e., supervising attending physician and/or senior resident) via page or email to let them know you will be absent due to the OHSU modified operations status. This direct communication from you will help your Critical Function team members in caring for patients and is considered a communications best practice.

Students who are **rotating outside of metro Portland area locations** (NOT in Clackamas, Multnomah, Columbia, or Washington counties in Oregon, or Clark County in Washington) should follow the individual hospitals/clinics operation guideline for those locations. Communication with the site director

and/or coordinator as well as the supervising physician is the student's responsibility. Modified Operations do not impact students outside the Metro area.

Clinical Experience Directors will work with students to plan make-up dates/sessions for time missed due to modified operations.

MD Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy as It Pertains to Financial Aid

A student's eligibility for financial aid is determined by the OHSU Financial Aid Office. If you are a financial aid recipient, federal regulations require that you must also meet the financial aid satisfactory academic progress policy for MD students. You can find the policy in the 'Student Aid Explained' document posted on the [OHSU Financial Aid website](#). The document is posted under the General Forms and Information Section. If you have questions on the policy, please contact the OHSU Financial Aid Office by email at finaid@ohsu.edu or by calling 503-494-7800.

Advanced Standing/Transfer Policy

Available clinical experiences are often limited beyond the capacity of the program's current student body. Therefore, **the OHSU SoM UME program does not routinely admit transfer students**. Due to the unique structure of the curriculum, if a transfer position is to be considered, it would likely be for a student entering the clinical experiences phase of the curriculum. Each year, the ADUME determines the number of transfer positions open (typically 0-1). **If the ADUME determines a transfer position is open**, then all applicants that meet the eligibility requirements may apply. To be eligible for transfer with advanced standing into the UME program, an applicant must fulfill all the following criteria:

1. Be the legal partner/significant other/spouse of:
 - A current full-time OHSU faculty member; or
 - A current OHSU medical student; or
 - A current OHSU resident.
2. Be a US citizen or resident alien with a current green card indicating permanent resident status in the US or have DACA status.
3. Be matriculated to an LCME accredited MD program with excellent academic standing.
4. Have passed USMLE Step I.

All advanced standing/transfer applicants will be reviewed by the ADUME, UME Program Manager for Student Records and the UME Admissions Committee. Candidates for transfer should be prepared to provide the following information: formal application, letter of recommendation from their Associate Dean for Student Affairs or delegate, letter of recommendation from a physician that worked with the student in a patient care setting during the foundational/pre-clerkship phase of their curriculum, personal statement indicating the basis for requesting a transfer, an official current transcript from the school in which they are currently matriculated, a curriculum vitae, and record of all USMLE Step scores.

Candidates must be available for an interview. Interested transfer applicants can contact the UME Curriculum & Student Affairs office (casa@ohsu.edu) for an application packet.

Readmission Policy

Consideration for readmission is provided only to students who withdrew from the OHSU SoM MD Program in good standing, without impending academic or disciplinary action. Students who have been dismissed from the MD Program or who withdrew due to unsatisfactory academic progress or unsatisfactory professionalism may not seek readmission. Students in this situation who wish to enroll in the MD program must pursue admission to the program using the standard admissions process. The ADUME is responsible for reviewing applications for readmission to the MD Program and for forwarding such requests to the Assistant Dean for Admissions for advice. The Dean of the School of Medicine is responsible for granting or denying readmission based upon the recommendation of the ADUME.

Candidates for readmission must provide at least the following: secondary admission application, personal statement indicating the basis for their withdrawal and their desire to return, resume indicating all work and academic experiences since leaving medical school, three letters of recommendation from individuals who can currently evaluate the candidate, academic transcripts documenting all academic experiences following the withdrawal from medical school, and a release of OHSU's academic record and admissions data to the ADUME and Admissions Committee. Each candidate must be available for an interview if requested.

Funding for Student Travel and Other Student Activities

SoM Senate and Dean's Funding

The aim of the OHSU School of Medicine Student Senate is to provide financial resources to medical students for individual, group, and community projects/events that enrich their educational experience at OHSU, further their professional development, and ultimately improve the health of patients and society at large.

All requests for Senate Funding and Dean's Funding begin with the appropriate application submission to the Student Senate. Review the instructions below and those written in the funding request forms, before filling out the appropriate Funding Request application. If a student has further questions after referring to the appropriate documents, they are encouraged to contact their Student Senators.

General Instructions:

Applications using the most current form must be received and reviewed by the Senate prior to the time of event (except under the exception in senate funding*). The Student Senate meets the first week of each month. All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. The Senate sends out MedAll emails approximately one week prior, to announce the meeting, give instructions, etc.

When to apply for Senate versus Dean's Funding:

Senate Funding Requests should be submitted for individuals or groups planning to attend an academic conference or professional meeting relating to research, educational experience, or professional career development.

Dean's Funding Requests should be submitted for large group events in the final stages of planning, with concrete details and a good estimate regarding budgetary needs.

The Senate will not accept a Senate and a Dean's Funding Request for the same project.

How applications are approved:

The Senate reviews applications for both Senate Funding and Dean's Funding.

For *Senate Funding* requests, the Senate votes to approve or deny these requests, and does so based on set criteria (see Evaluation Criteria and Evaluation Rubrics documents for details). Funding is awarded to the students with the highest application scores each quarter, up to the maximum quarterly budget.

For *Dean's Funding* requests, the Senate votes on applications but can only recommend these applications for approval or no approval to the Dean's Office. The application is then forwarded to the Associate Dean for UME and the Director of UME where a final decision is made.

Senate Funding Instructions:

The applicant must:

1. Be in the SoM MD Program; (including MD/PhD and MD-MPH) at the time of the event.
2. Be in good academic standing, verified by the Dean's Office.
3. Have completed the application on time and following all instructions.
4. Apply before the event. Students cannot receive funds retroactively, except in scenario below.*
5. Not exceed a total of \$500 awarded to the student per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) from Senate Funding, unless they are attending a conference in which they hold a nationally elected leadership position.

Priority will be given to students based on their score from the Evaluation Rubric. The four criteria are: (1) description and involvement of student in work begin presented or in the focus of the event, (2) professional development and/or educational enhancement, (3) additional funding efforts, and (4) budget. All funds must be reimbursed (see below **Student Reimbursement** section) in the fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) they were awarded.

*Applications may be reviewed retroactively ONLY if a student is presenting research and received confirmation that their poster or oral presentation was accepted by the conference AFTER the senate meeting that occurred prior to their conference. That student is ONLY allowed to apply for funding at the senate meeting immediately following their conference if they kept all receipts.

Senate Funding is appropriate for:

1. Students presenting original research at a conference. Proof of acceptance to the conference and a copy of the abstract of your research are required. The Senate can help cover the cost of travel, lodging, and registration, but NOT the cost of food and poster production. A maximum of \$500 per request for oral presentations and \$400 per request for poster presentations will be awarded. A maximum of \$750 will be awarded per GROUP of students working on the same research project; submit one funding request per group.
2. Students who wish to attend a conference, workshop, or other event, but are not presenting research. Maximum conference attendance funding is \$200, \$50 of which may go toward transportation, with the remainder for registration fees only.
3. Students attending a conference for an organization for which they hold a nationally elected position. Description and verification of the nationally held leadership position are required. The Senate can help cover the cost of travel, lodging, and registration. A maximum of \$500 per request will be awarded with a cap of one trip per academic year.

Dean's Funding Instructions:

The applicant must:

1. Be in the SoM MD Program, including MD/PhD and MD-MPH programs, at the time of the event.
2. Have completed the application on time and following all instructions.
3. Be applying before the date of the event. Students cannot receive funds retroactively.

Priority will be given to students based on the following criteria: (1) the request fits into one of the categories outlined below, (2) the students applying have exhausted other funding resources, (3) the project/event reaches a significant number of students and their intended participants, and (4) the application focuses on start-up funding, rather than yearly funding, when applicable. All funds must be reimbursed in the fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) they were awarded. No more than \$100 can be requested for food/non-alcoholic beverages for a single event. A maximum of \$200 for food/non-alcoholic beverages, per academic year can be awarded to an interest group or other student group.

Dean's Funding is appropriate for:

1. Group projects/events that enrich the OHSU medical curriculum or fill a gap in the OHSU medical curriculum.
2. Group projects/events that benefit the Portland community in which OHSU is a member. These can be outreach projects, public awareness projects, etc.
3. Group projects/events that are otherwise not funded by the interest group and their supporters. Applications that show that multiple funding outlets have been exhausted will be considered stronger than those that do not. Similarly, the more students/professors a project/event will reach, the stronger the request.

Graduation Party Funding

UME funding of up to \$7,500 is typically available for party expenses, but must meet the following:

1. Can be used for the graduation dinner venue, food, DJ services and decorations.
2. Cannot be used to purchase alcohol.
3. An itemized budget must be provided and presented to the ADUME and the Director of UME **before** funds can be approved and disbursed.
4. Funding for these activities cannot come from Student Senate or Dean's Funding.
5. If the graduation class chooses to have a 'Match' party instead of, or in addition to, the Graduation Party, the total funds still cannot exceed \$7500 and must be communicated with the Director, UME, well in advance of any plans or expenses.

Fall Medical Student Retreat Funding

UME funding of up to \$3,000 is typically available for the Fall Medical Student Retreat expenses, but must meet the following criteria:

1. Can be used for retreat venue, food and supplies.
2. Cannot be used to purchase alcohol.
3. An itemized budget must be provided and presented to the ADUME and the Director of UME, **before** funds can be approved and disbursed.
4. Funding for these activities cannot come from Student Senate or Dean's Funding.

Yearbook Funding

Funding for the Yearbook is provided through fundraising by the graduating class.

Small Grants Funding – *Please Read BEFORE Applying*

Students and faculty members may occasionally find small grant or award opportunities offered for specific projects or activities by a variety of organizations (e.g., Gold Foundation, scientific agency or industry-sponsored grants). These small grants or awards include, but are not limited to;

- Stipends offered for community "fellowships" or other community service
- Community funding for student activities
- Funding from external agencies to support research (e.g., external Scholarly Project funding, external funding for MD/PhD, MD-MPH, Physician Scientist Experience, Pathology Student Experience not already included in the SoM support for these dual-degrees and experiences)

Because these small grants or awards require important and time-consuming administrative support, coordination, and planning all the way from the pre-award time through the completion of funding, **the SoM Dean's Office does not routinely administratively support these small grants for students.** Students who wish to explore funding of this nature must first identify a faculty member with an appointment in an OHSU Department who can explore the opportunity with the Department's Sponsored Award team or equivalent well in advance of application, to determine if the funding opportunity can be supported by the Department's personnel. **Written approval from an administrator in the Department's Sponsored Award team or equivalent, in addition to written verification of the faculty member's ability to assist the student with all aspects of their small grant or award funding is**

required prior to a student applying for such a small grant or award. This documentation of approval must be sent to the ADUME prior to the student submitting the application. Students who apply for small grants or awards without first obtaining the above written approvals will be unable to accept any funding potentially available from the funding agency.

General Guidelines Applying to All OHSU Funds

1. OHSU funds cannot be used to purchase alcohol.
2. All expenses must be incurred and submitted for reimbursement by **June 15** of the fiscal year they were awarded.
3. All reimbursements must be submitted within 60 days of the completion of the event/travel.
4. For any given activity where a student is awarded funding, the student must submit all receipts together. Only one reimbursement per student per activity will be processed.

Requests for Disbursement or Reimbursement

To qualify for a travel expense reimbursement, you must substantiate the business purpose of the expense in compliance with the provisions in these guidelines. The Internal Revenue Service requires all business travel expenses to be appropriately documented. Students must keep all receipts used for reimbursement, and this is the only way a reimbursement will be processed.

- Business purpose and the benefit to be derived
- Itinerary showing dates and duration of travel
- Conference flyer/schedule (when applicable)
- Paid receipts (showing vendor, date and amount) or paid invoices. **Bank statements or credit card statements are not allowable** proof or receipt of payment. A [Missing Receipt Waiver Form](#) from the OHSU Finance Page must be submitted in lieu of a receipt, but this form should only be used when students have exhausted every other way of getting a copy of the receipt from the vendor, and these may not be approved.

Student Reimbursement Process

Students whose funding requests have been approved by the SoM Dean's Office of UME are required to complete and submit the information on [this form](#) to ensure reimbursements are processed.

Meeting Attendance for Office of Student Representatives (OSR) & Curriculum Representatives

Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) OSR/UME Curriculum Committee Representatives are selected by the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs with current student representative (OSR) input. Each academic year, the student representatives will coordinate with the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs in order to decide who will attend the AAMC national Learn Serve Lead meeting held each fall. Typically, OHSU SoM will fund registration, travel and lodging costs for two students each year to attend the

meeting. It is expected that each OSR representative will attend the meeting at least once. Travel is not supported for the UME Curriculum Sub-Committee student representatives.

MD Program Student Academic Record Retention Policy

I. Admissions

Permanent Admissions Records - University Registrar's Office

The following information is sent to the Registrar's Office after matriculation:

- Original AMCAS Application
- Original AMCAS Biographical Summary Sheet
- Final Official Transcript(s)
- Copy of Acceptance Letter
- Student's form accepting the offer
- Documentation of WICHE or residency status (if applicable)
- Notification of receipt of scholarships (if applicable)
- Green card documentation (if applicable)
- Supporting documentation for approval of prerequisites (if applicable)

Admissions Records within the Dean's Office

The following documents are destroyed 5 years after graduation:

- Copy of the Biographical Sheet
- Committee summary sheet and voting
- Interview write-ups and scores
- Copy of the Acceptance letter
- Multiple- Mini Interview comments
- Documentation of WICHE certification or residency information (if applicable)

The following documents are destroyed at the time of matriculation:

- Letters of recommendation

Admissions Records transferred to the Student Record within the Dean's Office

These documents are moved to the student academic record upon matriculation:

- Complete AMCAS application
- Original Secondary Application
- Copy of Technical Standards forms (University and SoM)
- Prerequisite signature form
- MMI confidentiality agreement
- Notification of receipt of scholarships (if applicable)
- Updates to application (if applicable)

Applicant Pool Files

For a given application cycle, all the application files are maintained for 3 years for all applicants who did not matriculate.

II. Matriculated Student Files

Student Academic Permanent Record - University Registrar's Office

Upon graduation the following is sent to the Registrar to be added to Admissions file: (Transcripts are not necessary since they are generated by the Registrar's Office.)

- Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)
- Verification forms (if applicable)
- Documentation of significant behavioral or academic issues as determined by the Associate Dean for UME

Student Academic Records within the Dean's Office

The following documents are maintained in the Dean's Office and are destroyed 7 years after graduation:

- Significant Student Progress documents unless approved by the Associate Dean for UME to be put in permanent record
- Professionalism Concern Reports
- Disability Insurance forms
- Other significant documents as decided by the Associate Dean for UME and the Assistant Deans for Student Affairs.

The following documents are maintained in the Dean's Office and are destroyed 10 years after graduation:

- Clinical Experience/Clerkship grades and narratives
- Verification forms (if applicable)

Department records pertaining to a student's evaluation and grade are destroyed one year after graduation.

III. Student Exams

All exams will be destroyed 1 year after last date of attendance.

A master of the exam, an official exam key, student answer sheets and the class roster with exam scores will be maintained for 5 years after the course ends.

MD Program Student Academic Record Access and Confidentiality

Students have direct access to their assessment data in their Research and Evaluation Data for Educational Improvement (REDEI) portfolio as well as in the MedHub system for their course related performance/scores/comments/final grades. The REDEI portfolio houses the student's competency and Entrustable Professional Activity (EPA) attainment and progress as well. Students also have direct access to the Banner registrations system via Student Information System (SIS) for final grades. Students who

consider the information contained therein to be inaccurate, misleading, or inappropriate have the right to challenge their educational records, and can do so by submitting, in writing, the challenge/concern to the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education.

Medical student educational records are confidential and available only to the faculty and administration with a need to know, unless released by the student or as otherwise governed by laws concerning confidentiality. Students can freely access their educational records regarding YourMD assessments, scores on examinations, summative evaluations submitted by course and clinical experience directors, competency attainment, EPA badges earned, and official student letters sent to the student by MD program leaders by logging into their [REDEI portfolios](#). Medical students are also encouraged to review the University's [Policy #02-20-005](#) Education Records.

Communication Methods Used by School of Medicine

Undergraduate Medical Education Communication Methods

At OHSU, we recognize the importance of and strive for highly effective communication with students, staff, faculty, and all members of our community. The Office of UME has established several ways for students to receive important messages regarding coursework and certain program requirements, stay up to date with activities and events, as well as ways for students to communicate electronically with each other. Main UME methods are:

[Sakai](#) and/or [Brightspace](#): Communication from an instructor or a block/course/clerkship director to all the students enrolled in that block/course/clerkship goes through OHSU's Learning Management System, BrightSpace (with some via Sakai for 2026-2027). Messages are distributed immediately after posting by the educational leader. The Office of UME also has a site and announcements, and other important communications are sent to students through this mechanism. The Associate Dean for UME sends a regular newsletter "**News You Can Use**", distributed via an Office of UME announcement to all students in the MD program, all UME staff, faculty, and the larger UME community of educators with important items, upcoming deadlines, and other institutional and national medical education news that may be of interest.

UME Unfiltered

All students are invited to attend the quarterly (approximately) UME Unfiltered. These events provide an opportunity for you to meet with UME Associate and Assistant deans and leaders in a casual setting for us to hear about your experience in the program and for all of us to get to know each other better. These are typically held at noon or late afternoon in the Robert Life Science Building Learning Studio, or virtually via video conferencing, and are announced through Office of UME messages sent to students.

Elected, Appointed, and Self-Nominated Student Representatives

Students who hold elected, appointed, and/or self-nominated leadership positions serve as important communication liaisons in their roles. All students in these positions are encouraged to have regular and formal mechanisms to bring information from their fellow students forward, and share information received during their leadership activities with their classmates. Student council leaders are also encouraged to update their position descriptions regularly. **Certain elected/selected student representatives have particularly important roles in facilitating respectful bidirectional communication between students, faculty, staff, and dean's office administration. These include:**

- The three Dean's Advisors for each class cohort
- The President for each class cohort
- The Office of Student Representatives members of the UME Curriculum Committee for each class cohort
- The UMECC Sub-Committee student representatives (i.e., Development, Resources, Evaluation)
- The Diversity and Inclusion and the Accessibility and Inclusion representatives for each cohort
- Other student council representatives for each class cohort, at the discretion of that cohort
- The Admissions Liaison for each class cohort
- The three Student Wellness and Professionalism (SWAP) representatives for each class cohort
- The two Student-Faculty Liaisons for each class in the Foundations of Medicine phase
- The Educational Resource Coordinator for each class in the Foundations of Medicine phase
- The OASIS Student Advisors for each class cohort

Class Listservs:

The MD student class listservs (i.e., med 30, med29, med28, med27) are for student peer-to-peer communications, social announcements, class events, fundraisers, and for high priority/emergency, institutional messages as needed. These are a members-only tool. All members of an MD class can use the listserv associated with their class. Recognizing the occasional need for students to communicate across classes, the Dean's office created an all-student listserv for the full MD student body, MedAll. All students are members of this listserv and can use it when inter-class communication is desired. Program leaders will rarely use these for important, timely announcements, but routinely decline faculty and outside requests to message all students.

School of Medicine Communication Methods

OHSU's professional communications team creates and distributes content about the school to internal and external audiences. Typical stories cover SoM priorities, major accomplishments, milestones such as White Coat and Match Day, and newsworthy student activities. Communications include:

- InsideSoM, email newsletter automatically sent to all students
- Medicine Matters, quarterly email newsletter for alumni and students (future alumni) automatically sent to all students
- [School of Medicine public website](#)

- [Facebook](#)
- X @ohsusom
- Instagram @ohsunews

University Communication Methods

Our teams work to tell OHSU's story to the world, and to give you, our more than 4,200 students and 19,000 employees, the information you need to be successful. Main University methods are:

- [OHSU Now](#)
- Student News email digest
- [Student Central on O2](#)
- Sakai, Brightspace, Compass, SIS, more
- Email, calendar listings, fliers, materials

Student-Planned Events, Media, OHSU Brand/Logo

Student Planned Events - Coordinate with your UME administrative leaders, who will contact the OHSU communications team for support as needed.

Media (newspapers, magazines, TV) - You must work with OHSU Strategic Communication, Media Relations, contact news@ohsu.edu

OHSU Brand/Logo – Run designs by OHSU Branding if using logo on apparel, materials, etc. branding@ohsu.edu. Order branded items from the [OHSU store](#)

Feedback Mechanisms for Students

The Office of UME shares the feedback received from students that has resulted in changes within the MD program, some of which can be found on the “You Said, We Did” section of the Office of UME site in the Student-Admin Communication and Feedback section. In addition, the changes that educational leaders have made to courses based on student feedback are listed regularly in the UME newsletter “News You Can Use” sent to all students in the program.

Medical students who have concerns or complaints are encouraged to utilize one of the following mechanisms to achieve a productive solution:

1. Discuss the issue with fellow classmates to problem-solve and brainstorm solutions.
2. Voice the concern to elected student leaders, who can bring the issue to the Office of UME.
3. Discuss the issue with an Assistant Deans for Student Affairs.
4. Discuss the issue with the Assistant Dean, UME Curriculum.
5. Discuss the issue with an OASIS faculty advisor.
6. Attend and voice the concern with suggestions for improvement at a UME Unfiltered forum.
7. Discuss the issue with UME staff members (Teaching Service Office staff, or Curriculum and Student Affairs staff).
8. Discuss a block issue with Block and/or Thread Director(s).

9. Discuss a preceptorship issue with Preceptorship Director and/or Coordinator.
10. Discuss a clinical experience issue with Clinical Experience Director.
11. Provide feedback on end-of-block/clinical experience evaluation (the only formal way to drive change).
12. Provide feedback on language used in the YourMD curriculum (i.e., courses and clinical experiences) by faculty, standardized patients, other instructors, or in examinations that describes race, gender, disability, culture, or other social determinants of health, that is perceived to be outdated, biased, or inappropriate to the School of Medicine's Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
Resources include: [Outdated Medical Terminology](#); and [OHSU Inclusive Language Guide](#).
13. Report mistreatment to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs using [this confidential reporting tool](#)
14. Discuss issue with University [Ombuds](#).
15. Discuss issue with University's [Office of Civil Rights Investigations and Compliance](#).
16. Discuss issue with the University's [Confidential Advocacy Program \(CAP\)](#) Manager.

MD CURRICULUM STRUCTURE, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Philosophy of the OHSU School of Medicine Undergraduate Medical Education Curriculum

The purpose of the undergraduate medical curriculum is to foster transformation of the learner into a physician. In addition to transferring information and skills, medical education should prepare the student for lifelong learning and scholarship; synthesis of information, critical reasoning and problem solving; self-assessment and reflection; and collaborative clinical practice. The OHSU School of Medicine curriculum explicitly integrates the scientific basis of medicine with relevant clinical experiences within and across each year of learning. It offers students progressive patient care responsibilities, fosters independent learning, and allows individualization of educational experiences. Students learn in an integrated system model, in which scientific principles of normal and abnormal human structure and function are woven throughout, and other important themes are incorporated as threads.

Guiding Principles of the OHSU MD Curriculum

The curriculum is guided by the following tenets:

- Integration of foundational and clinical sciences throughout the curriculum promotes comprehension and retention.
- Learner-centered teaching modalities are selected according to the desired educational outcomes and may include: didactic presentations, team-based learning, problem-based learning, case discussions, simulation, online modules, service learning and clinical experiences.
- Competency-based assessment evaluates student mastery of knowledge, skills and attitudes.

- Training is aligned with the institutional missions addressing healthcare needs of the state and region.
- The curriculum embraces the principles of diversity and inclusion, scientific discovery and innovation.
- Physicians need a foundational core of knowledge, skills and attitudes, which the curriculum provides while maintaining flexibility to allow the development of expertise in specific areas of concentration.
- Clinical experiences beginning in the first year and continuing throughout the medical curriculum reinforce integration and application of new knowledge, enhance clinical and communication skills, and foster development of professional identity.
- Clinical experiences in rural, medically underserved, and other community settings provide perspective and exposure to the role of social determinants of individual and population health.
- Carefully designed shared learning experiences foster the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for practicing as part of an interprofessional care team that operates within a larger system of care.
- The curriculum effectively prepares MD graduates for transition to residency.

Student, Faculty, and Administrative Expectations

- Students are expected to engage fully in all aspects of the medical education program, and to contribute to the learning of their classmates.
- The faculty are responsible for defining the specific content and learning modalities of each course and clerkship. Faculty are expected to participate in and support the education mission of the School of Medicine. In recognition of the importance of this mission, achievement as an educator will be an important component for faculty academic advancement.
- The ADUME, under the supervision of the Sr. Associate Dean for Education and/or Dean of the SoM, is responsible for maintaining the quality and effectiveness of the curriculum and all other aspects of the UME program. The UME Curriculum Committee and subcommittees assist with this work and facilitate input of the faculty into the curriculum structure and function.

Structure

- An optional self-assessment and learning opportunity is offered prior to matriculation to help prepare students for success in the undergraduate medical curriculum.
- A required introductory block familiarizes the student with general concepts of the foundational sciences, and promotes the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for the professional development of the physician.
- The foundational science curriculum is organized into integrated, multidisciplinary units, relating normal and abnormal structure, function and behavior with the epidemiology, pathophysiology, prevention and treatment of disease, together with emerging disciplines such as informatics and quality improvement science.
- Required clinical clerkships follow the foundational science curriculum to provide a broad experience in clinical medicine.

- Electives and mentored scholarly activity leading to a capstone project are provided to enhance the educational value of the curriculum, allow increased breadth and depth in specific areas, and permit individualization of each student's educational experiences.
- Intercession courses are provided to integrate basic, clinical, and health systems sciences during the clinical experience curriculum phase. They are also used to reinforce foundational sciences.
- Transition courses facilitate progression to professional school, from the foundational curriculum to the core clinical experiences, and from medical student to resident physician.

Evaluation of Performance

- The evaluation of student performance includes the following core competency domains: medical knowledge, patient care and procedural skills, professionalism, interpersonal and communication skills, practice-based learning and improvement, and systems-based practice.
- The evaluation of student performance applies both traditional approaches and performance-based assessment of the acquisition of clinical skills, knowledge, and attitudes.
- Evaluation of student performance is timely, includes formative and summative feedback, and is provided by faculty who are familiar with the performance of the student.

Evaluation of Curriculum

- The content, teaching methodologies and assessments used in the foundational and clinical sciences curricula are continuously reviewed for appropriate depth, breadth, integration and relevance.
- The curriculum is evaluated by how well our students perform, both at OHSU and following graduation. This evaluation includes what students do, in terms of specialty and career choices and practice location, and if available, practice outcomes. This information is reviewed by School and Program leaders to meet the educational mission of the SoM.
- The UME Curriculum Committee is responsible for implementation, coordination, evaluation and continuous improvement of the UME curriculum.

OHSU SoM Undergraduate Medical Education Competencies (Medical Education Program Objectives)

Background: An essential aspect of the OHSU SoM *YourMD* curriculum transformation initiative implemented in 2014 was the defining of 43 UME competencies (AKA “medical educational program objectives”) for students in the MD program. This work was done with consideration of the prior OHSU UME program objectives, OHSU graduation core competencies, clinical informatics competencies, AAMC’s nationally published General Physician Competencies, and aligned with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education ([ACGME](#)) competency nomenclature for residency education. All OHSU medical students are assessed using multi-modal competency-based tools for their attainment of milestones at the completion of courses in classroom settings, as well as in both simulated and authentic clinical environments. Progress is tracked for each student throughout their time in medical school in their individual electronic portfolios – “Research and Evaluation Data for Educational

Improvement” (REDEI). The goal of YourMD is: ***“To effectively prepare the MD graduate for residency training and professional practice to best serve and meet the needs of society in the 21st century.”***

As competency-based medical education and assessment evolves, so have the OHSU SoM UME competencies. Beginning in February 2024, a SoM faculty workgroup charged by the UME Curriculum Committee (UMECC) sought to comprehensively review and update the original 43 UME competencies to reflect the data, experience, and outcomes of the UME program since the inception of YourMD in 2014. The 17 UME competencies listed below under six domains of competence, were developed, reviewed, and approved by the UMECC (July 11, 2024) and the SoM Faculty Council and the Dean of the SoM (October 10, 2024). On November 8, 2024, the OHSU Provost issued final approval via the OHSU Faculty Senate Education Policy Committee.

Students who have matriculated to the OHSU SoM UME program in summer 2025 and beyond are required to attain the pre-defined minimum number of level 3 milestones, as judged by a Qualified Assessor, in all 17 UME competencies before graduating, in addition to meeting all other graduation requirements listed in this Medical Student Handbook.

UME Comp #	Competency	# of Level 3 Milestones Required*	Setting for Students to Attain Level 3 Milestone
#	Domain: Patient Care and Procedures (PCP)		
1	PCP1 – Gather information through history-taking and physical/mental status examination on patients.	3	Must be in authentic clinical environment or high-stakes OSCE (CPX, TTCE, TTR)
2	PCP2 – Construct prioritized differential diagnosis based on interpretation of available clinical data.	3	Must be in authentic clinical environment or high-stakes OSCE (CPX, TTCE, TTR)
3	PCP3 – Develop and implement a personalized management plan for the patient.	2	Must be in authentic clinical environment or high-stakes OSCE (CPX, TTCE, TTR)
UME Comp #	Competency	# of Level 3 Milestones Required*	Setting for Students to Attain Level 3 Milestone
#	Domain: Medical Knowledge (MK)		
4	MK1 – Demonstrate foundational knowledge in basic science.	3	Can be attained in non-clinical environment such as FoM blocks, or authentic clinical environment/high-stakes OSCE
5	MK2 – Demonstrate foundational knowledge in clinical science.	3	Can be attained in non-clinical environment such as FoM blocks, or authentic clinical environment/high-stakes OSCE

6	MK3 – Demonstrate foundational knowledge in health systems science.	3	Can be attained in non-clinical environment such as FoM blocks, or authentic clinical environment/high-stakes OSCE
#	Domain: System-based Practice (SBP)		
7	SBP1 – Engage in the quality improvement process related to patient safety and system issues.	1	Can be attained in non-clinical environment such as FoM blocks, or authentic clinical environment/high-stakes OSCE
#	Domain: Practice-Based Learning and Improvement (PBLI)		
8	PBLI1 – Demonstrate behaviors that support lifelong learning and professional growth such as incorporating self-assessment and feedback.	3	Can be attained in non-clinical environment such as FoM blocks, or authentic clinical environment/high-stakes OSCE
9	PBLI2 – Locate, critically appraise, and synthesize new information to support evidence-informed and patient-centered clinical decisions.	3	Must be in authentic clinical environment or high-stakes OSCE (CPX, TTCE, TTR)
10	PBLI3 – Engage in scholarly inquiry and disseminate findings using ethical principles.	1	Can be attained in non-clinical environment such as FoM blocks, or authentic clinical environment/high-stakes OSCE
#	Domain: Interpersonal and Communication Skills (ICS)		
11	ICS1 – Communicate effectively with patients and families.	3	Must be in authentic clinical environment or high-stakes OSCE (CPX, TTCE, TTR)
12	ICS2 – Communicate effectively with physicians and physicians-in-training.	3	Must be in authentic clinical environment or high-stakes OSCE (CPX, TTCE, TTR)
13	ICS3 – Communicate effectively with non-physician health professionals as a part of the healthcare team to coordinate patient care.	3	Must be in authentic clinical environment or high-stakes OSCE (CPX, TTCE, TTR)
14	ICS4 – Communicate a patient handover to transition responsibility of care.	1	Must be in authentic clinical environment or high-stakes OSCE (CPX, TTCE, TTR)
15	ICS5 – Access, review, and contribute to the electronic health record and other technologies.	2	Must be in authentic clinical environment or high-stakes OSCE (CPX, TTCE, TTR)

#	Domain: Professionalism and Personal & Professional Development (PPPD)		
16	PPPD1 – Identify and address the negative effects of structural and social determinants of health for patients with diverse needs.	1	Can be attained in non-clinical environment such as FoM blocks, or authentic clinical environment/high-stakes OSCE
17	PPPD2 – Demonstrate behaviors that are reflective of professional values of truthfulness, timeliness, accountability, and follow-through.	3	Can be attained in non-clinical environment such as FoM blocks, or authentic clinical environment/high-stakes OSCE

**Approved by UMECC December 12, 2024*

Cross Map of OHSU UME Competencies

17 OHSU UME Competencies effective June 2025	43 OHSU UME Competencies prior to June 2025
PCP1 Gather information through history-taking and physical/mental status examination on patients.	PCP1 Gather essential and accurate information about patients and their conditions through history taking, physical examination, review of prior data and health records, laboratory data, imaging and other tests.
PCP2 Construct prioritized differential diagnosis based on interpretation of available clinical data.	PCP2 Interpret and critically evaluate historical information, physical examination findings, laboratory data, imaging studies, and other tests required for health screening and diagnosis. PCP3 Construct a prioritized differential diagnosis and make informed decisions about diagnostic and therapeutic interventions based on patient information and preferences, up-to-date scientific evidence, and clinical judgment.
PCP3 Develop and implement a personalized management plan for the patient.	PCP4 Develop, implement, and revise as indicated, patient management plans. PCP5 Apply personalized healthcare services to patients, families, and communities aimed at preventing health problems and maintaining health. PCP6 Perform all medical, diagnostic, and surgical procedures considered essential for the specific clinical practice context.

MK1 Demonstrate foundational knowledge in basic science.	MK1 Apply established and emerging bio-medical scientific principles fundamental to the healthcare of patients and populations.
MK2 Demonstrate foundational knowledge in clinical science.	MK2 Apply established and emerging knowledge and principles of clinical sciences to diagnostic and therapeutic decision-making, clinical problem-solving and other aspects of evidence-based healthcare. MK4 Apply principles of social-behavioral sciences to assess the impact of psychosocial and cultural influences on health, disease, care-seeking, care-adherence, barriers to and attitudes toward care.
MK3 Demonstrate foundational knowledge in health systems science.	MK3 Apply principles of epidemiological sciences to the identification of health risk factors, prevention and treatment strategies, use of healthcare resources, and health promotion efforts for patients and populations. MK5 Apply principles of performance improvement, systems science, and science of health care delivery to the care of patients and populations.
SBP1 Engage in the quality improvement process related to patient safety and system issues.	SPBIC1 Participate in identifying system errors and implementing system solutions to improve patient safety. SPBI2 Incorporate considerations of resource allocation, cost awareness and risk-benefit analysis in patient and population-centered care.
PBLI1 Demonstrate behaviors that support lifelong learning and professional growth such as incorporating self-assessment and feedback.	PBLI1 Demonstrate skills necessary to support independent lifelong learning and ongoing professional development by identifying one's own strengths, deficiencies, and limits in knowledge and expertise, set learning and improvement goals, and perform learning activities that address gaps in knowledge, skills or attitudes. PBLI8 Incorporate feedback received from clinical performance data, patients, mentors, teachers, and colleagues into clinical practice to improve health outcomes.

	PPPD7 Demonstrate awareness of one's knowledge, skills, and emotional limitations and demonstrate healthy coping mechanisms and appropriate help-seeking behaviors. PPPD11 Recognize that ambiguity and uncertainty are part of clinical care and respond by demonstrating flexibility and an ability to modify one's behavior.
PBLI2 Locate, critically appraise, and synthesize new information to support evidence-informed and patient-centered clinical decisions.	PBLI3 Use clinical decision support tools to improve the care of patients and populations. PBLI4 Use information technology to search, identify, and apply knowledge-based information to healthcare for patients and populations. PBLI5 Continually identify, analyze, and implement new knowledge, guidelines, practice standards, technologies, products, and services that have been demonstrated to improve outcomes. PBLI6 Analyze practice data using quality measurement tools and adjust clinical performance with the goal of improving patient outcomes and reducing errors.
PBLI3 Engage in scholarly inquiry and disseminate findings using ethical principles.	PBLI2 Participate in the education of peers and other healthcare professionals, students and trainees. PBLI7 Participate in scholarly activity thereby contributing to the creation, dissemination, application, and translation of new healthcare knowledge and practices.
ICS1 Communicate effectively with patients and families.	ICS1 Communicate effectively with patients, families and the public, as appropriate, across a broad range of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. ICS2 Counsel, educate and empower patients and their families to participate in their care and improve their health; enable shared decision-making; and engage patients through personal health records and patient health information access systems.

	ICS3 Demonstrate insight and understanding about pain, emotions and human responses to disease states that allow one to develop rapport and manage interpersonal interactions. ICS8 Act in a consultative role, including participation in the provision of clinical care remotely via telemedicine or other technology.
ICS2 Communicate effectively with physicians and physicians-in-training.	ICS6 Effectively communicate with colleagues, other health professionals, and health related agencies in a responsive and responsible manner that supports the maintenance of health and the treatment of disease in individual patients and populations.
ICS3 Collaborate effectively with non-physician health professionals as a part of the healthcare team to coordinate patient care.	SBPIC4 Effectively work with other healthcare professionals to establish and maintain a climate of mutual respect, dignity, diversity, integrity, honesty, and trust. SBPIC5 Effectively work with other healthcare professionals as a member of an interprofessional team to provide patient care and population health management approaches that are coordinated, safe, timely, efficient, effective, and equitable.
ICS4 Communicate a patient handover to transition responsibility of care.	ICS7 Effectively communicate patient handoffs during transitions of care between providers or settings and maintain continuity through follow-up on patient progress and outcomes.
ICS5 Access, review, and contribute to the electronic health record and other technologies.	ICS4 Use health information exchanges (e.g., Care Everywhere within the EPIC electronic health record) to identify and access patient information across clinical settings. ICS5 Effectively access, review, and contribute to the electronic health record for patient care and other clinical activities. PPPD2 Demonstrate respect for protected health information and safeguard patient privacy, security, and autonomy.

	PPPD5 Adhere to professional standards when using information technology tools and electronic/social media.
PPPD1 Identify and address the negative effects of structural and social determinants of health for patients with diverse needs.	PPPD1 Demonstrate responsiveness to a diverse patient population, including but not limited to diversity in gender, age, culture, race, religion, disability, socioeconomic status, and sexual orientation. PPPD3 Demonstrate a commitment to ethical principles pertaining to provision, withdrawal of life-saving care, confidentiality, informed consent, and business practices, including conflicts of interest, compliance with relevant laws, policies, and regulations. PPPD4 Demonstrate sensitivity, honesty, and compassion in difficult conversations about issues such as death, end-of-life issues, adverse events, bad news, disclosure of errors, and other sensitive topics.
PPPD2 Demonstrate behaviors that are reflective of professional values of truthfulness, timeliness, accountability, and follow-through.	PPPD6 Demonstrate responsiveness to patient needs that supersedes self-interest by mitigating conflict between personal and professional responsibilities. PPPD8 Demonstrate integrity, establish oneself as a role model, and recognize and respond appropriately to unprofessional behavior or distress in professional colleagues. PPPD9 Demonstrate accountability by completing academic and patient care responsibilities in a comprehensive and timely manner. PPPD10 Demonstrate trustworthiness that engenders trust in colleagues, patients, and society at large. SPBI3 Demonstrate accountability to patients, society and the profession by fully engaging in patient care activities and maintaining a sense of duty in the professional role of a physician.

MD Program Graduation Requirements

The below listed *YourMD* graduation requirements have been approved by the SoM UME Curriculum Committee, the SoM Faculty Council, the Dean of the SoM, and the University Provost. All changes to graduation requirements made on an ongoing basis comply with the SOM and the University curricular governance policies and procedures and are explicitly noted below where applicable. Students must post passing grades and scores to fulfill the graduation requirements listed below.

Required Curricular Components

Phase	Blocks/Clinical Experiences	Weeks	Credits
FoM	Transition to Medical School	1	2
	Fundamentals Block	10	18
	Blood & Host Defense Block	7	13
	Skin, Bones & Musculature Block	7	13
	Cardiopulmonary & Renal Block	13	27
	Hormones & Digestion Block	9	18
	Nervous System & Function Block	10	22
	Developing Human Block	8	12
	Preceptorship 1 (*this course runs concurrently with the FoM blocks so weeks are not included in the sub-total below)	12*	1
	Preceptorship 2 (*this course runs concurrently with the FoM blocks so weeks are not included in the sub-total below)	12*	1
	Preceptorship 3 (*this course runs concurrently with the FoM blocks so weeks are not included in the sub-total below)	11*	1
	Preceptorship 4 (*this course runs concurrently with the FoM blocks so weeks are not included in the sub-total below)	18*	1.5
	Scholarly Project – Developing Your Proposal (*this course runs concurrently with the FoM blocks so weeks are not included in the sub-total below) <i>^Starting with the entering class of 2023, 1 credit will be accrued over 3 terms: Spring - 0.5 credit; summer - 0.25 credit; fall - 0.25 credit</i>	1*	1^
	Interprofessional Education – Foundations of Patient Safety and Interprofessional Practice (*this course runs concurrently with the FoM blocks so weeks are not included in the sub-total below)	1*	1
	Preparation for Step 1 Independent Study	5	5
	Sub-Totals	70 Weeks	136.5 Credits
Clin Ex	Transition to Clinical Experiences	2	2
	Family Medicine Core Clinical Experience	4	6
	Internal Medicine Core Clinical Experience	4	6
	Neurology Core Clinical Experience	4	6
	Obstetrics and Gynecology Core Clinical Experience	4	6
	Pediatrics Core Clinical Experience	4	6
	Psychiatry Core Clinical Experience	4	6
	Surgery Core Clinical Experience	4	6

	Core Interessions – Students must complete any two: • Cancer • Cognitive Impairment • Infection • Pain • Others as listed in the Course Catalog • Students who matriculated before August 2020 are required to take cancer, cognitive impairment, infection, and pain interessions.	4	4
	Interession – Assessment/Testing (i.e., take 1 test=1 credit). All 7 core NBME Self-Assessment exams must be taken no later than week 2 of the Summer 2 block (i.e., 6 weeks after the start of Summer A term), or no later than 11 months prior to graduation, for adequate time for preparation of the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE.) Students may enroll in other courses and an Assessment/Testing Interession concurrently.	Varies	7
	Clinical Performance Examination (CPX)	1	1
	Transition to Residency	3	1
	Scholarly Project – Investigative/Inquiry/Project work (SCHI 702) Notes: Beginning Fall Term, 2018, the minimum number of <u>credits</u> to complete the Scholarly Project work is 6 (where 1 credit = 36 hours of workload). Students may enroll and will receive academic credit beyond the 6 required credits for their projects to be completed as necessary, with mentor approval, and these will count as non-clinical elective credit. Students may NOT concurrently enroll in SCHI 702 if all 12 weeks in the term are filled with Core Clinical Experiences, a Transition Course, or rotations that are 3 or more credits/2 weeks. Students MAY enroll in Scholarly Project work SCHI 702 concurrently with any other course that is not listed above up to a total of 6 credits per block. Students needing to enroll in scholarly project work post-Capstone, will require Scholarly Project Faculty Concentration Lead's approval. SCHI 702 must be completed by the end of fall term <u>prior</u> to enrollment in the SCHI 703 Scholarly Project Capstone course where the completed project will be presented by the student.	Varies (4 min)	6 (min)
	Scholarly Project – Capstone Presentation	1	1
	(Minimum) Sub-Totals	51 Weeks^{^^}	68 Credits^{^^}

		^^Med24 and later = 47	^^Med24 and later = 64
	Electives Required for Graduation	Weeks	Credits
All Years	Requirements: Minimum of 30 elective credits must be taken and passed^^. ^^Students who matriculated in August 2020 and later are required to take and pass a minimum of 34 elective credits. A maximum of 4 credits of <u>non-clinical electives</u> taken during the Foundations of Medicine curriculum may be used to meet graduation requirements for electives. A minimum of 18 credits must be <u>clinical experience electives</u>^^. These may include clinical experiences taken at OHSU or one of the OHSU regional sites, a domestic “away” rotation, or an international clinical experience. ^^Students who matriculated in August 2020 and later are required to take and pass a minimum of 22 credits as clinical experience electives. Remaining credits in this category may be fulfilled with either clinical or non-clinical electives, and/or scholarly project work of the student’s choice during the Clinical Experience curriculum.	Varies, 24 min ^^Med24 and later = 28 min	30^^ ^^Med24 and later = 34
	Sub-Totals:	24 min Weeks ^^Med24 and later = 28 min Weeks	30 Credits ^^Med24 and later = 34
	Total Minimum Required for Graduation:	145 weeks	234.5 credits

Other Graduation Requirements (curricular components)

Phase	Additional Clinical Experience Requirements	Weeks
Clin Exp	Rural Clinical Experience Requirements: Can be fulfilled with either a core or elective clinical experience depending on the clinical experience offered. Minimum of 4 full-time weeks in duration (or equivalent effort over a longer duration if experience is not full-time) must be taken and passed. Clinical experience is located in a rural Oregon community with a population of fewer than 40,000 people, as defined by the State of Oregon Office of Rural Health: <i>“a geographic area in Oregon located 10 or more miles from the centroid of a population center of 40,000 people or more.”</i> Clinical experience can be offered in any clinical discipline or be focused on community-based aspects of the physician’s role in a rural community, such as health policy/advocacy, structural competency, and reducing health disparities.	Most are 4 weeks, but others may be longer and/or not full-time

	Continuity Clinical Experience Requirements: Can be fulfilled with either a core or elective clinical experience depending on the clinical experience offered. Minimum of 8 full-time weeks in duration (or equivalent effort over a longer duration if experience is not full-time) must be taken and passed. The only exception to the 8 full-time week duration is if a student takes a 7 full-time week continuity clinical experience during winter term. A continuity clinical experience must be taken within a single term. Can be offered in any clinical discipline and can include more than one discipline. Experience must allow students to maintain continuity in <u>at least</u> 2 of the following 3 ways: ○ Continuity with the same patient population (e.g., similar patients with a specific condition at a different time point in treatment, such as a patient with a newly diagnosed malignancy, another patient who has undergone surgery for the same kind of malignancy, and yet another patient who is undergoing chemotherapy for the same malignancy.) ○ Continuity with the same health system ○ Continuity with the same preceptor(s) Students may request to fulfill the continuity clinical experience requirement with a domestic “away” rotation, and the request must be approved by the Associate Dean for UME. Once the approval is obtained, students must go through all approval steps listed under domestic away section of the Office of UME site, Student Information, Clinical Curriculum Phase Information. Students may also request to fulfill the continuity clinical experience requirement with a special continuity elective listed in the course catalog. For these special continuity electives, students must fill out a form, attain approvals from the course director and coordinator before submitting it to Assistant Dean, UME Curriculum. Students may submit a written request to fulfill the continuity clinical experience requirement through two back-to-back clinical elective rotations that meet two of the three continuity criteria outlined above but are not listed in the Elective Course Catalog as Continuity Experiences. If scheduling constraints prevent the rotations from occurring back-to-back within the same academic term, they may occur in consecutive rotation blocks separated by a university break, provided no clinical activity takes place during the break period. Requests must be submitted to the ADUME, who will consider these requests on case-by-case basis.	At least 8 weeks
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Other Graduation Requirements (non-curricular components)

National Licensing Examination	Notes
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USMLE Step 1 (see also <i>USMLE Requirements elsewhere in this Handbook for additional information</i>)	All students must successfully complete the Foundations of Medicine phase of the curriculum before taking Step 1. All students must post a Pass on USMLE Step 1 before progressing in the Clinical Experiences phase of the curriculum. Following completion of the Foundations of Medicine phase, students in the MD-MPH and MD/PhD dual degree programs, the Physician-Scientist and Pathology Student Experiences, and any student pursuing another degree at OHSU must post a Pass on USMLE Step 1 before transitioning to these next opportunities. All students must post a passing score within 1 year of completing Foundations of Medicine. Any student may submit a “Request for Additional Study Time” form (located on the Office of UME site → Student Information → NBME/USMLE Exam Info) in the event of documented illness or injury, or evidence that the student is at risk for failing USMLE Step 1.
USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK) (see also <i>USMLE Requirements elsewhere in this Handbook for additional information</i>)	All students expected to graduate on or before June of the academic year must pass USMLE Step 2 CK by December 31. Students may submit a “Request for Additional Study Time” form (located on the Office of UME site → Student Information → NBME/USMLE Info) in the event the student is unable to meet the deadline above, or if the student is at risk for failing USMLE Step 2 CK. Students who fail will need to post a passing score prior to graduating.

All Years	Competency Attainment and Tracking Progress All students in the UME program demonstrate the core set of graduation competencies (i.e., medical education program objectives) and earn their M.D. degree by successfully completing specified credit-based coursework and other program requirements (e.g., USMLE Step examinations, professionalism expectations) as outlined in this Handbook. One of the key outcomes of the <i>YourMD</i> curriculum is to move from a traditional course- and credit-based curriculum to a true competency-based curriculum with time-variable progression. To that end, the program has outlined the following information to help students understand their degree requirements while these innovations are implemented. Students who have matriculated prior to summer 2025 are encouraged, but not required, to attain the pre-defined minimum numbers of level 3 milestones for the 17 OHSU SoM UME competencies prior to graduation. These students will continue to have their progress of competency attainment tracked and displayed in their REDEI portfolios and will earn their degrees by successfully completing all required coursework and other graduation requirements listed in this Medical Student Handbook.
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	Students who have matriculated in summer 2025 and beyond are required to attain the pre-defined minimum number of level 3 milestones, as judged by a Qualified Assessor, in all 17 UME competencies before graduating, in addition to meeting all other graduation requirements listed in this Medical Student Handbook. These students will have their progress of competency attainment tracked and displayed in their REDEI portfolios. All students earn milestones as judged by multiple Qualified Assessors in a variety of settings to support their competency attainment in the M.D. program. “Qualified Assessor” is defined as an educational leader overseeing student performance in a course.
All years	Core Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) for Entering Residency Requirements for the OHSU M.D. Degree Evidence of entrustment for the Core EPAs for Entering Residency will be periodically reviewed by the UME Entrustment Group. Entrustment for the EPAs are assessed, in part, by supervisors directly observing learners in authentic workplace-based clinical settings as below, as well as holistically evaluated by the UME Entrustment Group using a variety of data sources. See below for class-specific details and requirements: All students who matriculated in 2017 and later (i.e., Med21 and later) must have obtained a minimum of the specified number of Workplace-Based Assessments (WBAs) in authentic clinical environments as indicated below to be awarded the M.D. degree. <u>At least two WBAs must be completed in each of the EPAs.</u> The WBAs can be obtained in <u>any</u> rotation or authentic clinical environment, and the requirement will be met regardless of the level of supervision obtained, as below: Matriculated in 2017 (Med21)*: 50 WBAs – completed by any supervisor Matriculated in 2018 (Med22)*: 75 WBAs – must have >50% (i.e., at least 51) completed by attending physicians Matriculated in 2019 and later (Med23 and later)*: 100 WBAs – must have >50% (i.e., at least 51) completed by attending physicians *Student requirement above is based on <u>matriculating class year</u>. The UME Entrustment Group (EG) will periodically review the evidence of entrustment for specific EPAs in the cumulative student performance record including, but not limited to, competency attainment and WBAs for all EPAs during the student’s education. Following these reviews, the student will be awarded an EPA badge by the UME EG once the overall evidence supports programmatic entrustment for that EPA, and students will be notified that the EPA badges awarded after the review have been released and are now displayed in their REDEI portfolios. Once the badges have been released after a UME EG review, the results stand as final and there is no “re-review” in between review cycles. A student’s progress for earning entrustment typically will be reviewed three separate times (~January

	of the M3 year, in late spring of the M3 year, at the end of the M4 year). Students will be notified in advance of the review dates. Information for students who matriculated in summer 2016 and earlier: While obtaining WBAs for EPAs is strongly encouraged for all students in the UME program, these students are exempt from the WBA and Badge requirements for graduation. For students matriculating in summer 2017 and later (i.e., Med21 and later), the progress toward EPA badging will be represented on the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE, aka “Dean’s Letter”) transmitted as part of residency applications, and also will have an updated MSPE Supplement with progress toward EPA badging sent to their matched residency program post-match. Students who matriculated in 2017 and later are not required to earn a badge for any of the EPAs prior to graduation. See the Medical Student Progress Board section (“<i>Disciplinary Procedures and Actions of the Medical Student Progress Board</i>”) elsewhere in this Handbook for how EPA badging displays in the REDEI portfolio and on a student’s MSPE and/or MSPE Supplement is impacted when a student is on Academic Probation for trustworthiness concerns. UPDATED beginning with the 2025-26 academic year: The UME Entrustment Group, in collaboration with the UME Curriculum Committee and its UME Competencies Review and Modification Workgroup, finalized updated wording for the EPAs to improve clarity for students and clinical supervisor assessors. Any previously completed WBAs for all EPAs displayed in REDEI will continue to count for purposes of meeting the WBA graduation requirements.
	EPA 1a – Obtain a hypothesis-driven history
	EPA 1b – Perform a tailored physical examination
	EPA 2 – Generate a prioritized differential diagnosis for a clinical encounter
	EPA 3 – Interpret diagnostic or screening tests for a clinical encounter
	EPA 4 – Enter orders including prescriptions for a clinical encounter
	EPA 5 – Document a clinical encounter in the patient record
	EPA 6 – Provide an oral presentation of a clinical encounter
	EPA 7 – Use literature to make a patient care recommendation
	EPA 8 – Communicate a patient handover to transition responsibility of care
	EPA 9 – Advance patient care through interprofessional collaboration
	EPA 10 – Recognize a patient requiring urgent assessment and escalate care
	EPA 11 – Lead shared decision-making discussions for patient care

Definitions

Clinical Experience Elective	Definition: A clinical experience where the student has direct patient-care responsibilities in an authentic clinical environment. A clinical experience elective may also include non-patient care activities -teaching conferences and other activities designed to augment the student’s experience during the elective. A clinical experience that includes students participating in delivery of authentic patient care over a distance (e.g., telemedicine) is included.
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	A clinical experience elective can be taken by a student who has progressed to the clinical experiences curriculum. The clinical experience elective may or may not have specified pre-requisites for students. All SoM clinical experience electives must offer the student the opportunity to learn and be assessed on a minimum of <u>four</u> UME competencies. All SoM clinical experience electives in the UME course catalog are approved for students to take. A clinical experience elective offered in a clinical environment in international settings can be taken by medical students for academic credit but students must request and be granted approval (see “International Experiences” section)
Sub-Internship (Acting Intern) Clinical Experience Elective	Definition: Intensive, full-time, advanced clinical experience offered by the OHSU School of Medicine where the student functions with supervision as similar as possible to that of an intern. As this is an advanced clinical experience elective, the sub-internship will have one or more course prerequisites that students must successfully complete prior to enrolling. For a clinical experience to qualify as a sub-internship, the following criteria must be met: Clinical Activities: The student is expected to have direct, hands-on patient care responsibilities evaluating patients, developing and implementing patient management plans, communicating with consultative team members, writing and entering orders as well as all types of patient care documentation (H+Ps, progress notes, discharge and/or after visit summaries) <u>similar to what an intern would be expected to do in the same clinical environment.</u> Schedule: Student’s work hours and on-call responsibilities will be like an intern. Non-Clinical Activities: The student is expected to attend and participate in all intern teaching and/or departmental conferences offered, analogous to what an intern would do. Required Associated Competencies: The sub-internship must provide students the opportunity to learn and be assessed by Attending(s) (and residents where applicable) on the following UME competencies: 1) PCP 2- Construct prioritized differential diagnosis based on interpretation of available clinical data. 2) PCP 3- Develop and implement a personalized management plan for the patient. 3) ICS 1- Communicate effectively with patients and families. 4) ICS 3- Collaborate effectively with non-physician health professionals as a part of the healthcare team to coordinate patient care.
Non-Clinical Elective <i>(see below for research elective definitions)</i>	Definition: A non-clinical elective may be classroom-based, seminar-style, web-based/technologically-mediated, or another type of elective without direct patient-care responsibilities in an authentic clinical environment. A non-clinical elective can be taken by a student in any phase of the <i>YourMD</i> curriculum. Non-clinical elective may or may not have specified prerequisites. All SoM non-clinical electives must offer the student the opportunity to learn and be assessed on a minimum of <u>four</u> UME competencies. All SoM non-clinical electives in the UME course catalog are approved for students to take.

	A non-clinical elective offered in an international setting can be taken by medical students for academic credit but students must request and be granted approval for this (see “International Experiences” section).
Research Elective <i>(this is a specific sub-type of a non-clinical elective, and has “research” and the department in the course name.)</i>	Definition: An elective where the student pursues a specific research question, task, or contributes to a project as outlined in the elective course objectives. A research elective is distinct from credit obtained for the required scholarly project. Typically, a research elective has a smaller scope, shorter timeframe, and does not require a proposal, deliverable or “product” and dissemination of knowledge gained with the capstone course. A research elective can be taken by a student in any phase of the <i>YourMD</i> curriculum. A research elective does not have prerequisites for students unless specified in the course catalog. All School of Medicine research electives must offer the student the opportunity to learn and be assessed on a minimum of <u>four</u> UME competencies
Special Elective	Definition: An elective created by the student in conjunction with a sponsoring faculty member that offers the student a unique opportunity to learn and be assessed regarding a specially designed curriculum at OHSU or the VA Portland. Special electives must include assessment of the student on a minimum of <u>four</u> UME competencies specific to the special elective.

Other Details Regarding Credits, Scheduling, Grading and Dual-Degree Modifications

Credit allocation and expected student hours of work per week for clinical experiences and electives	Definition: the number of credits allocated and expected student hours of work per week is defined by the University, varies depending upon the type of clinical experience or elective, and is specified below. <u>Clinical experiences (required and elective):</u> ○ 48 hours of work per week = 1 credit per week ○ 72 hours of work per week = 1.5 credits per week <u>Research and non-clinical electives:</u> ○ 36 hours of work per week = 1 credit per week ○ Credits and hours may be calculated proportionately over a modified time period as long as an equivalent amount of work exists over that period (e.g., 1 credit over a 12-week term with 12 one-hour classes and 2 hours of homework each week)
Minimum Credit and Enrollment Benefits	<u>Full tuition charged:</u> 1 credit/term <u>Eligible for any federal financial aid for tuition expenses:</u> 5 credits/term <u>Eligible for federal financial aid for cost of attendance</u> (i.e., living expenses) the following federal rules apply: ○ To receive 3 months of living expenses, student must be enrolled in coursework for at least 10 weeks per term; ○ To receive 2 months of living expenses, student must be enrolled in coursework from 6 – 9 weeks per term; ○ To receive 1 month of living expenses, student must be enrolled in coursework from 2-5 weeks per term. <u>Eligible for student health insurance:</u> 1 credit/term <u>Full-time status:</u> 9 credits/term (<i>Note: some scholarships require students to maintain full-time status</i>)

	Full federal aid: In addition to the above, 36 credits/year or 9 credits/term. Less than 9 credits in a term may reduce the percentage of aid received pursuant to H.R. 1. See FAQ NOTE: Federal regulations prohibit disbursing federal financial aid more than 10 days before the start of a student's period of enrollment in a term.
Repeating a Clinical Experience	A student who has taken a clinical experience and successfully passed it, but who wishes to repeat it to <u>gain additional experience</u> in that clinical environment may do so once without penalty. In this circumstance, per the OHSU University-Wide Grading Policy (#02-70-020) the original clinical experience and grade will continue to be listed on the academic transcript. However, the original clinical experience will be excluded from the number of credits attempted, the number of credits earned and the GPA calculation, and only the repeated clinical experience will have these included. A student who has taken a <u>required</u> clinical experience but did not successfully pass it initially, will be required to successfully remediate or repeat the required clinical experience before being awarded the M.D. degree, and the specific requirements for a student in this situation will be outlined in an official student letter sent to the student following Medical Student Progress Board review. See the OHSU University-Wide Grading Policy for further information about how these credits are calculated. A student who has taken an <u>elective</u> but did not successfully pass it initially, will be allowed to, but not required to remediate this elective as long as the student is able to fulfill all graduation requirements with other curricular elements.
Adding/Dropping Clinical Experiences	Please refer to the <i>Clinical Experience Phase Scheduling</i> section elsewhere in this Handbook for details
"Away" Rotations (also known as "Domestic Away" Rotations)	Away rotations are defined as: clinical experiences taken by OHSU students typically at institutions <u>outside</u> of Oregon, not listed in the <i>YourMD</i> Course Catalog, or any clinical experiences taken by OHSU students that require an Off Campus Authorization prior to approval. All rotations that require the student to use the Visiting Student Application Service (VSLO) apply. Away rotations are elective. Students will earn 1 credit per week. Students may not fulfill any of the 7 required core clinical experiences with away rotations. Students may fulfill a maximum of three elective clinical/non-clinical/research experiences required for graduation with away rotations. Students may take away rotations only during academic terms aligned with the OHSU university academic calendar. Students will not receive academic credit nor be approved to take away rotations that occur during a university fall, winter, spring, or summer break, unless they seek and gain approval for this from the OHSU Vice-Provost. Away rotations do not have OHSU UME competencies linked to them, and therefore students will not attain required competencies through these experiences.

International Rotations and Electives (see approval step instructions elsewhere in this Handbook.)	International rotations for academic credit must be approved and elective. Students must have progressed to the clinical experience curriculum before requesting international elective approval. Students requesting approval for an international clinical experience typically will have completed all 7 required core clinical experiences before the rotation. Students wishing to take a clinical or non-clinical elective in an international setting, who have not yet completed their 7 core clinical experiences, require approval from their OASIS Academic Advisor and the ADUME. Approved international rotations and electives can only be taken during academic terms aligned with the OHSU university academic calendar. Students will not receive academic credit nor be approved to take international rotations or electives that occur during a university fall, winter, spring, or summer break. International rotations do not have OHSU UME competencies linked to them, unless they are listed in the SoM MD Program Course Catalog. Students who do not request academic credit for international rotations or electives may schedule these as desired during vacation/flexible time and do not require approval from the School of Medicine or the University. However, malpractice insurance is only provided for enrolled coursework.
MD Program Grading System	The following grading system is used by the UME program, and these grades appear on the student's official university transcript: Pass-<u>No Pass</u> for all courses in the entire <i>YourMD</i> curriculum. • For grading specific to modular courses during the clinical experience curriculum phase, see Clinical Experience Phase Grading System for Modular Courses section elsewhere in this Handbook. • For grading specific to SCHI 702, see Scholarly Project Work (SCHI 702) Documentation and Grading System section elsewhere in this Handbook. • For grading specific to INTS 770A-G, see the Testing Intersessions section elsewhere in this Handbook
What Appears on the Student Transcript	See the OHSU University Grading Policy (Policy # 02-70-020) for more information about how grades appear on the student's university transcript.
Dual Degree Program Students with Modified Graduation Requirements	MD-MPH students May use their MPH field experience and project to meet graduation requirement for the Scholarly Project Developing Your Proposal course and the Scholarly Project work. MD-MPH students are required to take and participate in the Scholarly Project capstone course where they will share and present their new knowledge attained during their MPH. MD/PhD students MD/PhD students are not required to complete the first two portions of the scholarly project (i.e., Developing your Scholarly Project Proposal; and Scholarly Project work) but are required to take and participate in the Scholarly Project capstone course where they will share and present their new knowledge attained during their PhD. Once the Foundations of Medicine curriculum, USMLE Step 1, and the Transition to Clinical Experience course are completed, the student typically enrolls in a

	MD research elective to complete the term, and then starts their graduate studies at the beginning of the next full term. Following their PhD studies, MD/PhD students are not required to take the Transition to Clinical Experience course prior to re-entering the clinical experience curriculum. However, students can request to take it again prior to re-entering the clinical experience phase of the curriculum. The request will be considered by the Assistant Dean, UME Curriculum based on reasoning provided and space availability. Are not required to take a rural clinical experience. Are required to take a Clinical and Translational Research clinical experience elective with a minimum of 8 weeks in duration and allows the student to learn and be assessed on a minimum of <u>four</u> UME competencies. This will fulfill the requirement for a continuity clinical experience for MD/PhD students. Oral Maxillofacial Surgery students (OMS) <u>Foundations of Medicine Phase</u> Are required to successfully take and pass the Transition to Medical School course. Are required to pass the Fundamentals block in Foundations of Medicine. Are not required to take any of the 4 preceptorships. Are not required to take the Foundations of Patient Safety and Interprofessional Practice (1 credit) course. Once the student provides evidence of successfully passing USMLE Step 1, they are given the opportunity to take a high-stakes, multiple-station Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) using standardized patients. If they pass this OSCE, they are allowed to progress to the clinical experiences curriculum without having to take and pass any additional Foundations of Medicine blocks since they have already demonstrated their attainment of foundational competencies. OMS students will continue in the Foundations of Medicine blocks until the student provides evidence of a passing USMLE Step 1 score. Once a block is started, it must be successfully completed. <u>Clinical Experience Phase</u> Are not required to take a rural clinical experience, the Surgery core 730 clinical experience, or the NBME Surgery Clinical Subject or Self-Assessment exam during a testing intersession Are required to pass at least one surgery clinical experience elective Are required to pass a continuity clinical experience Are required to pass 6 core clinical experiences and their corresponding NBME Clinical Subject/Self-Assessment exams during a testing intersession (Fam Med, Int Med, Neuro, OB/Gyn, Peds, Psych) Are required to pass the clinical performance exam (CPX) Are required to pass any two of the approved core intersessions (Cancer, Cognitive Impairment, Infection, Pain, Dissection of Coronavirus, Disability) Are required to pass four credits of clinical experience electives Are not required to take the Transition to Residency Course Are not required to complete any portion of the Scholarly Project
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	Are required to obtain a minimum of 100 Workplace-Based Assessments (WBAs) in authentic clinical environments, and at least 51 WBAs must be from attending physician supervisors. OMS students must also obtain at least 2 WBAs in each of the EPAs. The WBAs can be obtained in any rotation. For further information, please see the EPA section elsewhere in the Handbook.
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OHSU University-Wide Grading Policy

See the Office of the Provost's Committee on Academic Policy's [OHSU University-Wide Grading Policy #02-70-020](#) for information about grades appearing on official university transcripts and other details related to coursework and grading applicable to all students at OHSU. See above "MD program grading system" for details about the grading system used in specific courses in the MD program.

Grade Disputes

The ADUME will receive student complaints of alleged unfair grading or evaluation that have not been successfully adjudicated by a block, course or clinical experience director. A student who wishes to dispute a final grade is required to submit in writing a description with the name of the course, grade received, process/discussion the student has had with the course director, and reason(s) for the dispute to the ADUME. This information must be received no later than one year (365 days) from the time the original grade was given. The ADUME will review this, along with all pertinent information related to the dispute and any aspects of the student's cumulative academic record deemed appropriate. The ADUME will typically notify the student in writing of the decision within 30 days following the receipt of the submitted grade dispute, although some disputes may take longer depending upon circumstances and complexity of the dispute. The ADUME decision is final.

Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)

General Information

The OHSU SoM participates in the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) as part of the National Residency Match Program (NRMP), as well as other non-NRMP matching systems (e.g., ResidencyCAS for OB/Gyn and Emergency Medicine programs, SF Match for ophthalmology programs, AUA for urology programs, and the military match). The purpose of the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE), (also called the Dean's Letter), is to serve as an evaluation of medical school performance for a future residency program director and is not a letter of recommendation. The MSPE is uploaded into the ERAS system per ERAS protocols in conjunction with a student's application to support their ability to secure a match in the NRMP (or similar). The content of the MSPE is compiled using information from multiple sources and must accurately reflect both successes and areas for growth. This includes information on student course performance evaluations, as well as portions that are authored by the student (e.g., "Noteworthy Characteristics" and "Scholarly Project Synopsis"). All MSPEs also include an **assessment of student professionalism**. The MSPE contains a **curriculum overview statement** and comparisons of

class performance where applicable. The MSPE is prepared with consideration given to the AAMC guidelines. The preparation process of the MSPE is coordinated by the UME Assessment Program Manager, and all letters are signed by the Assistant Deans for Student Affairs and the ADUME.

The **Noteworthy Characteristics** paragraph consists of 3 bulleted items that students submit for inclusion in their MSPE detailing student awards received or activities performed such as:

- Holding elected leadership positions
- Committee memberships
- Activities which were sponsored by the medical school (e.g., Free Clinics, Interest Group projects, Alumni functions, etc)

The MSPE also includes academic or recurrent behavioral difficulties and leaves of absences. **Beginning with students who matriculated with the entering class of 2018 (i.e., Med22), all Academic Probation status', duration(s), and reason(s) will be listed on the MSPE in the Academic History section.**

Enrollment Deadlines for the Courses to Be Included on the MSPE

Core Clinical Experiences

Students are expected to take all seven core clinical experiences **no later than the Spring 3 block** of the third (i.e., MS3) year and these will be displayed in the MSPE.

Core Intersessions

Students matriculating in August 2019 (i.e., Med23) and before must also complete the four required core intersessions prior to Summer 1 block of the graduating year. Students matriculating in August of 2020 (i.e., Med24) and later must complete the two intersessions of their choice **prior to the summer 1 block** of their graduating academic year.

Electives

Electives taken by the Summer 1 block of the graduating year will be displayed in the MSPE. Away rotations **will not be included** in the MSPE.

Testing Intersessions (INTS 770 A-G)

Students are expected to take all seven testing intersessions **no later than week 6 of Summer term of the graduating year**, and these will be displayed in the MSPE. Any no pass will also be listed.

Display of EPA Progress on MSPE and MSPE Supplement

The Office of UME displays a progress table of earned EPA badges at the time of MSPE release. Following the "Match", the student's EPA badge attainment is updated and a MSPE supplement report is

forwarded to the residency program in which the student matched. Examples of MSPE and MSPE Supplement are available by request to the Manager of UME assessments or the ADUME.

For students in the Med22 graduating cohorts and later, the MD program will display the student's progress toward badging in the EPAs on their MSPE and MSPE supplement.

Quartile Designation

Because all courses in the UME program are graded Pass/No Pass, there are no quartiles.

Challenges to MSPE Content

Qualified Assessors (such as Course Directors), the UME Assessment Program Manager, an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, and the ADUME may edit the MSPE. During the Summer term prior to residency application submission, the compiled draft MSPE will be forwarded to the student by the UME Assessment Program Manager for review and identification of any errors.

Any student can challenge the content of the MSPE prior to the Office of UME uploading the final document into the residency application system. These challenges can occur as follows:

- The narrative comments associated with all courses and clinical experiences listed on a student's MSPE are finalized by the Qualified Assessor (i.e., course/clinical experience director) on a rolling basis within six weeks of course completion. Students have full, real-time access to these MSPE comments through MedHub Final Grade and Competency Evaluations and their electronic REDEI portfolio system. **Students can challenge the MSPE comments that are felt to be unfair or misrepresentative within eight weeks following the posting of these comments in their REDEI portfolios. The student should do so directly with the Qualified Assessor who compiled the MSPE comments for the course.** This timeline will help optimize successful resolution and avoid long gaps and fading memories about the student's performance in a course the longer a student waits to voice their challenge. The Qualified Assessor has full authority to edit the narrative comments associated with their course on a student's MSPE. Any changes to MSPE comments following this procedure are communicated by the Qualified Assessor to the UME Assessment Program Manager and are updated in a timely manner in the student's REDEI portfolio.
- **Students can challenge MSPE content felt to be factually incorrect** after reviewing the compiled draft MSPE sent to them prior to ERAS upload. Factual errors are corrected by the UME Assessment Program Manager immediately (e.g., name changes) and do not need further approval by a Qualified Assessor, Assistant or Associate Dean.
- **Students who have ongoing concerns about the content of their MSPE not resolved with the two methods above, are encouraged to notify an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs to discuss their concerns.** The Assistant Dean for Student Affairs has full authority to edit a student's MSPE when necessary to ensure the MSPE is a fair and accurate representation of the student's medical school performance.
- **If a student still feels their MSPE contains an inaccurate representation of their medical school performance after following the above protocol, the student is encouraged to notify the ADUME**

to discuss their concerns. The ADUME has full authority to edit a student's MSPE when necessary to ensure the MSPE is a fair and accurate representation of the student's medical school performance, and is the final arbitrator and judge for student MSPE challenge(s).

MSPE Addendum

Students who do not successfully match into a residency in their final year of medical school and wish to enter a Matching Program in a subsequent year, will have a one-time addendum added to their original MSPE to include all coursework taken through the time the second MSPE is sent to residency programs. There will be a short statement at the beginning of the addendum outlining the reasons for the addendum. Once the MSPE has been finalized and sent to residency programs, typically in September of each year, no further changes or additions will be made.

USMLE Requirements

All medical students are required to take and record a passing score for the USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK) as outlined in detail below. Students are also encouraged to be cognizant of the USMLE score report timeline. The USMLE program provided [this update](#) in March 2024, indicating: *"Most exam scores will continue to be reported within four weeks after an examinee completes their test. However, in rare cases, various factors may delay score reporting. When selecting your test date and inquiring about results, you should allow **at least eight weeks** to receive notification that your score report is available."*

USMLE Step 1:

All students must successfully complete the Foundations of Medicine curriculum or equivalent before taking USMLE Step 1. Students must take USMLE Step 1 and Transition to Clinical Experiences (TTCE), a course offered only once per year in February, **before progressing to the Clinical Experience phase** of the curriculum. **See below for different scenarios and requirements related to USMLE Step 1:**

- Students who have taken USMLE Step 1 *before* TTCE but are awaiting their score can progress to the Clinical Experience phase pending results. **A student who has started a clinical course following TTCE but then receives a No Pass on their USMLE Step 1**, will meet with an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs for support and to discuss options. Students can finish or withdraw from the current course, depending on the timing of the USMLE Step 1 No Pass notification, OHSU registrar policy, and student wishes. Students in this situation are not allowed to take any *future* clinical coursework, or progress to any other OHSU curricular opportunities (e.g., MD-PhD or MD/MPH graduate coursework, Physician-Scientist and Pathology Experiences, other OHSU graduate degree) until they post a Pass on USMLE Step 1. See additional section below *"Any student who does not pass Step 1"*.
- Students who have been **approved for additional time to study for USMLE Step 1** will take TTCE their cohort. Students in the dual-degree programs and students who pursue any other degree at OHSU, are required to post a Pass on the USMLE Step 1 before being eligible to enter their graduate studies portion of their program or other experience. Students pursuing the Physician-Scientist and

Pathology Year Experiences are required to post a Pass on the USMLE Step 1 prior to transitioning to these curricular opportunities. Students who have been approved for additional time to study for USMLE Step 1 and who have taken a Leave of Absence (LOA) to support this preparation, must post a Pass on USMLE Step 1 before being allowed to register for MD coursework, and within 1 year.

- A request for additional study time for USMLE Step 1 is only **granted for documented illness, injury, or evidence that a student is at risk for failing** and requires approval. Such delays may affect a student's financial aid or graduating cohort. Students requesting additional time will submit a "Request for Additional Study Time for USMLE" form located on the Office of UME site in the Student Information tab → NBME/USMLE Exam Info Step 1 → USMLE Step 1 Additional Study Time Information. **Students will be required to meet with an OASIS Academic Advisor** to discuss the options and implications before submission. Students granted additional study time will have their upcoming schedule modified or removed, as per the "Additional Study Time flowchart" on the Office of UME site. Students in this situation will meet regularly with one of the OASIS Academic Advisors who will help students create an individualized learning plan for the study period and have regular meetings for ongoing guidance. The Transition to Clinical Experience course (TTCE) is only offered once per year. All students who have successfully completed the Foundations of Medicine phase of the curriculum, regardless of whether they have been approved for additional time to study and prepare for USMLE Step 1, will take TTCE at that time. Students approved for additional time will resume studying for Step 1 following completion of TTCE. Depending on the available capacity in core clinical experiences and intersessions, students approved for additional study time may not be able to complete all seven core clinical experiences, required intersessions, and seven testing intersessions prior to Medical Student Performance Evaluation release. Students whose request for additional study time has been approved may be required or choose to take a Leave of Absence (LOA) until they have posted a Pass on the exam if the additional study time extends beyond the deadlines in the "Additional Study Time Flowchart." Students in this situation will meet with an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs to discuss the LOA and will have additional required support via the OASIS Life & Wellness or OASIS Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Advisors. Students approved for additional study time must also fulfill certain requirements as outlined in the "Taking Additional Time Flowchart." **The maximum additional time allowed to post a passing score on the USMLE Step 1 exam is one academic year including the standard dedicated study time of Winter term.** Meaning, all students approved for additional time to study for USMLE Step 1 must post a passing score before the start of the following Winter term, regardless of the number of attempts (i.e., zero – three) taken, otherwise they will come before the Medical Student Progress Board for consideration of a Dismissal Hearing. Note, it can take up to 8 weeks for a score to post.
- **Anyone who does not pass USMLE Step 1** will be placed on Academic Probation by the Medical Student Progress Board (MSPB) and will meet with one of the OASIS Academic Advisors to discuss strategies for studying, test-taking, and re-taking the Step 1 exam in a timely fashion. The student's OASIS Academic Advisor will provide ongoing guidance and advice and help students create an individualized learning plan for the study period before retaking the examination. All future course enrollment will be dropped. Students will *typically* take an academic Leave of Absence (LOA) for one or more academic terms while they are studying for their re-take of the Step 1 exam, unless the exam was taken before TTCE and they wish to remain enrolled in the spring term (only). During the

term(s) on a LOA, the student is not enrolled in coursework, no tuition is charged, and the student is not eligible for federal financial aid or living expenses. Students may decide to take a USMLE board preparation course but are not required to do so. Students will *typically* re-take the examination within six months of their first attempt. **Students have a maximum of one academic year, including the initial dedicated study period to post a passing score on the USMLE Step 1 exam.** All students must post a passing score before the start of Winter term, regardless of the number of attempts taken, or they will come before the MSPB for consideration of a Dismissal Hearing.

Any student who fails the USMLE Step 1 examination on their third attempt OR has not posted a passing score by the start of Winter term one year after beginning the dedicated study period (regardless of how many attempts they have taken), will come before the MSPB for consideration of a Dismissal Hearing.

- **After posting a Pass on USMLE Step 1**, students must request to re-enroll in writing to the UME Curriculum & Student Affairs office (casa@ohsu.edu), who will assist in building a new schedule. Enrollment in clinical courses may take up to ten weeks from the date your passing score is posted, depending on course availability. Space permitting, you may enroll in non-clinical coursework, while awaiting the start of your clinical courses.

USMLE Step 2:

All students expected to graduate on or before June of the academic year must post a passing USMLE Step 2 CK by December 31. Students are **strongly encouraged to post a score for the USMLE Step 2 CK examination prior to submitting residency applications.** A student who has attempted the USMLE Step 2 CK examination, but then receives notice that they have not passed, will be placed on Academic Probation by the Medical Student Progress Board (MSPB). In addition, the student will meet with one an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs to determine what adjustments can/should be made to the student's clinical curriculum to best achieve a passing score on the Step 2 examination and within line of the course drop policies and procedures. This may include an academic LOA or reduced credit load to accommodate a study period and retake of the failed Step 2 CK examination. Students who have not passed the USMLE Step 2 CK will also meet with an OASIS Academic Advisor for ongoing guidance and advice, and to help students create an individualized learning plan for the study period prior to taking the examination. Students who have failed the Step 2 CK examination must **retake and post a passing score prior to graduation. It is important for students to factor in the possible 8-week timeline for score posting in their planning. Students will not be eligible to graduate if they have not posted a passing score on USMLE 2 CK.** Students who fail to post a passing score after three attempts on the USMLE Step 2 CK, or who have not posted a passing score by their intended graduation term, will come before the Medical Student Progress Board for consideration of a Dismissal Hearing.

Conflict of Interest Lecture Policy

1. Instructors within the SoM are required to disclose any Conflict of Interest regarding the content of their presentations, either in person or within the course syllabus.

2. If a presenter is using PowerPoint lecture slides, one slide clearly stating either a lack of a Conflict of Interest, or a disclosure of a potential Conflict of Interest, will be inserted into the slide set at the beginning of the presentation. If slides or other electronic media are not to be used, the presenter will clearly state similar Conflict of Interest information verbally at the beginning of the presentation.

3. Block/Course and clinical experience/clerkship directors will promulgate this policy with the instructors for their respective courses. Additionally, course managers will distribute a Conflict-of-Interest slide template for presenters to insert into their slide set prior to the date of presentation.

Confidentiality Policy for Duplicating Course Content or Assessment Materials

Every reasonable effort has been made to protect the copyright requirements of materials used in the curriculum. All course content materials provided to OHSU MD students are for the educational use of OHSU MD students only. All course materials provided by faculty through written or electronic format are considered intellectual property of the author and OHSU and are considered private and legally protected. Recording (video and/or audio) by students of class sessions is strictly prohibited. Sessions during classroom activities will be digitally captured on a routine basis with Echo360 and be available on Brightspace/ Sakai following processing for all students enrolled. Copyrighted material will be kept in reserve in the library or made available online for student access. Copyright law allows you to make one personal copy of each article from the original. This also applies to electronic sources.

Duplication or sharing of course materials outside of the OHSU SoM in any form is strictly prohibited. These course materials include, but are not limited to, lecture materials, audio or video presentations, small group, laboratory and syllabi materials, as well as postings on Brightspace/Sakai.

Duplication of quizzes, examinations, or assessments of any kind, including clinical skills assessments or Objective Structured Clinical Examinations, is strictly prohibited. This includes posting any portion via email, social media, online platforms, or large language models (artificial intelligence).

Any breach of this policy will result in disciplinary action.

Printing Resources for OHSU Medical Students

The *YourMD* curriculum is designed to utilize primarily electronic delivery of supplemental instructional materials and therefore printed study guides and syllabi are not provided. However, MD students are provided with limited funds for printing at OHSU GoPrint stations. These are administered at the beginning of the MS1 and MS2 year, typically in August by the Administrative Manager in the Teaching Services Office. Additional funds will not be added by UME beyond what is listed below, but the amount in the student account will remain if the student is enrolled in the MD program. Students can add personal funds if so desired. Questions about how to print from your device or add funds to a student

account can be directed to the OHSU Library. For this academic year, students will receive the following amounts credited to their account: MS1s: \$21.00 & MS2s: \$10.00

Expectations for Electronic Health Record Use at OHSU by Medical Students

To effectively prepare OHSU students for residency training and professional practice in the 21st century, students must be fully integrated in the health care team, and this includes being fully engaged in using the electronic health record (EHR) systems in inpatient and outpatient settings.

Students can do the following EHR tasks with appropriate physician supervision:

- Document the clinical encounter including admit notes (H&P), and progress notes (SOAP)
- Enter information into all components of the patient database, including problem list, allergies, past medical, family, social history (PFSH) and the review of systems (ROS)
- Employ checklists and templates where appropriate
- Create and pend orders, including use of order sets, and decision support
- Access and view ancillary data from the medical record including laboratory and radiology results
- Access and view data of other health professionals including nursing and allied health documentation.
- Locate, review and compile data from prior records and institutions including health information exchange systems (such as Care Everywhere).
- The discharge summary combines Hospital Course and Discharge Orders. A medical student may initiate a Discharge Summary, but (a) the note must remain in pended status until it is completed by either a resident or faculty; and (b) if used for billing, the CMS standard must be followed: *“teaching physician personally must perform (or re-perform) the physical exam and medical decision making activities of the E/M service being billed, but may verify any student documentation of them in the medical record, rather than re-documenting this work.”*

The expectations for residents and/or attending involved in teaching medical students:

- Supervising physician (whether this is an intern, resident or attending) is expected to review the student notes and orders and provide the student with feedback (if developed, faculty and supervising residents could use the in basket for this)
- Supervising physician must approve and sign the orders that are pended by a medical student
- Supervising physician will write their own primary note in every situation, and must follow the CMS standard, *“The teaching physician must personally perform (or re-perform) the physical exam and the medical decision making activities of the E/M service being billed, but may verify any student documentation of them in the medical record, rather than re-documenting this work”* documenting additions or addendums when necessary.
- Students are **not to be used as scribes**.

Students may not do the following in the EHR:

- May not cut, paste or duplicate another person's note (partial or in entirety) in the medical record.
- Are highly discouraged from using pre-established completed note templates.
- May not sign orders but may pend orders and notify the supervising physician to sign.
- May not use Artificial Intelligence in writing their notes, unless explicitly requested by the supervising physician AND using the OHSU EHR integrated system (Abridge)
- **Students may never document or perform other tasks in the Electronic Health Record under another person's login.** (See OHSU Code of Conduct, and Information Technology policy [ISP-05](#). This policy prohibits anyone, including an attending physician, from allowing a student to use another person's logged-in session, and prohibits a student from using a logged-in session where the student knows the student didn't initiate the session)

- **What level of training do students have?**

Use of the EHR and Informatics tools is integrated into all phases of the *YourMD* curriculum, including:

- **Pre-matriculation**
 - EpiCare Fundamentals online course (1 hour) and online assessment
 - EpiCare InBasket online course (30 minutes) and online assessment
 - EpiCare for Medical Students online course (30 minutes-1 hour) and online assessment
- **Summer/Fall Terms of Year 1**
 - 2 hours of Instructor-led EPIC class time (EpiCare for Medical Students)
- **Foundations Curriculum**
 - Weekly Clinical Informatics Pearls teach individual EHR skills including protecting PHI, accessing all forms of data, creating clinical notes, entering orders. The Pearls and assignments will cover all functions that students need to utilize for effective EPIC use. These assignments will be outlined in detail in the course syllabi for each block/course
 - A series of EHR clinical skills labs integrate these skills into typical clinical tasks
 - Assessment of EHR skills in regular Clinical Skills Assessment exercises
- **Clinical Experiences Curriculum**
 - Transitions to Clinical Experiences review of EHR skills
 - EHR skills refinement labs during each of four required Intersessions
 - EHR specific training and assessment on individual clinical experiences, including Family Medicine EHR and telemedicine OSCEs, etc.
- Under development are integrated assessments of EHR related functions as preparation for AAMC Core EPA 4 (entering orders) and EPA 5 (documenting the encounter).

OHSU EHR Technology Support

- Epic Help Desk: (503) 494-2222.

Compliance Contacts:

For compliance questions and to report possible violations

- Clinical Experience Director for individual clerkships
- Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Rebecca Cantone
- OHSU Chief Compliance Officer (503) 494-6806

- OHSU Ombuds

EHR Use by Students Rotating at the Portland VA Health System

- Federal Medicare guidelines requires the billing physician to document and bill based on the key elements, medical decision making and/or time spent with the patient.
- There are differences between the OHSU medical record (EPIC) and the Portland VA Health System (CPRS) record with respect to student documentation rules. When students are at the Portland VA Health System, they might be able to perform certain functions within the medical record that are prohibited in the EPIC/OHSU system. The VA is not required to follow Medicare billing guidelines.
- For full details related to obtaining a **Portland VA badge and Portland VA health system computer access**, please go to the Office of UME site and review the “VA Badge Information” button on the left. Students must regularly log in and/or utilize their badge to maintain access.

EHR Use by Students Rotating at non-OHSU and non-VA facilities

- Students should seek clarification of EHR use and documentation expectations during orientation for all clinical experience located at non-OHSU and non-VA facilities, including those out of state.

EVALUATION OF THE CURRICULUM

The UME Curriculum Committee (UMECC) is responsible for the overall evaluation of the *YourMD* curriculum. Educational outcome data are reviewed regularly by the UMECC where action items are determined for continual quality improvement purposes. Summary of outcomes are also posted on the Office of UME site for student review in the “Evaluation of the Curriculum” tab. The following table lists the educational outcomes that are reviewed by the UMECC in the *YourMD* curriculum.

Educational Outcome Data Reviewed	Frequency of Review
USMLE results, de-identified and aggregated – Step 1; Step 2 CK	Annually
Clinical Performance Exam (CPX) results, de-identified and aggregated	Annually
Student competency and entrustable professional activity (EPA) results, de-identified and aggregated	Annually
Number of MD graduates, Time-to-degree, and Transitions to Dual-Degree and Other Academic Enrichment by Year, de-identified and aggregated	Annually
National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) match results, identified and individual	Annually
Match Statistics by Year	Annually
AAMC Graduation Questionnaire (GQ) results	Annually
Program Director (GME) Assessment of PGY-1 year performance of graduates, de-identified and aggregated	Annually
Student mistreatment reporting, de-identified, aggregated	Annually
Duty hours reporting, de-identified, aggregated	Annually
Required Course and Clinical Experience multi-year comprehensive reviews	Every 3 Years

Elective Courses and Clinical Experience multi-year comprehensive reviews	Every 5 Years
Evaluation of YourMD Curriculum as a Whole	Every 3 Years

The Office of UME site “Evaluation of the Curriculum” section also posts the annual quality improvement forms compiled by the Evaluation Sub-Committee of the UME Curriculum Committee for all courses evaluated. Finally, this site also houses all **elective course evaluation results** aggregated on a yearly basis, so students can review the evaluation comments and reviews from students who have taken a specific elective to aid in future elective selection.

Evaluation of Courses and Clinical Experiences

It is the goal of the OHSU SoM UME Curriculum Committee (UMECC) to assure transparency in its course and clinical experience evaluation process, and to afford students the opportunity to fully access, engage and participate in the evaluation of their curriculum. To this end, all annual course and clinical experience quality improvement reports, all Evaluation Sub-Committee reviews, and all UMECC course and clinical experience reviews shall be posted electronically on the Office of UME site, under Student Information for review by any interested student or faculty member. All subsequent course and clinical experience reviews shall remain available electronically in a similar manner year to year, thus creating a comprehensive review history for each course or clerkship. Retroactive reports for the two years prior to enactment of this policy shall also be posted on the same site. Additionally, any follow up letters requested by the UMECC from a course or clinical experience director during a course evaluation will also be posted as an addendum to the corresponding evaluation.

Student Evaluation of Curriculum and Instructors

Student feedback is an essential part of improving the student experience and quality of the educational program. Students are expected to provide honest, constructive, and professional feedback of their courses, instructors, and clinical supervisors in the Foundations of Medicine phase and the Clinical Experience phase of the curriculum as part of their professional responsibilities as a medical student.

Foundations of Medicine Phase:

Students are required to complete all summative course evaluations for each course using the OHSU evaluation system, Blue (accessed by the course site). Evaluation results are anonymous and are shared with the Office of UME and appropriate educational leaders, committees, and sub-committees for continual quality improvement. All students are also expected to provide teaching effectiveness evaluations in each block/course. Teaching effectiveness evaluation results are shared in an aggregate, anonymous format with the Office of UME, individual instructors, and pertinent educational leaders, committees, and subcommittees. Evaluations by students of their clinician preceptors in the Preceptorship courses are compiled over the 18-month Foundations of Medicine phase and provided to the preceptor anonymously at the end of the phase after final grades are submitted. The following chart details the important dates, windows of completion, and reminders in place to ensure 100% compliance with this requirement for all students.

Evaluation Open/ Close Date	Open Date	Close Date	Reminder Emails
FoM Blocks Course Evaluation	1 week prior to assessment week (opens on Monday)	End of enrichment week (closes on Sunday)	1st invite: evaluation open date (10am) 2nd reminder: 5 days after the invite (5pm) Final reminder: Wednesday of enrichment (10am)
FoM Blocks Teacher Evaluation	First day of the course	End of enrichment week (closes on Sunday)	1st invite: evaluation open date (10am) 2nd reminder: middle of the block (5pm) Final reminder: Wednesday of enrichment (10am)
FoM Preceptorship Course (PREC 721) Evaluation	1 week prior to BLHD assessment week (opens on Monday)	End of BLHD enrichment week (closes on Sunday)	1st invite: evaluation open date (10am) 2nd reminder: 5 days after the invite (5pm) Final reminder: Wednesday of enrichment (10am)
FoM Preceptorship (PREC 721) Teacher Evaluation	First day of the course	End of enrichment week (closes on Sunday)	1st invite: evaluation open date (10am) 2nd reminder: Tuesday of a week prior to BLHD assessment (5pm) Final reminder: Wednesday of enrichment (10am)
FoM Preceptorship Courses (PREC 722, 723, and 724) <u>and</u> Teacher Evaluation	2 wks before last week of preceptorship (varies by term) Opens Monday	Last week of the term end date closes Sunday	1st invite: evaluation open date (10am) 2nd reminder: 5 days after the invite (5pm) Final reminder: Wednesday of last week of each term (10am)

Clinical Experience Phase:

All students are **required** to complete summative course evaluations within one week from the end of each rotation for every clinical experience and course taken in the clinical experience phase using the SoM evaluation system, MedHub. All students are also expected to provide faculty/resident evaluations, service evaluations, and conference/didactic evaluations. Results of course evaluations are shared anonymously by the Office of UME with appropriate education leaders, coordinators, committees and subcommittees. Evaluation results of faculty by students are viewable to the faculty member only in an aggregate format once three or more evaluations have been completed. However, residency program faculty directors, residency program staff coordinators, and the course staff coordinators have access to student evaluations of residents in a non-aggregate, non-anonymous format. Any student who has concerns about submitting an evaluation for a faculty member who also happens to be a residency program director, should contact an Assistant Deans for UME Student Affairs or the Assistant Dean, UME Curriculum to discuss this.

AAMC Graduation Questionnaire (GQ)

Finally, in February, the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) will conduct a survey of all graduating students called the Graduation Questionnaire (GQ) to gather feedback and data regarding all years of the student's medical school education. The GQ results are shared by the AAMC with the OHSU School of Medicine dean's office following collation and used for purposes of continuous quality improvement for the program as a whole.

Visitors to OHSU learning environments – classroom and clinical settings

OHSU School of Medicine frequently receives requests for visitors to observe medical school courses and/or shadow in clinical environments. Generally, these requests are denied as this can disrupt the learning environment for enrolled students, faculty, and patients. All requests of this nature should be directed to the Associate Dean for UME who will consider them on a case-by-case basis.

Vendors in OHSU learning environments

All visitors with the intent to influence, sell products to, or gain access to OHSU medical students, or any employed staff or faculty, must abide by the relevant OHSU policies and procedures that pertain to OHSU visitors and solicitation [Policy 01-10-020, Solicitation](#). All vendors must obtain approval by the appropriate campus unit (i.e., in most situations regarding students, this is the Office of UME) prior to coming to OHSU. All members of the OHSU community, including students, are bound by the [OHSU Code of Conduct](#), which addresses gifts and entertainment, among other items (see Code of Conduct section elsewhere in this Handbook.) Specifically, the Code of Conduct states that OHSU members “*do not offer, solicit, or accept gifts or entertainment that may appear to or actually influence OHSU decisions.*”

Pertinent To MS1 & MS2 Students in the Foundations of Medicine Phase of the Curriculum

Attendance Policy for Instructional Activities During the Foundations of Medicine Phase of Curriculum

The OHSU SoM UME program leaders have established the attendance expectations **pertaining to instruction** outlined in this section of the Handbook for students in the Foundations of Medicine (FoM) phase of the YourMD curriculum. (For attendance expectations **pertaining to FoM assessments**, please see “*Attendance Policy for Foundations of Medicine Phase Assessments and Examination Schedule Change in Foundations of Medicine Phase*” section elsewhere in this Handbook.)

Students training to become physicians are expected to be present and actively engaged in their education. **Regular in-person attendance and punctuality for the instructional sessions listed in your**

weekly schedule on Ilios (or via e-mail) are essential in demonstrating your professional development as an aspiring physician. Not only will your own learning be enhanced by attending instructional sessions, but your classmates and instructors count on your active participation in large and small group activities to enrich their learning. This focus on being present – in-person – is analogous to what will be expected of you during your clinical experiences, your residency training, and ultimately, your professional practice as a physician. For any session labeled as “Expected, Required, and Tracked” students may submit a Time-Off Request form for unexpected absences in advance which will be considered (go to Office of UME site – Student Information – Forms). Make-up will be required. Recurrent absences will require a meeting with an Assistant Dean for UME Student Affairs for support, and potentially lead to a Professionalism Concern Report, Medical Student Progress Board review and potential action, and/or recommendation for a leave of absence if a pattern exists that shows lack of engagement with the curriculum.

Instruction during the FoM phase of YourMD includes the following general types of sessions/activities :

- **Large group FoM block sessions in the RLSB 3A001/2 learning studio(s):**
 - **Content organized by the Co-Block Directors, in conjunction with the Basic Science Thread Directors – Regular, in-person attendance is EXPECTED.** Sessions are typically recorded in Echo360 and posted after the session has concluded in BrightSpace.
 - **Content organized by the Clinical Thread Directors in advance of / in addition to small group Clinical Skill Laboratories (CSLs) – Regular, in-person attendance is EXPECTED, REQUIRED, and is TRACKED.** Sessions are typically NOT recorded in Echo360. Students may submit a Time-Off Request form for unexpected absences in advance which will be considered (go to Office of UME site – Student Information – Forms)
- **Small group discussions in the RLSB 2S rooms (CSLs and others):**
 - **Content organized by the Clinical Thread Directors for weekly CSLs**, typically taught by the same OHSU and Community faculty instructors each week for a term (e.g., Clinical Context and Clinical Assessment and Management sessions) – **Regular, in-person attendance is EXPECTED, REQUIRED, and is TRACKED.** Sessions are NOT recorded. Students may submit a Time-Off Request form for unexpected absences in advance which will be considered (go to Office of UME site – Student Information – Forms).

Make up procedures:

A student who misses their regular sessions (for any reason) must complete a make-up assignment relevant to that week’s session and content, to be returned to TSO at tso@ohsu.edu by the deadline. These assignments will be delineated in the Time Off Request form and/or upon approval. Students should not assume they have approval until they receive a response from TSO, and faculty cannot approve time off. Due to the lock-step curriculum, time off requests that span over a full week will be routinely denied except in rare, emergency situations and only after a discussion with an Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

The following situations will trigger a required check in with the Assistant Dean for UME Student Affairs to address as an attendance problem in a constructive manner.

- *Any student who misses four or more CSL sessions (two or more days) in the first academic year (i.e., FUND through HODI Blocks) and/or two or more CSL sessions (one day or more) in the second academic year (i.e., NSF and DEVH Blocks)*
- *Any student who misses more than 1 anatomy session in any block, or more than 2 total*
- *Any student who misses a final assessment in any block, or 2 or more total*
- *Any student who misses more than 1 formative assessment (Comp 1) in any block*
- *Any student who is late to 2 or more assessments without clear communication to the TSO or Assessment team.*

- **Content organized by the Co-Block Directors, in conjunction with the Basic Science Thread Directors (e.g., case studies)** – Regular, in-person attendance is EXPECTED. Sessions are NOT recorded in Echo360.

- **Foundations of Medical Anatomy (FOMA) in FoM Blocks:**
 - **Content is organized by the Anatomy Thread Director**, and is typically taught in the Richard Jones Hall VirtuOHSU Simulation Center, with FOMA labs in 4320, prosections, and human cadaver dissections in 2nd floor Anatomy Lab. – **Regular, in-person attendance is EXPECTED, REQUIRED, and is TRACKED.**

- **Developing Your Scholarly Project (SCHI 701 Course):**
 - **Content is organized by the Scholarly Projects Faculty Concentration Leads** and is typically taught in the RLSB 3A large group learning studios and the RLSB 2A small group rooms. – **Regular, in-person attendance is EXPECTED, REQUIRED, and is TRACKED.**

- **Introduction to Preceptorship, Clinical Preceptorships, & Narrative Medicine (PREC Courses):**
 - **Content for the Introduction to Preceptorship course in the Fall term of the M1 year is organized by the Preceptorship Director and Clinical Preceptorship Coordinator**, typically taught in the RLSB 3A large group learning studios – **Regular, in-person attendance is EXPECTED, REQUIRED, and is TRACKED.**

 - **Content for the weekly Clinical Preceptorships (in the authentic outpatient and inpatient clinical environments) is organized by the clinician serving as a Preceptor** – **Regular, in-person attendance is EXPECTED, REQUIRED, and is TRACKED.** Because you are expected to be present at all assigned preceptor clinical experiences, you are also expected to notify your preceptor if you are unable to attend a scheduled preceptorship clinical experience as well as the Preceptorship Coordinator as soon as possible before your absence. Students are required to make up all absences during preceptorship within the term it occurs

- Content for the Narrative Medicine sessions is organized by the Narrative Medicine and Reflective Practice Director – Regular, in-person attendance is EXPECTED, REQUIRED, and is TRACKED.
- **OASIS Required General Programming Events:**
 - Content is organized by the OASIS team and is typically taught in the RLSB 3A large group learning studios – Regular, in-person attendance is EXPECTED, REQUIRED, and is TRACKED. Session may or may not be recorded in Echo360.
- **Foundations of Patient Safety Interprofessional Education Course:**
 - Content for this IPE course is organized by the OHSU Provost's Office, typically taught in classroom and small group rooms throughout the University campus, as well as some virtual/asynchronous sessions as outlined on the course site. – Attendance expectations are outlined by the IPE Course Directors on the course site. Students who experience an unavoidable conflict preventing their attendance should contact the IPE Course Directors

Clinical Skill Laboratory Faculty Facilitator Absences

Due to clinical emergencies and miscommunication there are rare times when instructors do not arrive as expected for CSL small groups. If your group has no faculty instructor 10 minutes after time for class to begin, it is the group's responsibility to inform the Teaching Services Office (RLSB, 5th floor, 4A026, or call 503-494-8428) of the problem and to remain in the classroom until it is resolved. Teaching Service Office staff will attempt to quickly resolve the situation, and make all possible effort to ensure your group is not left without benefit of instruction.

Unscheduled (Independent Learning) Time and Academic Workload in the Foundations of Medicine Phase

As part of LCME Element 8.8 Monitoring Student Time, the UME Curriculum Committee (UMECC) is responsible for ensuring the amount of time medical students spend in required activities in the Foundation of Medicine (FoM) phase of the medical curriculum is appropriate.

The FoM phase of the curriculum is separated into three categories, as defined below:

- **Required curriculum activities in FoM blocks and other required courses** – includes lectures, labs, small group sessions, patient panels, preceptorships, assessments, narrative medicine, scholarly project, and interprofessional education (IPE).
- **Required pre- or post-work for curricular activity** – includes any **required** readings, modules, or assignments delineated by an educational leader (e.g., block, thread, narrative medicine director) for students to complete prior to or after the required curriculum activities above. The

time needed for this work is estimated by the educational leader and is based on the duration expected for a typical student.

- **Required Outreach, Advising, Support, and Identity formation for Students (OASIS) activities** – while **required** OASIS activities are rare as most OASIS events and appointments are optional and/or self-scheduled by the student, there are approximately six sessions per academic year that students must attend.

These make up the **academic workload** for each week. The total hours for these required categories is 32 hours or less averaged over the course of the block. Additionally, in every regular, non-holiday instructional week, **at least 8 hours of unscheduled time is allocated for unscheduled, independent learning**. These required and unscheduled hours are tracked weekly by the Office of UME and are reported after the end of each block to the FoM Sub-Committee and UMECC by the Program Manager for LCME Accreditation. The FoM standard weekly schedule template has been approved by UMECC.

Preceptorship

The Preceptorship program introduces students to working in an authentic clinical setting, in a variety of specialties during the Foundation of Medicine phase of the *YourMD* curriculum. Multiple factors go into assigning students to preceptors. Preceptors also teach other learners including medical students in their clinical years and residents, in addition to their other non-clinical responsibilities.

Students are **not** permitted to arrange their own preceptorship experiences. All requests must be made through the Preceptorship Coordinator; failure to do so is considered unprofessional and will result in a Professional Concern Report (PCR). Under no circumstances will students be permitted to precept with a family member or relative, any clinician who has ever provided healthcare to the student, or an OASIS Academic Advisor. These restrictions are consistent with LCME accreditation requirements to ensure students are never evaluated by individuals who may have a conflict of interest. Note: workplace-based assessments (WBAs) for specific Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) are required, and considered formative feedback and do not contribute to a student's final evaluation in a course, and therefore OASIS Academic Advisors may – in rare circumstances – provide a WBA for a student they are teaching or supervising on a clinical rotation.

Preceptorship Commuting and Travel Policy

OHSU students are fortunate to have access to a wide variety of incredible preceptors for their FoM preceptorships at OHSU and in the Portland metropolitan area. Students learn about the details and policies of the preceptorship program during the Introduction to Preceptorship (PREC 721) course in Fall Term. Prior to the first preceptorship in Winter Term of the first year, students are surveyed regarding preceptorship preferences, and we try our best to match students according to submitted preferences but cannot accommodate all requests. An important aspect of medical education at OHSU is the opportunity to learn from preceptors throughout the Portland area. Many preceptors are located away from OHSU, and students are expected to arrange their own transportation to their preceptorship

assignments to arrive on time to preceptorship sites. The Office of UME cannot assign or reassign preceptors based upon transportation needs. Accommodations to this policy may be made for needs documented through the OHSU Office of Student Access.

Narrative Medicine and Reflective Practice During Preceptorship

Preceptorship students will submit a required number of field notes during their preceptorship assignments. Each field note will be read by one of the Preceptor & Narrative Medicine Readers. Students will receive written feedback on each field note. The writing will NOT be shared with individual preceptors or any member of the preceptor clinic team. The writing will also not be shared with any OASIS Academic Advisor. Students will also be required to attend and participate in a small number of peer reflection small group sessions, where students will share one of the field notes and/or a creative or original work of writing, music, or visual art. The field notes and creative pieces should be related to the student's experience in preceptorship or in other areas of medical school that prompt further reflection. During the session, each student will have the opportunity to share their reflection with the small group. Attendance is EXPECTED, REQUIRED, AND TRACKED.

Enrichment Weeks – Foundation of Medicine Phase

Following the final assessment week in each FoM block, all students are required to participate in Enrichment week. There are three goals for every Enrichment week:

- 1) to enrich the student's education with structured sessions and activities that will help solidify knowledge and comprehension of core concepts;
- 2) to allow students to remediate one or more components, as necessary;
- 3) to promote self-directed, independent learning.

Any student who has not initially passed one or more components of the block will be required to remediate and will be contacted regarding an individualized plan for the Enrichment week. All other students are **required to select and participate in at least three (3) sessions/activities** outlined on the Enrichment activities schedule, provided to students several weeks in advance via the course site. This is not a vacation week and time off requests for travel will be routinely denied. **All Enrichment week activities are in-person and EXPECTED, REQUIRED, AND TRACKED.**

1. Students will have the opportunity to view the session descriptions and determine which ones fit their interests. Viewing time for these activities will occur prior to registration, and students will be notified in advance when viewing and registration dates are scheduled for each Enrichment week.
2. Space is limited for some sessions.
3. Attendance will be taken at all enrichment sessions, and students are **not permitted** to switch sessions once registration has closed.

4. Students are **required to select three (3) sessions to attend**. If a student signs up for a session, they are committing to attend. Last-minute cancellations or no-shows will result in submission of a professionalism concern report (PCR).

Students are invited to propose and organize enrichment sessions for their classmates. Students planning proposed sessions can fill out [this form](#). Students who would like to organize a **wellness enrichment session to be counted for enrichment credit** must do so in collaboration with one of the OASIS Life & Wellness Faculty Advisors before it can be approved. Students can schedule a meeting with any of the faculty OASIS Life & Wellness Advisors by logging into REDEI. These faculty advisors can help assist in session development to ensure the enrichment session meets the goals listed above and the objectives are met through content delivery.

Students are also welcome to organize other activities during a Block's Enrichment week that are not counted toward your three required Enrichment sessions. This is a great opportunity to get to know your classmates outside of the classroom. If you need a space for gathering in the RLSB, contact tso@ohsu.edu for assistance.

Scholarly Projects

Scholarly Projects is an in-depth investigation of topics of interest to medical students during their undergraduate medical education (UME) experiences with the goal of creating critical thinkers and lifelong learners. All MD students are required to complete a Scholarly Project. After completing the project, students will be able to think critically about complex clinical problems; expand beyond the established curriculum to investigate topics and problems in more depth; identify, define, and answer important questions relevant to clinical practice and healthcare delivery; and work effectively within a learning community. Students will also understand and apply principles of professionalism, ethics, communication, and collaboration while pursuing their projects.

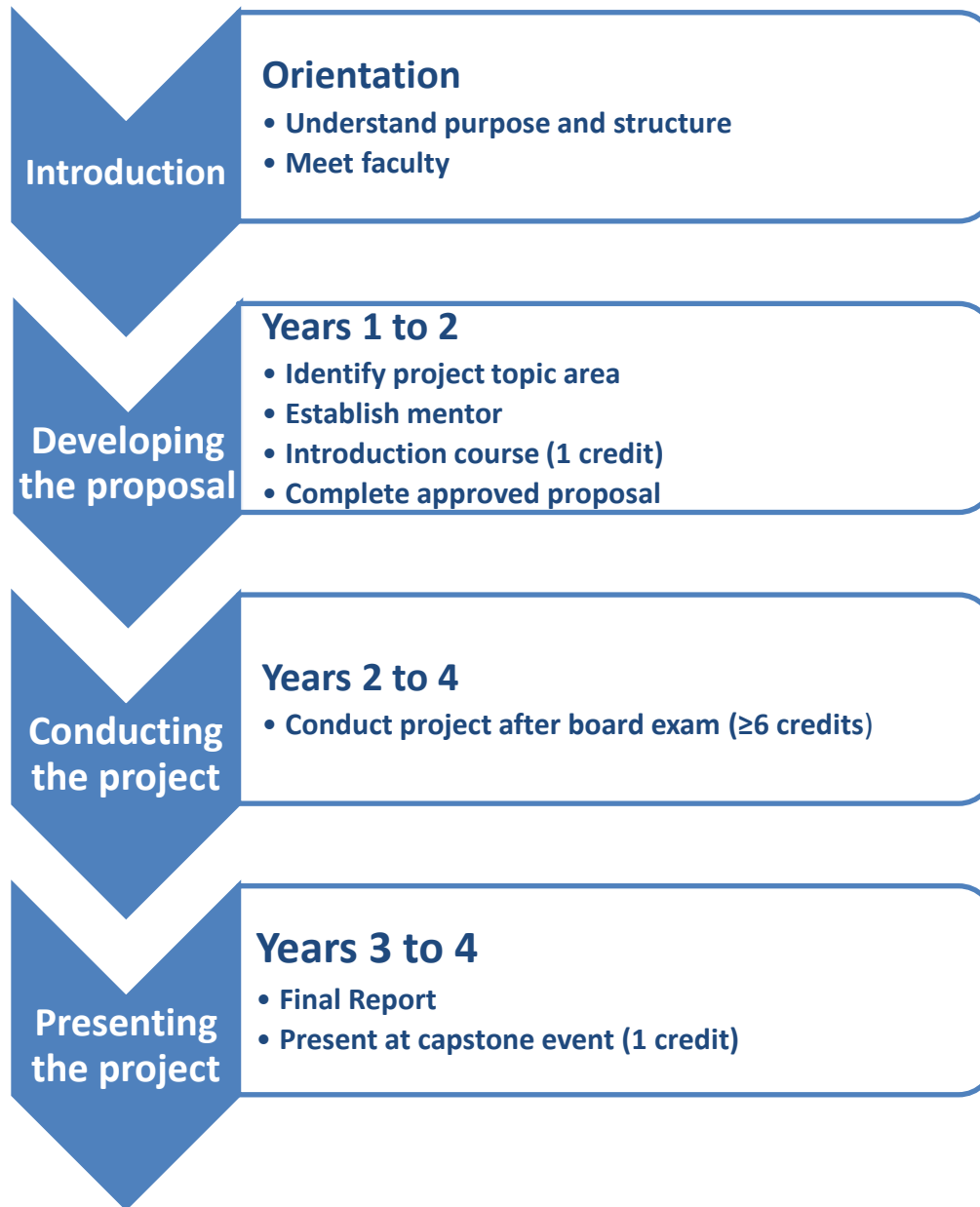
Scholarly Projects coursework is directed by the Scholarly Project Faculty Concentration Leads, and students are assigned to one of the Leads to be a resource for both the student and the faculty mentor.

- *Basic research and biomedical engineering*
- *Clinical research*
- *Epidemiology, community and global health*
- *Ethics, quality improvement and education*
- *Health law, business and health policy*

Scholarly Projects includes sequential activities that extend across the undergraduate medical school experience (see MD Program Graduation Requirements section for further details):

- Introduction to Scholarly Projects – virtual session during Transition to Medical School course
- Developing the Scholarly Project Proposal (1 credit) – SCHI 701
- Conducting the project (minimum of 6 credits) – SCHI 702
- Presenting the project at the OHSU Scholarly Project Capstone event (1 credit) – SCHI 703

Sequence of Scholarly Projects Activities



In this curriculum, students attend a basic introduction course on design and conduct of research and scholarly work, identify projects and mentors, prepare project proposals, complete activities of their projects, and prepare final products including reports, presentations, and other deliverables. Students meet specific benchmarks throughout their participation to document their progress.

Essential components of the Scholarly Projects experience include:

- Identifying an important scientific or clinical question.
- Assessing, evaluating, and applying scientific literature.

- Formulating a project hypothesis based on current evidence and concepts in the field.
- Designing, conducting, and interpreting results of students' own projects.
- Identifying relevance.
- Communicating effectively in oral and written form.
- Applying ethics and professionalism throughout the project.

Working with a Scholarly Project faculty mentor, students develop and conduct a scholarly project focusing on any of a wide range of topics relevant to health and medicine. Most projects will be designed as research studies, although many other types of projects are acceptable (e.g., engineering, informatics, arts). Regardless of the type of project, all must be scholarly in the sense that they meet standards for investigative work in their respective fields. While each student leads their own project, collaborations with other students on specific aspects of the project are acceptable (e.g. data collection). Students accepted in the MD/PhD and MD-MPH combined degree programs meet Scholarly Project benchmarks for SCHI 701 and SCHI 702 with their successful completion of their dual-degree. All medical students complete the SCHI 703 (Capstone) course.

While many types of projects qualify as Scholarly Projects, certain elements are essential to all types. Scholarly Project Faculty Concentration Leads and project mentors guide students in planning projects that fit these criteria:

- The question is important and currently unanswered.
- Uses the best method to answer the question.
- Method is feasible and likely to succeed.
- Could be completed within the time frame.
- Appropriate mentor and resources are available.
- The project connects to students' skills, interests, passions, and goals.

Scholarly Project Work (SCHI 702) Scheduling and Grading

- Students can request to add SCHI 702 coursework by filling out "Add Request Forms" found in the Office of UME Brightspace/Sakai site, Clinical Curriculum Phase Information. Students should refer to Scholarly Project Coursework (SCHI 702) Registration Information document for add and drop deadlines, and enrollment restrictions. **Students may not request to add SCHI 702 coursework until they have submitted a signed Mentor Agreement Form and a Scholarly Project Proposal.**
- Enrolled students will receive an email during the first week of the registered term and a reminder email at the middle of the term as well as the last week of the term
- Retroactive credit will **not** be given for work completed outside of SCHI 702 enrollment.
- Students will be enrolled in Scholarly Projects for the full term. It is up to the student and mentor to decide when the work within the term is completed, but all hours and work must be completed by the last day of the term. All students enrolled in SCHI 702 must provide details about the work they have **completed** and the hours they spent on the project in the Brightspace/Sakai course management site for Scholarly Projects, under SCHI 702 Log Submit no later than the last day of the registered term. Failure to meet the registered hours or submit an honest log will result in NP grade.

Under no circumstances should a student's submitted Scholarly Project Activity Log include work that is planned but not yet completed.

- Preparing a poster or slides specifically for a presentation other than Capstone, giving a presentation at another meeting, writing a manuscript for publication are outside SCHI 702.
- All SCHI 702 credits/ work must be completed by the end of the fall term, before the Scholarly Project Capstone (SCHI 703) students plan to participate in, typically winter of the graduating year.

Scholarly Project Work (SCHI 702) Documentation and Grading System

The following grading applies to all scholarly project work (SCHI 702) and will appear on the student's University transcript (please see the [University Grading Policy](#) for further details). The final grade is entered into MedHub by the Scholarly Project course director, typically the student's Faculty Concentration Lead.

- **Pass (P)** – student satisfactorily completes the work
- **No Pass (NP)** – student has not completed and/or recorded the work in a satisfactory manner When this occurs, an NP grade will be posted on the student's University transcript. Additionally, the Medical Student Progress Board will consider any remediation recommendations provided by the Scholarly Project Concentration Lead, and if approved, the student must successfully remediate the failed grade to a passing grade.

For information about Withdrew (W), Withdrew Pass (WP), Withdrew No Pass (WNP) and Incomplete ("I") grades, please refer to the [OHSU University-wide Grading Policy](#).

Assessment of Student Performance and Remediation of Unsatisfactory Performance for Students in the Foundations of Medicine Phase of the Curriculum

Foundations of Medicine Blocks – There are six components that comprise the assessment framework for each block, and students are required to take all assessments:

***The following section applies to students matriculating in Summer 2026 (Med 30) and forward. Students in earlier cohorts should refer to their course syllabi as the final authority on assessment requirements.**

Weekly Assessment Components

- **Component 1 - Weekly Quizzes** - Weekly computer-based multiple-choice quizzes, approximately 25-35 questions on each quiz. Component 1 quizzes are summative, and students must complete each quiz as scheduled. Students who do not complete all quizzes as scheduled will be required to remediate any missed quizzes during the Block's Enrichment week. To pass, a minimum passing threshold of 70% averaged over all Component 1 quizzes must be achieved; the completed weekly quiz with the lowest score will be excluded from the average score. If a

student fails to take a quiz and gets a zero, this will not be dropped and will need to be remediated during Enrichment week.

- **Component 2 - Weekly Clinical Science, Health Systems Science, and Basic Science Skills Assessments** - Weekly Clinical science Skills Assessments (CSAs), Health systems science Skills Assessments (HSAs) and Basic science Skills Assessments (BSAs), approximately 1-3 per week.

Cumulative Assessment Components

- **Component 3 - Final Block Examination** - End-of-block computer-based multiple choice and/or short answer examination developed by OHSU, approximately 50 questions per examination. Passing is greater than or equal to 70%
- **Component 4 - NBME “Board” Examination** - End-of-block National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) computer-based multiple choice customized board examination, approximately 100 questions per examination. Questions will require students to apply a high level of critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills. Students are strongly encouraged to utilize board review materials for exam preparation. This is a formative examination with no minimum passing threshold. Results from this examination will provide students with formative feedback to help identify strengths and opportunities for improvement in their Step 1 preparations. The passing threshold for the NBME Step 1 Examination is typically around 65%.
- **Component 5 - Final Skills Examination** - End-of-block clinical science, health systems science, and basic science skills assessments, typically consisting of one Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) and multiple health systems science and/or basic science skills demonstrations, approximately 3-8 total assessments.
- **Component 6 - Formative Mid-block Assessment** - Approximately halfway through each block the weekly Component 1 Quiz will be replaced by a cumulative computer-based multiple choice exam. The Formative Mid-block Assessment has no passing threshold, and it will cover all course content up until that point. This will provide students with formative feedback during the course to help identify strengths and opportunities for improvement.

Final Block Grade

The threshold for a passing score for all graded/non-formative assessments is 70%. This threshold may be lowered for the entire class in select circumstances by the block directors if the post-assessment analysis indicates this is necessary. All of the six assessment components are treated separately, and each component must be passed in order to maintain satisfactory academic progress. An assessment component is considered passed when the average of the achieved scores (example: average of all block component 2 scores) for all assessments meets the cumulative passing threshold of 70%. If a component has formative assessments (e.g., Component F), the passing threshold for these assessments is met by simply **taking all formative assessments as**

scheduled by the due date. Skills assessments in Components 2 and 5 are divided into two sub-groups: A) all CSAs and HSAs combined; and B) all BSAs combined, and each sub-group must be passed at 70% or greater to have passed Components 2 and 5. As long as each component is passed, the student's overall final block grade will be "Pass". There is **no rounding** upward when calculating student scores.

Remediation of Non-Passing Scores

1. Students are required to meet the overall passing threshold for each assessment component. Students must take all assessments in all 5 components by the due date.
2. Details for **remediation of the assessment components** include:
 - **Component 1** (weekly quizzes) All Component 1 quizzes must be completed as scheduled. To pass, a minimum passing threshold of 70% averaged over all Component 1 quizzes must be achieved; the completed weekly quiz with the lowest score will be excluded from the average score. If a student fails to take a quiz and gets a zero, this will not be dropped and will need to be remediated during enrichment week. Students who fail to achieve a 70% or higher average must remediate.
 - **Component 2** (weekly skills) has a mix of summative and formative assessments and all assessments must be taken by the due date. The block syllabus will always outline how each component 2 assessment is handled (i.e., if it is formative or summative, scored or simply graded pass-no pass) and should be considered the ultimate accurate source of information. Remediation for Component 2A will be required if students do not take the assessment by the due date. Students who do not meet the passing threshold in an individual Component 2B assessment are not required to formally remediate these, as long as all assessments have been taken by the due date and the scores at the end of the block for all of the Component 2B assessments averaged together meet the passing threshold (70.0%). Students who do not meet the overall Component 2A or 2B passing thresholds at the end of the block are required to remediate these to achieve a passing score. The remediation assessments will be individualized to the student's specific areas of deficiencies.
 - **Component 3** final (ExamSoft) block examination. Remediation will be required when the student's score is less than the passing threshold (70.0%). The remediation assessment for Component 3 will be in multiple-choice format like the original Component 3 block examination and will consist of another Component 3 exam covering content of the entire block.
 - **Component 4** This formative assessment must be completed as scheduled. Any student who does not complete the assessment as scheduled will be required to remediate during enrichment week.
 - **Component 5** final skills includes both formative (5A) and summative (5B) assessments. Remediation for Component 5A will be required if students do not

take the assessment by the due date. Remediation will be required for Component 5B when the average of the achieved scores for the BSAs is less than the average of the passing thresholds (70.0%) for the BSAs. The remediation assessments for Component 5 are individualized to the student's specific areas of deficiencies at the level of the assessment not passed originally.

- **Component 6** (formative mid-block assessment) This formative assessment must be completed as scheduled. Any student who does not complete the assessment as scheduled will be required to remediate during enrichment week.
3. Remediation will nearly always occur during the block's enrichment week dates listed on the syllabus. The remediation activities and re-testing will be coordinated by the UME Assessment team with the Block and Thread Directors, and other curriculum leaders as appropriate. Typically, one week prior to the remediation examination(s), the student will receive an **email** from a UME curriculum leader, along with a **remediation Information Sheet**, and these items contain all of the pertinent **requirements, details, and resources** for their remediation examination(s). One of the OASIS Academic Advisors will also be notified when a student requires remediation to provide rapid support and resources. Any student who is required to remediate is encouraged to view the 9-minute "[Remediation FAQ Recording](#)", also located on the Office of UME Brightspace/Sakai site – Student Information – FoM Curriculum phase information section and meet with block directors, thread directors, tutors, and/or faculty advisors

Students who are successful and meet the passing threshold for their remediation re-testing will have their final block grade posted as "Pass" and their University Transcript will reflect only the "Pass." However, because a required remediation is an indicator of a student experiencing academic difficulty, the remediation history of all students will be tracked by the Associate Dean for UME. Any student who requires remediation re-testing in two or more components in the entire Foundation of Medicine curriculum, regardless of whether the student successfully passes during remediation re-testing, will be referred by the Associate Dean for UME for further action, including referral to the Medical Student Progress Board for placement on an Academic Warning to encourage resource use and check in with an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

Students who do not meet the passing threshold for their remediation re-testing in a block will have their final block grade posted as "No Pass" on the transcript and be referred to the ADUME for further action, including referral to the Medical Student Progress Board. **Students will be required to repeat the block the following year.**

Required Assignments and Assessments in the Foundations of Medicine Phase

All MD students will know **what required assignments are due**, and **when the deadline is** for each assignment, by carefully reviewing **each block's syllabus** posted on the block's Brightspace/Sakai course site. This information is also posted on the **Exam Prep and Schedule tab**, too. If you do not complete and submit a required assignment by the due date and have not submitted a [Time Off Request](#) before the due date, you will be required to remediate in person during the Block's Enrichment Week. As a reminder, Clinical Skill Laboratory (CSL) pre-work, included in assessment Component 2A, is due every week no later than 1pm the day of the CSL. We recommend confirming in Brightspace that the assignment was fully submitted.

All **assessments** in the FoM blocks are required, meaning you must take all assessments at the time they are scheduled, including those that are remote. All medical students will know **what required assessments are due**, and **when the assessment is scheduled**, by carefully reviewing **each block's syllabus** posted on the block's course site. The due dates are also posted in the **Exam Prep and Schedule tab**. If you have not taken and submitted your assessment within the scheduled timeframe, or submitted a [Time Off Request](#) before the assessment has begun, you will be required to remediate on Friday in person of the block's Enrichment Week. See the section above "Remediation of Non-Passing Scores" for information related to how, when, and by whom students are notified of their need for remediation.

Missed assignments or assessments, or late attendance/submissions, may also result in the filing of a Professionalism Concern and/or referral to the Medical Student Progress Board, if recurrent.

Preceptorship

Student assessment in the Preceptorship during Foundations of Medicine curriculum will be multimodal and competency-based. Student performance will be assessed by preceptors, patients and/or clinical staff. The Preceptorship Director and the Director of Narrative Medicine, and/or their delegates, will assess student performance regarding students' reflective essays. Preceptor narrative comments are viewable in the student's REDEI electronic portfolio.

Students not meeting expected milestones or performance benchmarks for the Preceptorship will be notified by the Preceptorship Director, and an individualized remediation plan will be developed. Students who do not meet expected performance benchmarks in any of the Preceptorship courses in Foundations of Medicine phase will post a "No Pass" grade on their transcript for their Preceptorship, and a remediation recommendation will be forwarded to the Medical Student Progress Board for consideration. All Preceptorship remediation must be successfully completed prior to entering the clinical experiences curriculum.

Health Systems Science and Assessment

One of the guiding principles of the development of the *YourMD* curriculum was the integration of basic, clinical, and **health systems sciences** necessary to optimally prepare OHSU M.D. graduates for their residency programs and professional practices for the 21st century.

Students in the *YourMD* curriculum will be taught and assessed on content and topics related to health systems science throughout their MD education. Pertinent health systems science threads in the *YourMD* curriculum include Epidemiology, Evidence-Based Medicine, Informatics, Health Policy, Quality, and Patient Safety. Students will be assessed on these during their weekly quizzes or skills exams and cumulative final assessments, and in the Preceptorship in the Foundations of Medicine phase, during their Core intersessions and clinical experiences in the clinical experience phase, among others.

Procedure for Assessment Scoring and Adjustments in the Foundations of Medicine Phase

A post-assessment review of class performance of each exam will be conducted by the course leadership and assessment team members. This includes reviewing assessment item analysis and student queries, and it may include individual faculty review of assessment content. If an educational leader recommends a change in an answer, then the recommended change shall apply to all students in the block. Upon a review of performance and in rare instances, if the educational leaders decide to eliminate a question from an assessment, then no credit is given to students for this question under any circumstances.

Submission of Grades into the Banner Registration System

Final course grades for students in the Foundations of Medicine curriculum will be submitted by the UME Assessment Team to the UME Curriculum & Student Affairs staff for official recording in the Banner registration system no later than 6 weeks after the completion of each course.

Foundations of Medicine Examination Administration Guidelines

All UME MD final and remediation assessments will be proctored. In keeping with the OHSU Code of Conduct and the MD Student Honor Code, students enrolled in the UME MD program are expected to conduct themselves ethically. This includes honesty and trustworthiness in taking all quizzes, finals, NBME exams, or other tests or assessments. Duplication of quizzes, examinations, or assessments of any kind, including clinical skills assessments or Objective Structured Clinical Examinations is strictly prohibited. Students are also prohibited from retaining any portion of **any exam including scratch paper**.

Exam Time Period

- The designated time period to complete an examination will be announced prior to the examination date.

- Students who have received approved testing accommodations will contact the Teaching Services Office to request extended examination time. Ideally, this will occur at least three weeks in advance of the assessment.

Student Personal Belongings

All backpacks and bags are to be stored in your locker during exams. If they are too big to fit, they must be brought to the front of the examination room and are to remain closed and undisturbed during the exam administration.

- Students may utilize only identified exam materials during an exam administration. Scratch paper will be available at the beginning of the exam by the Teaching Services Office staff.
- Students may only bring into the exam a personal laptop computer, charger, and a writing utensil. You may bring your own calculator if you wish but not one on your smartphone.
- No recording/or filming devices are allowed in the exam environment. **No electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, tablets, smart watches, smart glasses, etc.) are allowed during an exam.** If a student inadvertently brings an electronic device, it will be turned completely OFF (not just silenced) and be placed in a separate area during the examination period per the instructions of the Proctor. This may result in a professionalism concern report and/or voiding of the examination.
- You may bring a beverage with you but no food, as eating during an exam can be very distracting to other examinees.

Academic Honesty and Test Security

- Prior to taking OHSU-developed in-person exams, students will see the following **academic honesty statement**. By continuing with the exam, students are agreeing to abide by it.
 - *I understand that ethical conduct is one of the most important attributes of a competent health care professional. Cheating on an examination will ultimately deprive my future patients of the quality health care they deserve.*
 - *Upon matriculation, I agreed to abide by the policies and procedures of the University, and the School of Medicine. As a member of the medical student class, I affirm that I will personally uphold the policies and procedures, and will report any suspected or known infractions committed by any member of my class.*
 - *During this exam, I affirm that I will not use any outside sources of information, including but not limited to books, websites, journals, computers, smart phones, tablets, or any other emerging technologies. In addition, I will not seek or accept help from another person by phone, in person or via any electronic means.*
 - *The content of this examination is proprietary and confidential and is not to be transcribed or reproduced in any manner at any time, or through any means. I understand that the use of technology designed to capture test content or override test security measures represents a violation of School of Medicine policies. Possession, re-creation and/or distribution of the examination or content of the examination is prohibited. Students are expected to respect test security at all times. Anyone in*

possession of unauthorized examination content in any form will be subject to academic disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the program, for failing to meet professional standards.

- ***Continuing this examination indicates that I understand and agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the University, and the School of Medicine.***
- The Office of UME allows students to take specific designated Foundations of Medicine Component 1 and 2 assessments, testing intersessions in the Clinical Experience phase, and others as specified, un-proctored in a virtual/online manner. Students are instructed to abide by and affirm our program's "OHSU School of Medicine Enhanced Honor Code for Remote Exams":
 - *I affirm that I will not use any outside sources of information including but not limited to: books, websites, journals, computers, smart phones, tablets, or any other emerging technologies. In addition, I will not seek or accept help from another person by phone, in person, or via any electronic means. I understand that any form of academic dishonesty will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including potential dismissal from the program.*
 - *I understand that ethical conduct is one of the most important attributes of a competent health care professional. Acts of academic dishonesty, such as cheating on an examination, will ultimately deprive my future patients of the quality health care they deserve.*
 - *Upon matriculation, I agreed to abide by the policies and procedures of the University, and the School of Medicine. As a member of the medical student class, I affirm that I will personally uphold these policies and procedures, and will report any suspected or known infractions committed by any member of my class.*
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 - ***Continuing this examination indicates that I understand and agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the University, and the School of Medicine.***

- **All students take Components 3, 4, and 5 final assessments in-person on the OHSU campus,** with in-person proctoring. **Remediation assessments** for any component(s) not passed initially also are taken with in-person proctoring on campus.
- Medical students are responsible for their own academic work. This means that the following would be considered violations of academic integrity:
 - If a student has another person/entity do any substantive portion of an assignment or assessment for them, which includes hiring a person or a company to write essays and drafts and/or other assignments and assessments, research-based or otherwise, and using artificial intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Google Bard, or other similar emerging technological tool) unless specifically directed otherwise by a UME course director or administrative leader.
 - Discussion between students of any year of the MD program related to specific assessment or OSCE station content that could give any student an unfair advantage and is, therefore, prohibited.

Admitting Late Examinees

- Students are expected to arrive and start on time for all remote and in-person assessments. When a student arrives late, classmates are disrupted, and important initial information may be missed. Students who arrive late will be allowed to take the assessment or exam only within the remaining assessment timeframe, and at the exam proctor's discretion. Students who arrive more than 15 minutes late for an exam may not be allowed to take it.
- Students with repeated late arrivals to exams may have a professionalism concern report submitted and may be referred to the Medical Student Progress Board.

Examinees Personal Breaks

- Students may make a request to the proctor to leave the exam for a personal break. The proctor has full discretion in granting or denying a student break.
- Personal breaks are not to exceed five minutes duration and are restricted to use of the restroom. Students are not permitted to study or access their phones or any other material during these breaks.

Exam Queries

- The proctor will not answer any questions regarding interpretation of exam content.
- If a student has a concern about the intent of an exam item, students should complete the appropriate feedback/query within ExamSoft, and all queries will be considered by the educational leaders during the post-assessment analysis review.
- Queries are only accepted during the examination period and must be completed within the allocated exam time period.
- If a query necessitates an adjustment to the accepted answers on any assessment item, all students will receive the adjustment prior to releasing the scores to the class.

Exam Item Challenges

- All challenges to Components 1 and 2 weekly assessments must be made by students **within 1 week** from time of assessment/score release to students (called “challenge window”). Students must submit their challenge in writing to both Co-Block Directors **and** the UME Assessment team (UMEassessments@ohsu.edu) who will determine if a challenge is accepted.
- All challenges to Components 3 and 5 final assessments must be made immediately (**within 1 hour**) following the originally scheduled examination in writing to both Co-Block Directors **and** the UME Assessment team (UMEassessments@ohsu.edu). This is to ensure that final assessment scores can be released back to all students and there is timely notification for students remediating during Enrichment Week.
- If an item is adjusted, then all students will receive the adjustment. Importantly, after the challenge window has closed, the assessment will be finalized and recorded, and no further adjustments will be made.

School of Medicine Public Domain Policy Pertaining to Exams

The following SoM policy pertains to all required courses for the MD Degree:

The content of an examination is confidential and distribution of the content in the public domain is strictly prohibited. In this circumstance the reproduction or transcription of the content of the examination by any means is unauthorized. Possession and distribution of the examination or the content of any examination outside of the classroom setting is prohibited. Individuals possessing or distributing exams or exam content will be subject to academic disciplinary action for failure to meet professional standards. The examinations given in the following courses are not authorized for distribution in the public domain:

- Fundamentals Block
- Blood and Host Defense Block
- Skin, Bones, and Musculature Block
- Cardiopulmonary & Renal Block
- Hormones & Digestion Block
- Nervous System & Function Block
- Developing Human Block
- Transition to Clinical Experiences course
- Family Medicine Clinical Experience
- Internal Medicine Clinical Experience
- Psychiatry Clinical Experience
- Surgery Clinical Experience
- Pediatrics Clinical Experience
- Obstetrics & Gynecology Clinical Experience
- Neurology Clinical Experience
- Cancer Intersession
- Cognitive Impairment Intersession

- Infection Intersession
- Pain Intersession
- Transition to Residency course
- Clinical Performance Examination (CPX)

Attendance Policy for Foundations of Medicine Phase Assessments and Examination Schedule Change in Foundations of Medicine Phase

Students are responsible for completing all end-of-week (quizzes, skills assessments) and end-of-block cumulative assessments. Any student who anticipates an *unavoidable conflict* and cannot attend a required end-of-week or end of-block (cumulative) assessment for any reason must fill out and submit a “Time-Off Request for Foundations of Medicine Activities” form to the Teaching Services Manager (tso@ohsu.edu) **ahead of time**. This is on the Office of UME site in the “Student Information” tab – Forms. If the request for time off is approved, then an alternate assessment will be arranged. These requests will typically only be granted in rare instances on a case-by-case basis and will be tracked as part of the students’ record during the Foundations of Medicine curriculum (18 months). It is the student’s responsibility to complete all the requirements of the block to progress in the curriculum.

Typically, a student may postpone exams for health or other reasons **no more than twice** during the Foundations of Medicine phase of the Curriculum. Any student needing three or more examination deferrals for any reason will meet with one of the Assistant Deans for Student Affairs for support and discussion, and to ensure that extenuating circumstances are not interfering with the student’s ability to achieve academic success.

Students approved to defer an exam **must take the examination within one week** of the original examination date, unless other arrangements have been approved by one of the Assistant Deans for Student Affairs. The only other exception to this is any student who is approved to defer a weekly Clinical or Science Skills Assessment will typically be required to make up this examination at the earliest scheduling convenience during the block. Failure to make up a required assessment as directed will prompt a meeting with one of the Assistant Deans for Student Affairs.

Students who defer examinations shall attest to the following affirmation when submitting the request to defer an examination form: “I affirm that I have not (or will not) receive or disclose any content of the exam that is to be made up or discuss its contents with my classmates or others who may have knowledge of its contents.”

Pertinent to MS2, MS3 & MS4 Students in the Clinical Experience Phase

Attendance Policy & Time-Off Requests from Clinical Experiences

Students in the OHSU clinical curriculum are expected to attend and actively participate in all required clinical experiences and MD program activities. Students should schedule personal activities during University breaks in the academic calendar. There are no scheduled holidays during the clinical experiences phase of the curriculum except Thanksgiving Day. A student who wishes or needs to take additional days off is **REQUIRED** to submit the Request for Time Off form for approval and tracking. **All forms can be found on the Office of UME site (“Student Information” tab → “Forms”).** Students requesting religious accommodations for time off must do so with the Office for Student Access. It is the student’s professional responsibility to communicate and document ALL days that they will miss. All days taken off during each academic year are tracked by the Office of UME. The Course Director will assist the student with creating a plan to make up missed work. See table below for additional details:

Reason	# of days	Description/Protocol	Make-Up if Your Time-Off Request is Approved
Meet with OASIS Faculty Advisors (Academic, Career, Life & Wellness, Diversity) and/or OASIS sanctioned events	A total up to two (2) hours per rotation.	Submit a time-off request form as soon as you make an appointment. Students are encouraged to make appointments in advance to minimize disruptions to clinical services; there may be occasions that advance notice is not possible. Students needing additional meetings with OASIS Advisors during the same rotation block should first try finding the time outside of the required clinical time.	Make-up required if students miss critical component(s) or miss more than 2 hours.
Emergency Absence (Personal or Immediate Family Illness)	In most circumstances, up to eight (8) sick days leave per academic year.	Students with emergency absences must contact the Clinical Experience Director or Coordinator immediately by phone or email once a request is needed. The form must be completed within 24 hours. Students MUST take sick leave when they are infectious and should contact Student Health and Wellness Center for questions or concerns about this.	Make-up required if students miss critical component(s) or miss more than 1 day.
Medical appointment	A total up to two (2) hours per rotation.	Submit a time-off request form as soon as your appointment is confirmed. Additional time may be allowed with formal accommodations through the Office of Student Access, but make-up may still be required.	Make-up required if students miss critical component(s) or miss more than 2 hours.
Required Curriculum	-CPX (half day) -SCHI Capstone (2 nd Fri W3)	Submit a time-off request form at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the course to seek approval.	Make-up required if students miss critical component(s).

	-BLS (2 hours) -Any official UME required session	As students have options to choose dates/time of CPX and BLS, the Course Director or Coordinator may ask you to choose an alternate date/time.	
Attend or Present at an Academic Conference	May receive up to two (2) days during the <u>academic year</u> depending upon how many other days off the student has had prior to the request.	Submit a time-off request form at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the course to seek approval.	Make-up required for missed time.
USMLE Step 2 CK Exam	May receive approval of up to two (2) days during the academic year	Submit a time-off request form at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the course to seek approval.	Make-up required for missed time.
Interview for Residency Program	Up to two (2) days off per 4-week rotation (or one per 2-week rotation)	Days do not carry over from one rotation to the next (i.e., if you do not take two days off on a previous required rotation, you would not get four days off on the next required rotation.)	Make-up required if students miss critical component(s) or miss more than 1 day.
Non-Emergency Personal Reason (i.e., weddings, reunions, etc.)	No guaranteed time off.	Request for time off for non-emergency personal reasons such as weddings, reunions, etc. can be <u>considered</u> if you submit the form. Submit a time-off request form at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the course to seek approval.	Make-up required for missed time.

Steps for Requesting Time Off

1. Student submits time-off request form to Course Director and Coordinator.
2. Course Director or Coordinator will consult the Dean's Office UME Program Manager for Student Records to verify the number of days off the student has had prior to this request.
3. Course Director reviews the request and will approve or deny. Approvals of Requests for Time Off will include any requirements or conditions to be met by the student at the time of approval.
4. Course Director/Coordinator forwards the final decision and the signed Request for Time Off form to the Curriculum & Student Affairs at casa@ohsu.edu, where the attendance records will be maintained for students in all clinical curriculum phase.
5. Director/Coordinator and/or student have clearly communicated absence and make-up plan discussed with attending of record.
6. Taking additional time and/or notifying only the clinical team, without the Director and Coordinator, may result in a professionalism concern and/or course failure.

Clinical Experiences Expectations for Students

During the clinical experience curriculum, students are expected to integrate all that has been learned into the basic skills needed to be a successful physician. Physicians are lifelong learners who must always strive for the next level. To reach that goal, the clinical experiences directors provide the following list of expectations to assist you.

1. You are expected to be present and participate fully in all activities involved in the clinical experience, including orientation, seminars, and assessments.
2. You are expected to make decisions, defend them, and understand the consequences of a poor decision. You are an early clinical learner, and you do not have a medical degree and are not licensed independent practitioner (even if you have other healthcare experience or degrees). As such, you should seek appropriate approval from your supervising faculty and residents before performing procedures, giving advice to patients, ordering tests, diagnostics or therapy.
3. You are expected to give 100% effort while on a clinical experience and you should expect the same from your classmates.
4. You are expected to be respectful of your classmates, residents, faculty and other staff at all times. Do not undermine your colleagues.
5. You are expected to be current with all your patients and you are encouraged to do advanced reading on those patients. You should feel free to bring relevant articles to the team.
6. You should expect the residents and attendings to provide constructive criticism, so that you can improve throughout the clinical experience. Formal midterm feedback for every student is required midway throughout all required core clinical experiences.
7. You are expected to be present daily unless you are ill or have a family emergency. You must seek approval for this time off by contacting the clinical experience director for permission. There are no scheduled holidays during core or elective clinical experiences except Thanksgiving Day.
8. You will be assigned to specific sites and team by the Clinical Experiences Director and/or Coordinator. After you receive your clinical site placement, you may request an alternate site or team assignment **before the rotation begins** by contacting the Clinical Experience Coordinator via email. Your request should include a clear rationale and reasoning for an alternate assignment. The Coordinator will consider your request. When circumstances do not allow for the requested change to occur easily or if the change might cause unreasonable disruption, the Coordinator will discuss the case with the Clinical Experience Director. The student will be notified by either the Coordinator or Director with a decision. Students who are denied can appeal to the Associate Dean for UME via email who will consider the request on a case-by-case basis, if still prior to the rotation start date.

9. You should expect that you will receive your final clinical experience evaluation (i.e., “Final Grade and Competency Evaluation”) no later than 6 weeks of completing your clinical experience.
10. You are expected to submit your clinical experience logs electronically no later than Thursday of the last week of the clinical experience.
11. You are expected to complete your course evaluation for the clinical experience within one week of the end of the clinical experience.
12. Remember that the patients are the focus of the patient care experience, and can be your greatest teachers.

Medical Student Clinical Supervision

Medical students are learners, not licensed physicians. During clinical activities the supervising attending physician retains medical and legal responsibility for the patient’s care and is ultimately responsible for the evaluation and management of the patient. While some of the day-to-day supervision of medical students may be delegated to house staff, the supervising attending physician retains full responsibility for the supervision of the medical students assigned to the clinical experience.

While engaged in clinical experiences or activities associated with prescribed coursework, MD students should be incorporated into and accepted as an integral part of the team and permitted to participate in team care of the patient. To facilitate the education of medical students, **supervising attending physicians and/or resident physicians** are expected to do the following:

- Be familiar with the objectives for the course/clinical experience, as well as the key diagnoses, conditions, and/or procedures that students are expected to encounter during the course.
- Provide opportunities for students to demonstrate appropriate responsibility and ownership for patient care responsibilities, including participating in supervised clinical activities as well as documentation in the patient’s electronic health record.
- Be available to answer general questions the student may have pertaining to diagnostics, medications, patient interactions, or other pertinent matters.
- Provide students with regular and timely positive and constructive critical feedback. The clinical experience or course director should be notified immediately by the supervising physician and/or residents if serious academic or professional gaps in student performance exist. Students are also encouraged to perform self-assessment and report to the attending physician and resident identified areas for improvement along with a plan for improvement. Students are encouraged to contact the attending and/or the clinical experience or course director with problems or concerns in clinical, administrative, professional or educational matters. Students

may also directly contact one of the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, the Assistant Dean for UME Curriculum, or the ADUME with concerns.

- Set a model example of professionalism, mutual respect, and collegiality, and demonstrate the attributes becoming of a professional, consistent with the OHSU Code of Conduct. Refrain from sharing personal opinions of other students, residents, or healthcare colleagues. Teach with a spirit of kindness and compassion, never with an intent to embarrass or humiliate the learner.
- Review the Handbook for Teachers of Medical Students annually, and complete the simple attestation sent to you by the Office of UME.

Individual clinical experience and course directors will provide specific guidance to students to explain the student's level of responsibility and the scope of approved activities and procedures expected or permitted on the clinical experience.

Clinical Experience Principles of Student Assessment

Students in the core clinical experiences will be assessed by attendings, residents, and other appropriate and designated evaluators on their knowledge, skills and attitudes using a multi-modal component framework (see below). All of the four graded assessment components are treated separately, and each component must be passed individually in order to pass the clinical experience. The final grade will be determined by the Core Clinical Experience Director after all of the student performance and assessment data is compiled. Failure in any one of the four components will result in a non-pass final grade for the core clinical experience irrespective of the student performance in other components (see "Remediation of Non-Passing Clinical Experience Grades" below). The final grade for the clinical experience will appear on the student's official University transcript.

1. The multi-modal assessment framework for the Core Clinical Experiences includes the following components:

Components that Contribute to the Final Grade of the Clinical Experience include:

Component 1: Clinical performance as judged by attendings, residents, and other appropriate and designated evaluators in authentic patient care encounters. Written narrative comments from these evaluators of a student's performance during the core clinical experience must be provided

Component 2: Skills demonstrations, some of which may be during authentic patient care encounters, and objective knowledge for clinical practice assessments

Component 3: Self-directed learning activities

Component 4: Professionalism assessment

Each clinical experience will also have a defined set of the OHSU UME Competencies under the six larger domains of competence tied to the experience. The Clinical Experience Director, as the “Qualified Assessor,” will determine the level of entrustability (i.e., milestone level) the student has achieved for each of the competencies tied to the experience. Competency assessments are tracked longitudinally for all students across the *YourMD* curriculum. Clinical experience final grades may be, but are not absolutely required to be, directly correlated with the student’s competency assessments for a particular clinical experience.

The number and types of evaluators, and the specific types of assessments within each of the above components, will vary between different core clinical experiences but the framework will be standard.

2. All clinical experience directors must submit a final grade and comments to the Dean’s Office no later than 6 weeks after the completion of the core clinical experience.
3. Midterm feedback will be provided to all students in the seven required core clinical experiences, and a standard form will be used to document this feedback.
4. A common set of skills and attitudes pertaining to professionalism will be assessed by each clinical experience director for the seven required core clinical experiences, in addition to assessment of professionalism competencies specific to that clinical experience.
5. The students will be assessed based on the clinical experience objectives that have been developed for each clinical experience.
6. Assessment of students must include direct observation by faculty and other appropriate and designated evaluators of the student’s patient care skills, including history taking, physical examination, procedural skills, communication, professionalism, use of systems, and practice improvement appropriate for each clinical experience.

Remediation of Non-Passing Core Clinical Experience Grades

Any student who fails one or more components in a required core clinical experience will post a non-passing grade. This will be listed on the student’s University transcript for the clinical experience. The student will also be referred to the Medical Student Progress Board (MSPB) as detailed in other sections of this Handbook. The clinical experience director will provide a recommendation for an individualized remediation plan to the MSPB for consideration, and the Board will approve the final remediation plan.

Elective Clinical Experience Grading

Elective clinical experiences may utilize the four-component multi-modal assessment framework above, or may utilize a different framework, depending upon the preference of the elective clinical experience director. At a minimum, all elective clinical experiences will include the following assessment items when determining a student’s final elective clinical experience grade:

- **Final elective clinical experience grade** –Pass-No Pass (P/NP)
- **Competency assessment** – level of entrustability and student competency attainment for all of the competencies tied to that elective clinical experience

- **Professionalism assessment** for the student in the elective clinical experience
- **Narrative comments** – written comments from attending and other appropriate and designated evaluators of the student’s performance during the elective clinical experience.

Students are allowed to repeat a previously passed course again in full if desired (or recommended by the Medical Student Progress Board). In this situation, the original course and passing grade will remain on the transcript in the term it was taken, and the repeated course and grade will also appear on the transcript in the term it was repeated.

Clinical Experience Phase Grading System for Modular Courses

The following withdraw (W), withdraw pass (WP), withdraw no pass (WNP) gradings apply to MD program courses in the clinical curriculum phase and will appear on the student’s university transcript. For other grading such as P, NP, and I, refer to the University grading policy.

Withdrew (W)

- For courses that are 3 weeks or longer, students ask to withdraw from a course between day 1 to halfway through the course, W (Withdrew) will be posted on the university transcript.
- For courses that are 2 weeks long, students ask to withdraw from a course between day 1 to end of the first week of the course, W (Withdrew) will be posted on the university transcript.

Withdrew Pass (WP) or Withdrew No Pass (WNP)

- For courses that are 3 weeks or longer, students ask to withdraw from a course after completing halfway, but before the final week, Withdrew Pass (WP) or Withdrew No Pass (WNP) will be assigned and posted to the student’s university transcript based on the student’s performance in the course to date.
- For courses that are 2 weeks or less, students will not receive WP or WNP.

Withdrawal not Accepted

- For courses that are 2 or more weeks long, course withdrawal will not be accepted during the final week of the course.
- For courses that are shorter than 2 weeks, course withdrawal will not be accepted in the second week of the course.

Clinical Experience Phase Scheduling

All students must successfully complete the Foundations of Medicine phase of the curriculum and post a Pass on USMLE Step 1 prior to progressing in the Clinical Experience phase of the curriculum. During the summer of the second year, students are provided information by the Office of UME about the MedHub lottery for scheduling coursework during the Clinical Experience phase of the curriculum. Once students receive their initial clinical experience schedules with core clinical experiences and core intersessions, the following procedure can be used to modify the schedule if desired.

Students may swap a core clinical experience (CCE) with another medical student up to 12 weeks prior to the start of the CCE in the following manner. Note you will need to get prior approval (before

following the instructions below) from the Family Medicine course coordinator or CCE Director prior to swapping FAMP 731 – Fam Medicine Continuity Core). For all other CCE rotation swap requests:

1. One student emails Curriculum and Student Affairs (casa@ohsu.edu) AND the department coordinator, copying the student involved in the swap.
2. The subject of the email must be “SWAP”
3. Provide the information in the table below:

Name and U number	John Doe (U00055555)	Jane Doe (U00055556)
Currently scheduled	IMED 730 – Summer 3, 2019	IMED 730 – Fall 1, 2019
Want to move to:	IMED 730 – Fall 1, 2019	IMED 730 – Summer 3, 2019

Once this information is received by the above UME and department staff, AND the second student confirms, the Office of UME will change your enrollment in Banner and you will receive a notification that the swap has been implemented. In addition, if the lottery did not fill all core clinical experiences from Summer 2 to Winter 2 blocks to capacity, students who are entering the clinical experience phase may be asked to consider moving one or more core experiences to an earlier block.

Students requesting a change, cancellation or modification of scheduled elective clinical/non-clinical experiences, may do so following the procedures as below:

Drop

- **The deadline to drop a previously scheduled elective clinical/non-clinical experience, without special approval**, is Monday at 7:00am 10 weeks before the start of each rotation. To do so, you must email casa@ohsu.edu your U number, block/year, and course number to drop the course. Refer to the Add/Drop Deadline Calendar in the Office of UME site → Student Information → Clinical Curriculum Phase Information (under the Scheduling section).
- Within 10 weeks before the start of each rotation, late drops will be approved only on a case-by-case basis for students who submit a Late Drop Request Form AND who meet the specific eligibility requirements outlined on the form. The form can be found on the Office of UME site --> Student Information --> Clinical Curriculum Phase Information (under the Scheduling section). Once submitted, the request will automatically be sent to the course coordinator, course director, and the ADUME for approval. If all three approvals are obtained (casa@ohsu.edu) staff will officially adjust the schedule in Banner. Students are responsible for monitoring their courses and credits to ensure they meet the graduation requirements. **Note: students will be responsible for any late drop fee (to cover administrative cost and rotation application software fee) charged by affiliated hospitals/clinics.**

Add

- **The deadline to add an elective clinical/non-clinical experience, without special approval**, is Monday at 7:00am eight weeks prior to the start date of the rotation. To add a lottery course, please email casa@ohsu.edu your U number, block/year, and course number.

- **Within eight weeks prior to the start of the course**, students must direct the **request to add a course** to the course coordinator.

These add and drop staggered deadlines allow a student time to enroll in an elective that another student has dropped. Late requests may not be granted.

Information Sharing About Clinical Experience Enrollment and Clinical Site Placement

Students' enrollment and site placement information may be shared with relevant OHSU education coordinators, faculty, residents, other teachers, and/or affiliate hospital/clinic education teams including teachers, coordinators, and other students who are taking cores or electives in the same department (i.e., pediatrics electives in Winter 3 block). However, enrollment and site placement information is protected under FERPA and as such, students are prohibited from sharing this information for other students with any individual.

SoM Clerkship Duty Hours Policy for Medical Students

Students and faculty goals align around providing instructional activities and facilitating participation in care for patients to create an overall educational experience that prepares students for residency training and medical practice, while maintaining wellness.

Duty hour rules from the ACGME for graduate medical programs were developed for residents with the goal of creating a safe working environment for residents who are often making critical decisions on patient care and thus need to maintain an adequate level of mental alertness. This policy is intended to recognize the value of maintaining adequate rest throughout the learning experience to appropriately and actively participate in patient care safely, maintain attention to be able to adequately learn, and maintain an appropriate healthy balance between work and personal time. The SoM UME Curriculum Committee, through the Clinical Experience Director Subcommittee, developed the following guidelines:

- The student must not be assigned to be physically present more than 80 hours per week, averaged over 4 weeks, including required clerkship lectures, conferences and exams.
- Ideally a student should not be assigned to be in a clinical learning environment more than 24 hours in one shift. A clerkship may determine that a given learning experience is not able to be achieved within this timeframe, and they deem there will be adequate likely downtime for the student, they may extend the experience to 30 hours to enhance learning opportunities.
- The student will have at least one full day off per week, averaged over a month.
- If a student is on a rotation without overnight call responsibilities, the student should feel free to come in early or stay late for the benefit of patient care or the student's education. Students are expected to be at all required educational activities (e.g., lectures, conferences, exams, etc.).
- Clerkship directors will be responsible for monitoring likely weekly schedules for students on their clerkship to assure that violations of this policy would not be anticipated for an average student who is completing all required activities. Clerkship directors will also be responsible for assigning reasonable amounts of required assignments. Completing assignments or studying for examinations at home does not count toward duty hour time.

- Students who have exceeded or are likely to exceed the duty hour policy over the course of clerkship must alert their supervising faculty member, the clerkship director, or Student Affairs in a timely fashion so adjustments to the student's schedule on the clerkship can be made. Students will not be required to log hours while on clerkships but will be asked through the end of clerkship evaluation if violations did occur, and if they did occur, students should be ready to report the hours they were on duty.

Rural Clinical Experiences

All OHSU MD students (except MD/PhD and OMS dual-degree candidates) must successfully complete a rural clinical experience to meet graduation requirements for the MD degree. Rural clinical experiences are offered in a variety of locations across the state and may be offered within the Rural Elective and Multidisciplinary Clinical Experiences course, or within a specific department's clinical experience offerings. Travel and mileage reimbursement is not provided by the SoM Office of UME. Students rotating at any non-OHSU location have an extension of OHSU protections related to mistreatment and discrimination or harassment at these sites, and relevant complaints can and should be reported to the Assistant Dean(s) of Student Affairs and/or the OHSU's Title IX /OCIC office, respectively.

Assigned housing is provided at no additional cost for students completing their rural experience(s) located 40 miles or more, or a 1-hour drive from the Portland Metropolitan Area. Students are required to fill out the following surveys, and respond to any other related communication, in a timely fashion:

- Emergency contact information
- Check-In Survey – asks about how the unit was left by the previous student so that expected cleaning and check-out requirements have been met
- Check-Out Survey – follow and attest they have completed all check-out requirements

All students who are assigned to OHSU housing must abide by the policies and guidelines [available here](#). OHSU Housing Guidelines include, but are not limited to, policies around pets, guests, visitors, utilization of reserved housing, and damage to property. **If you have pets, you will need to pre-arrange for their care. Pets are never allowed inside OHSU housing unless you have pre-approved accommodations.** Questions can be directed via email to [OHSU Student Housing](#).

Information for Students Completing Clinical Experiences at the Campus for Rural Health

Students who choose to complete their rural clinical experience at a Campus for Rural Health location (i.e., Klamath Falls, LeGrande, Enterprise, or Coos Bay) will have additional requirements as below:

- Students who rotate for the first time at a Campus for Rural Health location will be enrolled in the **Rural Community-based Project** as an additional 1 credit course (IPE 712) during the experience.
 - This interprofessional course is graded pass/no pass and entails approximately 36 hours total of active participation.
 - During this course, students engage with community partners, OHSU faculty leaders and interprofessional students in the development, implementation, and evaluation of a project identified by the community that addresses one or more local health issues. All learning

activities require two or more interprofessional students working together. Students will participate in a variety of aspects of the project, including, but not limited to:

- Review of the literature and relevant documents
 - Qualitative and/or quantitative data collection
 - Data analyses
 - Data interpretation
 - Collaborative development and implementation of a system-level improvement or intervention.
- This course is delivered throughout the year, with students in multiple disciplines and programs on/off boarding at various points in time. Depending on the length of the student's rural clinical experience, some work may need to be completed through online participation or other remote activity.
 - Students who **return** to a Campus for Rural Health location for additional clinical experiences **are not required** to enroll in the course again but can opt to take the 0.5 credit IPE community-based project elective course (IPE 722) if desired.
- The housing that is provided at the Campus for Rural Health is shared between students in the School of Medicine (medical students and physician assistant students), School of Dentistry, School of Nursing, and the College of Pharmacy.

Clinical Experiences Taken Away from OHSU

Domestic Away Rotations

Students will generally take all required courses and clinical experiences as offered by OHSU SoM. In rare circumstances, with prior approval, students may complete required experiences on away rotations. Students completing experiences outside of OHSU must be in good academic standing and are required to be supervised by licensed physicians affiliated with accredited residency programs and/or teaching hospitals.

Students on academic probation are restricted from rotating at regional clinical sites and from completing rotations away from OHSU. The only exception to this is that students are allowed to complete their rural clinical experience requirement while on academic probation.

Students may take away rotations only during academic terms aligned with the OHSU university academic calendar. Students will not receive academic credit nor be approved to take away rotations that occur during a university fall, winter, spring, or summer break, unless they seek and gain approval for this from the OHSU Vice-Provost.

The procedures for obtaining approval for an elective course not listed in the OHSU course catalog include:

1. **Student completes the [Domestic Away Attestation Form](#)**

2. Student checks the Affiliation Agreement List (found on the Office of UME site, “student information” tab →Clinical Curriculum Phase Information→Affiliation Agreement list) to see the sites which already have current affiliation agreements in place with OHSU. In general, students are strongly encouraged to seek away rotations at a site on this list.
3. The Office of Curriculum and Student Affairs (CASA) provides the student with a VSLO token after receiving the student’s attestation form.
4. Student applies for rotation at an away institution.
5. Student receives confirmation of acceptance by the away site. **Note: Acceptance by the away site does NOT guarantee approval from OHSU to complete the away rotation for credit or to be covered by malpractice insurance. Keep reading below.**
6. Student completes the Domestic Away Elective Form (can be found in Office of UME site in the “Student Information” tab in the FORMS section) at least six months ahead of the anticipated away elective. While submitting the form does not guarantee approval of the away rotation, no student will be approved without first submitting this form to the Office of UME. Without approval, this means you will not receive academic credit, nor be covered by malpractice insurance while you are away. Note that the approval from the Office of UME is conditional until Off-Campus Authorization (OCA) approval and a signed affiliation agreement are obtained.
7. CASA will work with the OHSU Contracts and Provost’s Offices along with the away site to execute training affiliation agreement, if a current one is not already on file. A signed affiliation agreement with the hosting site is required for approval for all domestic away rotations PRIOR to the student doing the rotation.
8. Student will submit the approved Off Campus Authorization sent to them via email at casa@ohsu.edu. Once the approved Off Campus Authorization and training affiliation agreement are in place, CASA will officially enroll students in an away rotation elective.
9. Students who decide **not** to do an away rotation after the approval must contact casa@ohsu.edu to drop from an away elective course prior to the rotation start date. Failure to notify casa@ohsu.edu will result in no pass (NP) grade.

The Domestic Away Elective form must be submitted to CASA as early as possible (at least six months) prior to anticipated travel, as some approvals may take several months. **It is important to note that not all away rotations will be approved given legal and regulatory issues.** Due to liability issues, the OHSU Office of Risk Management requires all students requesting away rotations outside of Oregon to obtain prior approval. **Students who have not been approved prior to the start date to rotate at an away site but go anyway, will (1) not be registered nor receive academic credit for the rotation, and (2) will be personally liable for any malpractice claim against the student while at the site.**

Following approval to rotate at an away site:

- Students are expected to provide the away site with the standard clinical experience evaluation form and are responsible for its return to casa@ohsu.edu in a timely manner (within four weeks from the ending of the experience).
- Students who complete away rotations are also expected to complete an evaluation of the away course for the OHSU Office of UME to assist in educational quality monitoring.

For additional details about the required procedures for domestic away rotations, visit the Office of UME Brightspace/Sakai site →Student Information tab →Clinical Curriculum Phase Information.

International & Global Health Experiences

Two methods are available for students to seek an international educational experience - authorized by the School of Medicine to receive academic credit or not authorized by the School of Medicine and receive no academic credit (or enrollment).

Authorized International & Global Health Experiences for Earning Academic Credit

The following guidelines delineate the steps for medical students wishing to earn academic credit and receive financial aid while pursuing a global health experience. Eligibility for an international educational experience requires the following criteria to be met at least 12 weeks prior to departure:

1. Successful completion of the Foundations of Medicine curriculum and USMLE Step 1.
2. Multiple approvals at the SoM level and up to the University's Executive Vice-Provost. No student will be approved for international experiences for academic credit without detailed learning objectives, assessment strategy and an OHSU faculty sponsor. In addition, no student will be approved for an international rotation in a country or location with existing US travel advisories for US citizen travel from the State Department. Travel advisories can be found [here](#).
3. A Training Affiliation Agreement must be executed for UME Curriculum & Student Affairs to officially enroll students in an international away course. To initiate this process, email Assistant Vice Provost, Robert Halstead at halstear@ohsu.edu.
4. Students may not enroll in coursework during university breaks. If an international away site's learning opportunity dates during a break, students must obtain pre-approval from Vice Provost, Cherie Honnell at honnellc@ohsu.edu. The approval email, along with the international away request form, must be uploaded to the OCA website under the Documents section.
5. Students should access the [Off Campus Authorization system](#) for all aspects of the approval process for an international away rotation. Once you log into the system, please follow the instructions below carefully:

As a student you are not listed in the OHSU HR Database and you will need to set up an account in the OCA system. This will be different than your current OHSU login credentials.

1. Initial login:

After you click on the **Student International Travel** application you will see the following:

Please indicate how you will be logging in:

I have an OHSU network ID and password.

I have login credentials to this site that I received by email.

I do not have login credentials to this site.

To set up your account you will choose “**I do not have login credentials to this site**”. This will prompt you to set up your account.

2. Accessing your account after the initial login:

Please indicate how you will be logging in:

I have an OHSU network ID and password.

I have login credentials to this site that I received by email.

I do not have login credentials to this site.

If you do not recall your password, please click on the blue “forgot your password?” below the login boxes and you will be prompted to change your password.

Please log in:

Username:

Password:

[Forgot your password?](#)

Please email oca@ohsu.edu if you are still not able to log into the system.

6. After logging in as above, please follow the steps below carefully:

- ✓ **Step 1:** You are required to complete an [International Away Elective Form](#) (signed by the Faculty Advisor) & Medical Student International Travel Waiver of Liability, which can be found on the Office of UME Brightspace/Sakai site in the “Student Information” tab”.
- ✓ **Step 2:** All travelers must complete the Export Controls Visual Compliance form for travel to be approved. Please [click here](#) to log into the Export Controls Portal and choose "Travel" when asked: What form would you like to submit?
- ✓ **Step 3:** Ensure you have completed the Student International Travel Application and attach the signed Student International Away Elective form to submit it in the system.

7. All students are required to meet with the University Financial Aid Office staff prior to departure regarding financial aid regulations.

8. Students approved for an international education experience are required to register and pay University tuition (if due) and fees while away on an international experience. Students can earn up to a total of 9 clinical elective academic credits towards graduation requirements. Any additional credit earned may be applied to qualify as a full-time student for financial aid purposes and will be represented on the academic transcript but not count toward graduation.
9. Students are responsible for requesting a performance assessment from including final grade pass/fail from the attending whom they worked with, who submits it to the UME Curriculum & Student Affairs at casa@ohsu.edu. The form can be found in the Office of UME site, student information, under the FORMS section.
10. Prior to departure, students are required to obtain consultation from OHSU Student Health and Wellness Center, and discuss appropriate immunization, prophylactic medications, security recommendations, and other preparatory steps.
11. OHSU does not provide malpractice insurance for international experiences, and students are required to purchase this on their own. Students can contact UME Curriculum & Student Affairs Program Manager for Student Records for assistance.
12. Students are required to secure medical insurance as well as emergency medical evacuation insurance prior to departure. This coverage must be in place for the duration of the international experience. Students who possess health insurance through OHSU Student Health and Wellness Center should notify their insurance carrier of their travel plans. If other insurance is preferred, we suggest students contact [International SOS Assistance Inc.](#); 3600 Horizon Blvd.; Suite 300; Philadelphia, PA 19053. Tel: 215 942 8000; FAX 215 942 8299; or a comparable organization to purchase health and evacuation insurance.
13. Students must be cognizant of federal HIPAA standards, to which OHSU adheres. HIPAA helps to ensure that all medical information meets certain, consistent standards regarding documentation and patient privacy. Whether at home or abroad, use of a patient's health information, including name and diagnoses, or identifiable photographs, requires explicit, written permission from the individual. Further information can be found [here](#).

Non-Authorized International Education Experiences without Academic Credit

Medical students may also pursue international experience(s) during any vacation time. Students earn no academic credit toward graduation requirements and these experiences do not require approval by the School of Medicine. To ensure safety and a more meaningful experience, non-authorized students pursuing education experiences are encouraged to comply with the same requirements as students seeking academic credit.

Intersessions

General Information about Core Intersessions

Core Intersessions are distinctive two credit courses offered several times each academic year in the Clinical Experience phase of the *YourMD* curriculum that deliberately integrate basic, clinical, and health systems sciences around a specific content area. All intersessions have the same structure and course framework, and are unique from clinical experiences, classroom-based electives, or other courses in the *YourMD* curriculum. All intersessions include the following elements:

- Patient cases, often spiraled from the Foundations of Medicine blocks.
- Experiential activities in the authentic clinical and/or scientific enterprise at OHSU, or local community. Students may also have the opportunity in certain intersessions to participate in simulation activities in the OHSU Simulation Center.
- Narrative medicine and reflective writing.
- Group projects ensure students pursue a deep exploration of relevant questions using a basic, clinical, and health systems science framework.
- Didactic learning sessions that build upon the foundational and thread content from the Foundations of Medicine phase of *YourMD*.

The Core Intersessions include:

- Cancer Intersession
- Cognitive Impairment Intersession
- Infection Intersession
- Pain Intersession
- COVID Intersession
- (Dis)ability Intersession
- Others as listed in the Course Catalog

Elective intersessions that are available can be found in the Course Catalog.

Core Intersession Principles of Student Assessment

Students in an intersession will be assessed by the Intersession Director(s) and/or other appropriate and designated evaluators on their knowledge, skills and attitudes using a multi-modal component framework. All the four graded assessment components are treated separately, and each component must be passed individually to pass the intersession. The core intersessions are all graded Pass/No Pass, and the final student grade will be determined by the Intersession Director after all student performance and assessment data is compiled. Failure in any one of the four components will require remediation or result in a Non-Pass final grade for the intersession irrespective of the student performance in other components (see “Remediation of Non-Passing Intersession Grades” below). The

final grade for the intersession will appear on the student's official University transcript. Students will also be assessed on a specified number of UME competencies as outlined in the Intersession syllabus.

The multi-modal assessment framework includes the following components:

Components that Contribute to the Final Grade of the Intersession:

Component 1: Attendance at All Didactic and Experiential Sessions and Assessments, Active Participation, and Submission of All Session Requirements. Attendance is mandatory and will be tracked. Students who have an unavoidable conflict can submit a Request for Time-Off Intersession form, found on the Office of UME Brightspace/Sakai site in the "Student Information" tab under the Forms section.

Component 2: Written Reflection(s). Narrative medicine and reflective practice writing activities as directed by faculty. Evaluation for the reflections will be based on the reflection rubric.

Component 3: End-of-Intersession Quiz. Approximately 50 multiple-choice or short-answer questions administered in ExamSoft covering course objectives, including experiential and/or simulation activities. Students must score at least 70% to meet the passing threshold.

Component 4: Presentations and Projects. Presentations and group projects will be graded using a rubric, and will assess basic, clinical, and health systems science knowledge and performance.

The number and types of evaluators, and the specific types of assessments within each of the above components, will vary between different intersessions but the framework will be standard. Students will be assessed based on the intersession objectives that have been developed for each intersession.

The Intersession Director must submit a final grade in MedHub no later than 6 weeks after the completion of the intersession. Feedback will be provided to all students in the Core Intersessions.

Each intersession will also have a defined set of the OHSU UME Competencies under the six larger domains of competence tied to the experience. The Intersession Director, as the "Qualified Assessor," will determine the level of entrustability (i.e., milestone level) achieved for each of the intersession's competencies. Competency assessments are tracked longitudinally for all students across the *YourMD* curriculum. Intersession final Pass/No Pass grades may be, but are not absolutely required to be, directly correlated with the student's competency assessments for a particular intersession. For instance, some students may not have met the "Entrustable" level of a particular competency that is tied to the intersession but nonetheless have earned a final grade of Pass.

Remediation of Non-Passing Core Intersession Grades

Students are required to pass each of the 4 assessment components of the Core Intersessions to pass the course. Students who do not pass one or more components in a core intersession will post a No Pass grade on the student's University transcript and will be required to successfully remediate to fulfill

graduation requirements. The Medical Student Progress Board will be notified, and the course director will propose an individualized remediation plan to the Board for consideration.

Testing Intersessions – INTS 770A-G

Testing intersessions are courses in the Clinical Experience phase of the *YourMD* curriculum in which students study for and take a National Board of Medical Examiner's (NBME) Clinical Science Mastery Self-Assessment exam. Sometimes referred to as a "shelf" exam, these self-assessments cover core content in Family Medicine (INTS 770A), Internal Medicine (INTS 770B), Neurology (INTS 770C), Obstetrics/Gynecology (INTS 770D), Pediatrics (INTS 770E), Psychiatry (INTS 770F), and Surgery (INTS 770G). The UME Assessment Program Manager provides tokens for registered students to take these exams, which are administered remotely with the "OHSU School of Medicine Enhanced Honor Code" for remote exams in effect. The use of any outside resources is strictly prohibited while taking these examinations. Students can find all details regarding grading for the INTS 770 courses on the Testing Intersession course site (INTS 770 A-G).

Scheduling Testing Intersessions

Medical students self-register for a testing intersession during a **specific academic term** using the university's Student Self-Service (SIS). See the [OHSU academic calendar](#) for term dates. Students can find all details regarding registration, drop and withdraw deadlines, passing thresholds, and examination completion deadlines on the **Testing Intersession course site (INTS 770 A-G)**. Questions can be directed to the UME Assessment team (umeassessments@ohsu.edu). **Please note:** all students enrolled in any testing intersession course are strongly encouraged to take their examinations during normal business hours, as the UME Assessment team is unavailable on the weekends, holidays, or evenings to help troubleshoot any technical or other issue. Failure to finish the exam by the deadline, or taking the wrong form, will result in a No Pass grade.

Students in the MD-MPH dual-degree program can take testing intersessions in any term they are enrolled, including during the MPH year, if desired. Medical students who take a leave from the MD Program to pursue a Masters of Clinical Research (MCR) degree as part of the one-year Physician-Scientist Experience, are allowed to take testing intersessions only in the Summer term (i.e., the first term of the MCR program) as long as they notify the MCR Program Manager, in advance and have enrolled in the testing intersession by mid-May.

YourMD Program Curriculum Structure

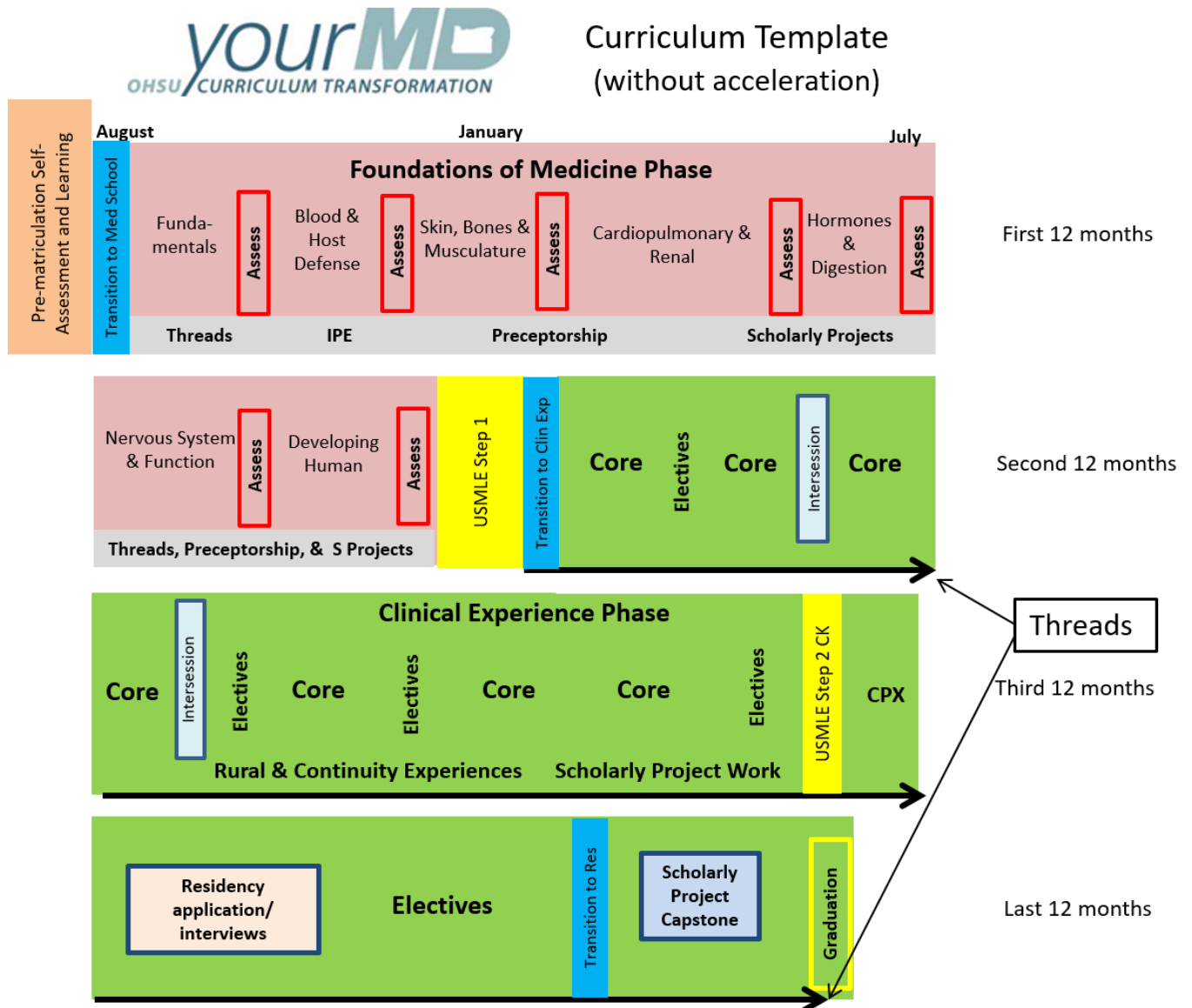


Figure 1. Four-year MD curriculum template (without acceleration). The diagram illustrates the progression of the MD curriculum across four 12-month periods. Students begin with a pre-matriculation phase focused on self-assessment and learning, followed by a transition to medical school. The **Foundations of Medicine Phase** spans the first 18 months and is organized into integrated organ system blocks (Fundamentals; Blood & Host Defense; Skin, Bones & Musculature; Cardiopulmonary & Renal; Hormones & Digestion; Nervous System & Function; and Developing Human), with periodic assessments and longitudinal experiences including interprofessional education (IPE), preceptorship, and scholarly projects. Students then complete **USMLE Step 1** and a transition to the Clinical Experience Phase before entering the **Clinical Experience Phase**, which includes core clerkships, electives, intersessions, rural and continuity experiences, scholarly project work, **USMLE Step 2 CK**, and the Clinical Performance Examination (CPX). The final year emphasizes electives, residency application and

interviews, a transition to residency course, completion of the scholarly project capstone, and graduation. Longitudinal curriculum threads extend throughout all four years.

MD/PhD Program Curriculum Structure

Stage	Academic Year	Program Phase	Timeframe	Status	Milestones / Activities
Pre-matriculation	Before Year 1	MD/PhD	Incoming	MD/PhD	Scientific Oversight Committee (SOC) & Peer Mentor established; complete matriculation requirements
Year 1	MS1	MD	Summer B–Spring	MD	New Student Orientation & Transition to Medical School (TTMS); Foundations of Medicine (FoM); OASIS
		PhD		PhD	Meet Graduate Program Directors
Year 2	MS2	MD	Summer–Winter	MD	Foundations of Medicine (FoM); OASIS; Step 1 USMLE; Transition to Clerkship (TTCE); Research Rotations
	Grad1	PhD	Spring	PhD	Research Rotations; Join Graduate Program
		MD/PhD		MD/PhD	CONJ 640
Year 3	Grad1	PhD	Summer–Spring	PhD	Graduate Program Courses; Research rotations as needed
		MD/PhD		MD/PhD	Optional Volume Writing Program
Year 4	Grad2	PhD	Summer–Spring	PhD	Qualifying Exam; Form dissertation advisory committee (DAC)
		MD/PhD		MD/PhD	Peer Mentor to incoming cohort
		MD/PhD		MD/PhD	Submit NRSA, F30 or AHA grant
Year 5	Grad3+	PhD	Summer–Spring	PhD	Dissertation and Graduate Program Courses
		MD		MD	MD Lottery & Rescheduling
		PhD		PhD	Defend dissertation; Submit dissertation to library
		MD/PhD		MD/PhD	Plan annual MD/PhD retreat (Grad3 only)
Year 6	MS3	MD	Summer–Spring	MD	Core Clinical Experiences; OASIS
		MD/PhD		MD/PhD	JCON 725 – Clinical Translational Research Experience
Year 7	MS4	MD	Summer–Spring	MD	Elective Clinical Experiences; OASIS; Scholarly Project Capstone
					Step 2 USMLE; ERAS; Residency applications and interviews; Graduation
		MD/PhD		MD/PhD	Graduation

Notes

- CONJ 606MD Journal Club is taken throughout the entirety of MD/PhD program; attendance required.
- SOC formed by MD/PhD Program; must meet every 6 months until DAC formed..

- All students expected to hold annual meeting with Program Director.
- MS2s must pass Step 1 exams before moving on to lab rotations. If delayed, TTCE required during study time. If delayed past Winter term, student will go on Leave of Absence.
- DAC is formed with one member from SOC for continuity.
- Dissertation must be submitted to library and all grad program requirements met before student can progress to MS3.
- MD recredentialing must be done during final Grad year before student can start clinical experiences.
- JCON 725 to be completed after core clinical experiences in MS3 or MS4 years. Counts toward clinical continuity.
- The above is the fastest timeline to graduate for an MD/PhD student. Students may take additional time to complete their dissertation and may defend in other terms or years depending on defense readiness determined by their DAC and mentor.

Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Program Curriculum Structure

ROLE REQUIREMENTS FOR OMS YEARS 1-3

(See the OMS residency manual through the School of Dentistry for years 4-6)

During the first three years of training (medical school and general surgery); residents MUST participate in all activities assigned by those services. Residents are not allowed to take call for the OMS service or participate in OMS activities unless they are specifically assigned to the OMS service (for example elective rotation on General Surgery).

1st YEAR – MEDICAL SCHOOL

Requirements for matriculation to OMS Year 2:

- Pass the Pre-Clinical Fundamentals course and clinical skills OSCE
- Pass the USMLE step 1
- Begin to complete the requirements of the core clinical experiences
- Pay full tuition and fees where applicable
- No OMS on call or didactic responsibilities for students in medical school

2nd YEAR – MEDICAL SCHOOL AND ANESTHESIA

The following are required for matriculation to OMS Year 3:

- Continue to satisfactorily complete all the requirements of the core clinical experiences
- Pay full tuition and fees where applicable
- Pass USMLE step 2a (CK) and step 2b (CS)
- Receive MD degree
- Participate in the hooding and all SoM graduation ceremonies
- No OMS on call or didactic responsibilities for students in medical school

- Complete the first four months of total months of Anesthesia training
- All anesthesia rotations will be done in the role of resident

3rd YEAR – GENERAL SURGERY INTERN

- Complete 12 months of core general surgery training including the fifth month of anesthesia
- Complete all requirements for General Surgery Intern Certification
- Completion of USMLE Step 3
- Make all vacation/ leave requests through the Dept of General Surgery

MD-MPH Program Curriculum Structure and Progression

Year 1	Summer-Spring	MPH	Epidemiology 1 before medical school starts (SPH summer term)
		MD	Transition to Medical School Summer B, Foundations of Medicine, OASIS
		MPH	Seminars: Medicine and Public Health (winter), Community Health (spring)
		MD-MPH	Monthly seminar – alumni speaker series and crèche-based meetings
Year 2	Summer-Spring	MPH	None required, electives possible (see list)
		MD	Foundations of Medicine, OASIS Summer and Fall
		MD	Step 1 USMLE, Transition to Clerkship in Winter
		MD	Clinical experiences typically in Winter/Spring
		MD-MPH	Monthly seminar – alumni speaker series and crèche-based meetings
Year 3	Summer	MD	Clinical experiences through Summer
		MPH	None required
	Fall-Spring	MPH	MPH core coursework (Epi or HMP track)
		MD	Testing intersessions allowed, monthly clinical teaching rounds
		MD-MPH	Monthly seminar – alumni speaker series and crèche-based meetings
		MD-MPH	Monthly seminar – alumni speaker series and crèche-based meetings
Year 4	Summer	MPH	MPH Epi Data (Epi students) MPH elective (HMP students)
		MD	Re-start clinical rotations in summer B
	Fall-Spring	MD	Clinical experiences, finishing cores and electives
		MPH	None required, practice experience planning
		MD-MPH	Monthly seminar – alumni speaker series and crèche-based meetings
		MD-MPH	Monthly seminar – alumni speaker series and crèche-based meetings
Year 5	Summer-Spring	MD	Continue clinical experiences, sub-internships
		MD	Step 2 USMLE, ERAS application, residency interviews
		MPH	Practice Experience and Integrative Project, goal completion: winter term
		MD	Scholarly project capstone (Practice experience project can be used)
		MD-MPH	Monthly seminar – alumni speaker series and crèche-based meetings
		MD-MPH	Graduation

Notes:

- All MD-MPH students are expected to attend and participate in the Research Retreat and State of the Program events held annually.

- Having completed the Foundations of Medicine phase curriculum, MD-MPH students, along with their MD student colleagues, will study for, take, and post a passing score on USMLE Step 1. Students in the MD-MPH dual-degree program may not transition to the concentrated year of MPH study until they have taken and posted a passing score on USMLE Step 1.
- All MD-MPH students are **required** to take and pass the MD Scholarly Project Capstone course in winter term of their graduating year (typically March, prior to graduation). MD-MPH dual degree students are **not required** to take the “Introduction to Scholarly Projects: Developing Your Proposal” course or complete Scholarly Project work during the clinical experiences since your MPH Practice Experience and degree fulfill these requirements.

Courses REQUIRED to be Taken Prior to Completion of USMLE Step 1 for MD-MPH Students in Both the Epidemiology and Health Management and Policy tracks	Courses ALLOWED to be Taken Prior to Completion of USMLE Step 1 for MD-MPH Students in the Epidemiology track	Courses ALLOWED to be Taken Prior to Completion of USMLE Step 1 for MD-MPH Students in the Health Management and Policy track
EPI 512 Epidemiology I	PHE 512 Principles of Health Behavior	BSTA 525 - Biostatistics
EPI 507 Medicine and Public Health	HSMP 574 Health Systems Organization	PHE 512 Principles of Health Behavior
EPI 507 Community Health	ESHH 511 Environmental Health	HSMP 574 Health Systems Organization
	HSMP 573 Values and Ethics	ESHH 511 Environmental Health
	EPI 566 Current Issues in Public Health	HSMP 541 - Organizational Behavior
	UNI 504 Qualitative Methods	HSMP 571 - Health Policy
		HSMP 586 - Intro to Health Economics
	Other elective courses may also be taken and would require prior approval from the program director. The sequence of Biostatistics (BSTA 511, BSTA 512, BSTA 513) AND concurrent epidemiology series (EPI 513, EPI 514, and EPI 536 may NOT be taken out of sequence or by themselves	Other elective courses may also be taken and would require prior approval from the program director: HSMP 581- Population Health: Policy & Practice Implications HSMP 582 - Oregon Health Policy HSMP 583 - Economics of Health Systems & Policy HSMP 584 - Social Policy & Public Health HSMP 585 - Implementation Science in Health Systems

Students in the MD-MPH dual-degree program pursuing either the Epidemiology track or the Health Management and Policy track can also review the [recommended course sequence](#), and are also encouraged to review the [full course catalog](#) for the School of Public Health.

Other Curricular Opportunities Available for *YourMD* Medical Students

Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Scholars

[AHEC Scholars](#) is a two-year national program funded by HRSA, designed to better prepare health profession students for future practice in rural and urban underserved communities. Participating students earn a certificate of completion after gaining valuable experience at team-based rural and/or urban underserved clinical practice sites for longer durations, and receive didactic training focused in six core topic areas: Interprofessional Education, Behavioral Health Integration, Social Determinants of Health, Cultural Competency, Practice Transformation, and Current and Emerging Health Issues. Additional benefits include: an opportunity to apply to the Oregon Primary Care Loan Forgiveness program that pays for two years of tuition in exchange for a two-year service commitment; and Scholars can apply for funds to defray additional expenses (funding permitting).

Native Health Experience

American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities exist across Oregon and in every part of the United States. While complex, the health system that serves this varied population is a fundamental part of treaty obligations made by the US Government with sovereign Tribal Nations and thus affects every corner of the United States. Despite this, education of medical providers regarding AI/AN communities has long been inadequate and frequently harmful to communities that continue to experience health outcomes related to racism, historical trauma, and ongoing poor access to quality healthcare. Providing experiences that better prepare physicians to learn from and serve in these communities is imperative. Deep knowledge and strengths have always existed in AI/AN communities. Partnerships for medical student training that align with community values and priorities can present a path towards equity and sustainable systems change. The Northwest Native American Center of Excellence (NNACoE) has been in relationship with the federally recognized Tribes of the Pacific Northwest since inception through our partnerships with the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. The NNACoE is uniquely positioned to strengthen these relationships and education processes for OHSU medical students given our mission to grow and support Indigenous learners, build community based Tribal Health curriculum, and to serve AI/AN communities in Oregon and beyond, and therefore we have developed the following Native Health Experience for medical students at OHSU.

Goals of Experience:

1. Gain understanding of historical context and social underpinnings affecting the health of AI/AN populations nationwide, with a focus on local communities

2. To experience and appreciate the strength and richness of AI/AN culture that permeates region
3. Gain exposure to health care being delivered to AI/AN patients in a variety of settings and with a variety of care models, locations, and clinical scenarios
4. Development and practice of self-reflection and relational skills crucial to considering issues of social justice, health equity, and health care systems as a healthcare provider

Timeline:

- Experience begins Spring MS1 and is completed by MS4 graduation, or sooner.

Timing of Application:

- Apply Winter Term of Year 1 for complete Experience

Criteria for Application:

- All OHSU medical students who apply must be in good academic standing
- Complete application and undergo selection process by NNACoE staff: Selection process will include consideration of prior experience in AI/AN communities and motivation for joining.

Selection Process:

- Completion of application and selection by NNACoE staff
- Cohort size will be increased as rotation capacity increases in the clinical years

Required components:

1. Complete 0.5 credit pre-clinical student elective course
 - Didactic Syllabus: Course books, films, lectures, and articles curated for course and parallel learning
 - Experiential: Community events, visiting places
2. Longitudinal relationship building: Year 1- Graduation
 - With cohort and NNACoE staff
 - With community partners as available
 - With designated mentor
3. Completion of elective courses in Clinical Phase
 - Take and pass 2 credit Principles of American Indian/Alaska Native Health
4. Complete a minimum of 4 weeks in Tribal Health Clinical sites

For more information about the OHSU YourMD Medical Student Native Health Experience, students can contact [Katie Martin](#), MD, MPH, Oregon NNACoE.

Oregon FIRST (Family Medicine Integrated Rural Student Training)

The OHSU Cascades East Family Medicine Residency program is dedicated to training family physicians for rural Oregon and other areas with geographic barriers to access. Significant disparities between urban and rural counties in healthcare resources and health outcomes exist, and rural areas of Oregon

are critically underserved. The Oregon FIRST experience aims to address the primary care workforce needs of Oregon by tailoring the fourth year of medical school to begin learning the comprehensive skillset required to be a family physician in under-resourced areas. Oregon FIRST offers OHSU medical students high-quality rural rotations in their final year in medical school. Located in Klamath Falls, Oregon, Cascades East Family Medicine Center is a certified Patient Centered Primary Care Medical Home. Learners in this environment are trained in a setting of interprofessional team-based care.

Oregon FIRST entails a full year of curriculum and elective rotations, with a full scope experience in a rural setting. Students gain exposure to a rural Family Medicine Residency program, including longitudinal experience with faculty, residents, and patients in the Klamath Falls and surrounding community. Oregon FIRST also aims to ease the transition from medical student to intern by establishing familiarity with expectations of resident physicians. Continuity of both professional role models and peer relationships helps foster a supportive social environment.

Oregon FIRST (30-34 Weeks):

OFKF 741U Oregon First Rural Continuity 1(U3: 4 weeks)

OFKF 741F Oregon First Rural Continuity 2 (F1-F3: 12 weeks)

OFKF 741W Oregon First Rural Continuity 3 (W1-W3: 10 weeks)

OFKF 741S Oregon First Rural Continuity 4 (S1-S2: 4-8 weeks)

AHEC Scholars may be particularly suited for this experience, but all interested students are encouraged to consider this opportunity. The call for applications is typically summer of the MS3 year with interviews in the fall. Selection of Oregon FIRST students occurs in December of the MS3 year, with an anticipated start of the summer 3 block (~late August) in the summer term of the MS4 year. For more information, interested students can visit: [Oregon FIRST](#)

Physician-Scientist Experience

The physician-scientist (P-S) experience was developed for the first cohort of students in *YourMD*, launched in spring 2015. The P-S experience provides research training for medical students who are interested in research careers in multi-disciplinary clinical and translational science. Students accepted into this experience demonstrate interest and have opportunities to participate in extended research activities while in medical school. Students who successfully complete the physician-scientist experience will fulfill the requirements of a scholarly project.

Objectives

- Introduce medical students to the physician-scientist career path.
- Train students in scientific inquiry and connect basic sciences with clinical medicine.
- Provide mentored research experience to explore translational medicine as a career choice.

Time options

- **5-month research option** allows completion of the experience within the standard time frame of the 4-year medical curriculum. This will be in place of clinical or other non-clinical electives, and should be discussed with an OASIS Career Advisor. Students earn 18 medical school credits, 6 of which will be applied to satisfy scholarly project course work and 12 of which can be applied as non-clinical credits towards graduation. Students must pass the Scholarly Project “Developing Your Proposal” Course (SCHI 701A/B/C) during the Foundations of Medicine phase of YourMD. Students can complete the 5-months of research in one of two timeframes:

- W3, S1, S2, S3, and U1 of the 2nd/3rd year, or
- W2, W3, S1, S2, and S3 of the 3rd year.

Note - USMLE Step 1: Students in the 5-month research option of the P-S experience must take the USMLE Step 1 examination before any physician-scientist course work. If a student in the 5-month P-S experience posts a No Pass on the USMLE Step 1 while taking a physician-scientist course, they will have the option to either remain in and complete the current course, or withdraw from the current course, taking a W, WP, or WNP, depending on the date their No Pass is posted. Students will be required to re-take and post a passing score on USMLE Step 1 before being allowed to re-enter the 5-month P-S experience.

- **1-year research option** for students interested in more extensive and robust research experience and training. This requires taking a year leave of absence from the MD program and MD coursework, and enrolling in the Masters in Clinical Research (MCR) program at OHSU with the opportunity to obtain a MCR degree.

The Scholarly Project “Developing your Proposal” Course (SCHI 701A/B/C) must be passed prior to entering the MCR year. This course is taken during the Foundations of Medicine phase of YourMD.

USMLE Step 1: Students in the 1-year research option of the P-S experience must post a pass on the USMLE Step 1 examination **before** transitioning to the MCR graduate study.

Scholarly Project Work: Students will complete 6 credits of SCHI 704M during their MCR year and these credits will be applied towards the Scholarly Project Work requirement.

Testing Intersessions: medical students who pursue the 1-year Physician-Scientist Experience, and who so desire, are allowed to take testing intersessions (INTS 770A-G) but only in the Summer term (i.e., the first term of the MCR program) as long as they notify the MCR Program Manager, in advance and have enrolled in the testing intersession by mid-May.

Physician-Scientist Experience Benefits

- Presents research opportunities in a wide variety of research areas, including molecular medicine, medical genetics, cancer biology, epidemiology, health services research, clinical research, clinical trials, as well as in other disciplines.
- Offers research experience under the mentorship of a physician-scientist, in the laboratory or in clinical research.
- Opportunity to obtain a Master of Clinical Research degree.

- Includes coursework in research design, biostatistics, research ethics, translational research and academic leadership in the framework of the Human Investigations Program.
- Participation in the clinical and translational research clerkship.
- Participation in the physician-scientist seminar
 - Twice-monthly credit course (HIP507b; 0.5 credit hours/quarter).
 - Schedule alternating between journal clubs and physician-scientist faculty presentations.

Physician Scientist Experience [Website](#)

For more information: For additional information, please contact Peter Mayinger, PhD, Director of the Physician-Scientist Experience at mayinger@ohsu.edu.

Pathology Year Experience

The Department of Pathology offers select students the opportunity to spend a year working under supervision, gaining experience in all areas of Pathology. Students who pursue this opportunity take a year Leave of Absence from the MD program to complete these activities, typically starting in Spring term of either the second or third year of medical school. **Note:** students who pursue this opportunity must post a passing score on the USMLE Step 1 before transitioning to the Pathology Year Experience.

Objectives for the Pathology Year Experience include:

- **Learn more about pathology and its clinical importance than you can get in the standard coursework in pathophysiology:** Gain detailed knowledge about important/common patterns of tissue injury and disease progression with detailed, systematic examination and description of real-time surgical pathology and autopsy cases, together with the pathologist. Didactic conferences and unknown case reviews are also provided every week.
- **Play an essential role:** Assume key responsibilities as part of a team in this important medical specialty at OHSU. During the year the student gains technical skills and assumes the same growth of clinical roles as the first-year resident in Pathology.
- **Learn a lot more about the clinical specialties:** Become familiar with the clinical problems and the corresponding pathology particular to each of the clinical specialties. Participate in specialty-related interdisciplinary patient care conferences. Learn the vocabulary of individual medical specialties. Inform your own career choice.
- **Learn the roles of pathology in the clinical management of your future patients:** Understand what it takes to develop a productive relationship between the clinician and the pathologist. What are the factors that limit the clinical value of pathology? What are the growing roles of molecular, immunological, cytogenetic and other emerging technologies in establishing diagnosis, determining prognosis and tailoring treatment?
- **Pursue special interests:** Participate in research projects that are of interest to you; use elective time to investigate subspecialty interests in Pathology and/or to collaborate in programs outside of the department.

- **Develop friends and colleagues for life:** The interdependence of residents, fellows, faculty, and students to accomplish the goals of a clinical service helps to establish mutual trust, respect and friendships.
- **Learn the clinical rules of the road:** Gain experience with the requirements of the physician and other care givers imposed by demands of professionalism, patient confidentiality and privacy. Become proficient with the communications and information systems of the medical center.
- **Develop presentation, communication and literature research skills:** Become more confident in medical conference preparation and presentation. Students, like all other trainees and faculty learn to write concise pathology reports, to communicate effectively and collegially with clinical services and to present cases and/or clinical case reviews periodically through the year. These processes will encourage the student to become more familiar with the primary literature and online print sources. The faculty and senior residents are available to help.

Students interested in the Pathology Year Experience should contact Anya Coleman, Pathology Education Manager (colemaan@ohsu.edu) for more information.

STUDENT STANDARDS AND OTHER POLICIES

OHSU Technical Standards

OHSU's Technical Standards, which apply to all candidates for an OHSU degree or certificate, can be found in the [OHSU policy #02-70-010](#). Academic Programs in the Health Sciences have a societal responsibility to train competent healthcare providers and scientists that demonstrate critical judgement, extensive knowledge and well-honed technical skills. To be qualified for and continue enrollment in OHSU Academic Programs, prospective and current students shall meet both OHSU's academic standards and the technical standards. Prospective and current students with disabilities may utilize approved reasonable accommodations to meet academic and technical standards.

OHSU's Technical Standards include nonacademic criteria that reflect the ability to:

- Acquire information from experiences and demonstrations conveyed through online coursework, lecture, group seminar, small group activities, and other formats.
- Recognize, understand and interpret required instruction materials including written documents, computer-information systems, and non-book resources.
- Manipulate the equipment, instruments, apparatus, or tools required to collect and interpret data appropriate to the domain of study, practice or research.
- Follow universal precautions against contamination and cross contamination with infectious pathogens, toxins and other hazardous chemicals.
- Solve problems and think critically to develop appropriate products and services (e.g., treatment plan, a scientific experiment).
- Synthesize information to develop and defend conclusions regarding observations and outcomes.
- Use intellectual ability, exercise proper judgment and complete all responsibilities within a timeframe that is appropriate to a given setting.

- Communicate effectively and maintain mature, sensitive and effective relationships with all persons including but not limited to clients, patients, students, faculty, staff and other professionals.
- Operate in a safe manner and respond appropriately to emergencies and urgencies.
- Demonstrate emotional stability to function effectively under stress and adapt to changing environments inherent in clinical and professional practice, healthcare and biomedical sciences and engineering.

For further information regarding services and resources for students with disabilities and/or to request accommodations, please contact the Office for Student Access (studentaccess@ohsu.edu).

School of Medicine MD Program-Specific Technical Standards

In addition to the OHSU technical standards, the UME program is committed to diversity and to recruit and educate students who will become highly skilled and compassionate physicians that represent the population. The following technical standards are requirements for admission, promotion, and graduation, and in addition to the academic program requirements as outlined in the medical student handbook and applicable policies and procedures. Candidates with disabilities are encouraged to contact the [Office for Student Access \(studentaccess@ohsu.edu\)](mailto:studentaccess@ohsu.edu) before matriculation, ASAP during the program, and at any time of a new diagnosis or need to have a confidential discussion about reasonable accommodations to meet these standards. We actively collaborate to ensure accessibility in our curriculum and opportunities.

With or without the use of accommodations or assistive technologies:

- Candidates must be able to observe and learn from classroom instruction, laboratory instruction including anatomy lab (donors), images, physical skills demonstrations, small group activities, team activities, individual study, technology including the electronic health record, written assignments, and additional opportunities throughout the curriculum.
- Candidates must be able to obtain information from patients, assess and evaluate findings accurately, including but not limited to palpation, auscultation, and percussion. This requires the use of vision, hearing, and touch or the functional equivalent.
- Candidates must be able to learn to respond with precise, quick, and appropriate action to provide or direct care in emergency situations following universal precautions and safety standards. This will include executing some motor movements required to provide general care and include some coordination of gross and fine muscular movements, balance and equilibrium. Candidates must also understand and utilize spatial relationships and three-dimensional modalities
- Candidates must be able to communicate with accuracy, clarity, efficiency, and sensitivity with all patients and members of the healthcare team, both in person and in writing. Candidates

must demonstrate effective communication, accurate recording of information, and accurate interpretation of patients' verbal and nonverbal communication.

- Candidates must be able to acknowledge, analyze and synthesize complex information, solve problems, and reach diagnostic and therapeutic judgments.
- Candidates must possess the interpersonal skills to develop rapport and positive relationships with patients in a professional manner. Professional attributes include meeting legal and ethical standards and possessing compassion, integrity, concern for others, and other expectations as outlined in the medical student handbook.
- Candidates must possess good judgment with perseverance, diligence, and consistency to complete the medical school curriculum. Candidates, therefore, must be able to handle and manage taxing workloads, to function effectively under stress, to adapt to changing environments, to display flexibility, and to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many patients.

OHSU Code of Conduct

At the beginning of medical school, each student will be provided with an OHSU Code of Conduct. This Code is a core component of the OHSU Compliance Program and expresses OHSU's commitment to excellence and the highest ethical standards. Each student will be asked to sign a statement indicating they have received the Code of Conduct and are responsible for reading this document and seeking clarification if they do not understand the contents. The OHSU Code of Conduct can be found [here](#).

Professional Conduct Expectations for all OHSU Health Professions Students

OHSU students are expected to conduct themselves in accord with the high ethical standards expected of health professionals. Since students, after graduation, may be licensed to practice as health professionals and may be required to assume responsibility for the life and welfare of other human beings, every student is expected to demonstrate a level of competence and patterns of behavior which are consistent with these professional responsibilities and which are deserving of the public's trust. The University and School has the right to sever, at any time, the connection with any student considered unfit for a career in the health-related professions. If not otherwise provided by a school or applicable program, allegations of prohibited conduct shall follow procedures described below:

Professional Conduct Expectations for Students in the MD Program

The students of the School of Medicine at the Oregon Health & Science University are expected to conduct themselves in an ethical, prudent and humanitarian manner while engaging in all phases of their professional and academic life. The following behaviors and attitudes are thought to embody some

of the key requirements for professional conduct expected of students in the MD program. A deviation from expected conduct may result in official School of Medicine disciplinary action (see *Professionalism and Evaluation of Professionalism* section below).

- Honesty is a necessary professional virtue. Students are expected to be honest in their academic and professional interactions with each other and in their dealings with peers, patients, the Oregon Health & Science University and the professional community. Academic honesty includes the responsibility for producing original academic work, as well as properly citing sources and not plagiarizing. The acquisition of materials in whole or in part from any source (e.g., from textbooks, journal articles, web resources, generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) such as ChatGPT, and third parties such as ghost writers) and the subsequent presentation of those materials as the student's own work without proper attribution, whether that material is paraphrased or copied in verbatim or near-verbatim form, constitutes an academic integrity violation unless otherwise allowed by the UME faculty director or administrative leader. This includes answers used to complete an assignment, written essays, or examinations.
- It is expected that students will demonstrate their professional obligations in a timely and responsible manner.
- Society entrusts health professionals to help people endure physical and emotional distress, and grants health professionals the privileges of examining personal areas of the body and listening empathetically to closely guarded secrets and fears. Consequently, it is expected that health professionals will treat patients and their families with dignity and respect and will hold the information that they acquire in strictest confidence.
- Students will demonstrate the following attributes of trustworthiness: truthfulness (truth telling and absence of deception), conscientiousness (thoroughness in data gathering and dependability in follow through), and discernment (awareness of one's limits in knowledge and skill and the application of knowledge and skill appropriate for one's level of training)
- Students will not allow personal concerns and biases to interfere with the welfare of their patients.
- Students should show respect for each other and for those who support the care of patients and academic programs.
- Students should assist each other to identify and maintain professional standards of conduct in a dignified and helpful manner.
- Conflicts among students and other individuals should be addressed and resolved in an equitable and professional manner.
- Professional responsibilities require mental and physical skills that are unimpaired by the use of drugs or alcohol.
- Electronic information—see *Standards of Electronic Information Conduct* section found elsewhere in this Handbook.

Professionalism and Evaluation of Professionalism

Professionalism is [the basis of medicine's contract with society](#). As such, the OHSU School of Medicine has embraced professionalism as one of the core competency domains for all of its students enrolled in its undergraduate medical education (MD) program.

Recognizing Excellence in Professionalism (REP)

The OHSU School of Medicine UME Program encourages individuals to recognize OHSU medical students who have demonstrated exemplary professional behavior in their journey to become physicians of the future. This recognition can include de-identified patient comments, exceptional projects, peer support, outstanding communication, or **anything that goes above and beyond** the expectations of medical student professional behavior or the role of a position they hold. Feedback can come from a variety of sources – patients, faculty, staff, students, residents or others.

Please complete a [Recognizing Excellence in Professionalism \(REP\) form](#) to submit exemplary feedback about a medical student, which will be sent to the UME Student Affairs team to recognize the student. The REP form and feedback will also be placed in the student's medical student file in the Office of UME.

Professionalism Concern Report (PCR)

The OHSU School of Medicine UME Program utilizes a Professionalism Concern Report (PCR) as a formal mechanism by which individuals may submit information regarding an event or incident that raises concerns about an OHSU medical student's professional behavior. Faculty and staff may also provide informal or formal written or verbal feedback to students when concerns arise regarding communication, behavior, or task completion. The UME Program embraces a growth mindset model with respect to developing professionalism, and uses the PCR and process described below to support student development, growth, and learning when a suspected or confirmed professionalism lapse occurs. *Note: process is undergoing revisions in the 2026-2027 academic year, please contact Dr. Cantone with feedback or ideas.*

1. The [Professionalism Concern Report \(PCR\)](#) may be submitted by any individual who has witnessed, was directly involved in, or otherwise has first-hand knowledge about an incident that raises concerns about a medical student's professionalism. Anonymous reports are discarded.
2. The completed PCR is routed to the Student Affairs Faculty, one of whom reviews the reporter's information, and then creates a PCR document. The PCR document will include information about the professionalism concern reported and any supplementary material provided by the reporter.
3. The Student Affairs Faculty will send the PCR document to the student via email to review, along with an invitation to meet within one week. This timing will provide the student a rapid

resource for transparent sharing of information, support and resources, guidance, and discussion about the PCR document and process.

4. The student will provide their written perspective on the PCR document, and can do this before, during, or immediately following the meeting with the faculty. **The student will finalize their portion of the PCR document no later than two weeks following their meeting.** Once completed, the student will email the PCR document back to the faculty for further processing.
5. The Student Affairs Faculty will forward the PCR document to the Assistant Dean of UME Student Affairs who will review all the information on the PCR, categorize it as a minor or major concern, and determine if it is patterned. Minor concerns will be adjudicated as below, with major concerns sent to the ADUME. They will decide the disposition of the PCR document from the following three options:
 - **OPTION 1: Refer the student to an OASIS Life & Wellness Advisor for a confidential discussion.** The discussion is intended to help coach and guide the student and promote healthy personal and professional identity formation for a successful physician career. **This conversation will not be documented** or recorded in the student's file in the Office of UME, and is for the sole benefit and support of the student. The final and completed PCR document **will be** kept in the Office of UME by the UME Student Affairs and Scholarship Project Coordinator. No information will be changed on the MSPE or shared with residency programs, scholarships, or other outside entities.
 - **OPTION 2: Refer to the Medical Student Progress Board (MSPB) for a Course of Action meeting.** With this option, an invitation to the MSPB will be sent by the ADUME
 - **OPTION 3: Another disposition** as determined and described in the response to the student by the ADUME.
6. If a student is referred to the MSPB, the MSPB will follow standard protocol for Course of Action meetings (see information about Course of Action meetings elsewhere in this Handbook.)
 - If the MSPB recommends the student continue in the curriculum but with modification of the professionalism section of the student's Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) because of a serious professionalism lapse, the proposed modification language will be included in the student's MSPB outcome letter, sent to the student by the ADUME within 30 days of the MSPB meeting. The student will have the ability to appeal the proposed modified language of the professionalism section of the MSPE to the Dean in the SoM. The Dean will be the final decider on the MSPE language for the student. Students with altered language regarding trustworthiness will have their EPAs held (see section on "Disciplinary Procedures and Actions of the Medical Student Progress Board")
 - If the MSPB recommends the student proceed to a Dismissal Hearing, the student will be invited per MSPB standard protocol for a Dismissal Hearing. If the student is dismissed from the UME program, **the student can appeal this final disciplinary decision** per OHSU policy #02-30-050 on the [OHSU policy page](#) in "Conduct Relating to Students" section.

Professional Appearance and Dress

Students are expected to adhere to professional dress and attire when encountering patients either in the classroom or in a clinical setting. Patients come from very diverse backgrounds that need to be respected. Classroom settings are considered informal unless there are patients present. Students participating in classroom activities should be well-groomed and neat and use good judgment about what is too casual. Students are responsible for reading and adhering to the [OHSU Professional Appearance policy](#). This policy can also be found on the Office of UME site. Please note that modifications for religious/spiritual dress are allowed through a formal accommodation.

OHSU Surgical Scrub Attire Policy

The OHSU Hospital and Clinics maintains a scrub policy ([#HC-PC-252-RR](#)) that applies to all students, trainees, physicians and other OHSU workforce members. Please note the following practice requirements within this policy:

Clean, OHSU-issued surgical scrub attire (light blues):

- May NOT be worn to and from the hospital
- May NOT be worn outside of operating rooms, Labor & Delivery, ICU, Interventional Radiology, Cath Lab/EP, and Central Sterile Processing Department without a white cover gown or white lab coat

Note, Graduate Medical Education – issued dark blue scrubs (“uniform”) (i.e., for residents and fellows), can be worn everywhere EXCEPT the operating rooms and Interventional Radiology.

Medical students are required to wear scrubs for certain courses and clinical experiences and will be given access to OHSU scrub dispensing machines for those instances by the course coordinator. It is important to note that to maintain compliance with the Surgical Scrub Attire Policy, **you are not permitted to walk outside the building with the light blue scrubs as above, and must change into and out of the scrubs at the clinical or simulation setting you will be working in.** Students may also purchase their own scrubs (but not light blue) for use outside of operating rooms, interventional procedural areas, and labor & delivery operating rooms, and these personal scrubs must be freshly laundered on your own prior to each use.

Conscientious Objection

The OHSU School of Medicine Undergraduate Medical Education curriculum includes required clinical experiences in a variety of disciplines and settings. Medical students may occasionally face ethical dilemmas during their education. The following information is provided to clarify student involvement and participation in required educational activities in which a medical student may raise a conscientious objection. Students are also referred to [OHSU Policy # HC-RI-111-RR](#)

Pertinent situations for medical students include care provided to patients related to:

- The Oregon Death with Dignity Act
- Termination of a viable pregnancy
- Contraception services
- Withholding or withdrawing of life-sustaining treatments, including artificial nutrition and hydration.

In accordance with OHSU's policy, students with a conscientious objection to any of the above clinical experience activities expected of OHSU medical students must contact the course/block or clerkship/clinical experience director overseeing the required activity to describe and explain the basis of their objection. Alternatives to the required activity may be provided by the director, as long as the student is able to fulfill the course/block or clerkship/clinical experience objectives with the alternative educational activity. A student who participates in an alternative educational activity offered by the director will not be penalized in any way because of their decision to conscientiously object with respect to grading or evaluation for the clinical experience. The decision to offer an alternative educational activity is at the discretion of the director and is considered final.

Standards of Electronic Information Conduct

Electronic information and communication technology are provided specifically for meeting educational and professional responsibilities. The School of Medicine and OHSU computers are tools to enhance and provide learning, communication and information management. Using these computers is a privilege and all users have responsibilities regarding their use.

- Changing or rearranging the setup of any computer without authorization is prohibited.
- Compliance with copyright laws regarding software and information is required.
- The privacy of others must be respected.
- Use of appropriate language is essential.

Other activities that are considered inappropriate use include, but not limited to:

- Accessing, viewing or downloading pornographic materials.
- Copy or downloading materials in a way that violates another's licensure/copyright protection.
- Use of OHSU computing resources to harass others, or other Code of Conduct violations.

The Internet provides access to valuable information and interactions. Use of the Internet should support the educational mission and provide individuals with access to databases and other similar resources. In using the Internet, violating the rights of others including privacy as well as using or posting profanity, obscenities or language that may be offensive to another user is prohibited. Likewise, accessing inappropriate graphic or factual information or responding to messages that are obscene or threatening is unacceptable conduct.

All students are expected to maintain utmost respect and confidentiality of patients, faculty and colleagues in accessing privileged information. Improper use of computer technology is considered

professional misconduct and accordingly students will be referred to the Medical Student Progress Board for action which could include dismissal from the School of Medicine.

Social Media Guidelines for Medical Students

Many students use social media such as Instagram, Discord, Facebook, X, YouTube, Instagram, among others. The societal framework of “online professionalism” is evolving and as such, it does not have uniformly accepted standards for what is acceptable for individuals training to become physicians. However, just as in most areas of medicine, as new knowledge and tools are developed, standards can be defined and then later re-evaluated and adjusted as necessary. Several national medical organizations have published guidance and recommendations on this topic (e.g., The [Federation for State Medical Boards \(FSMB\) 2019 “Social Media and Electronic Communications”](#) and the [AMA’s “Professionalism and the Use of Social Media”](#) in the Code of Medical Ethics) that students may find helpful to review. In addition, as outlined in the widely accepted [ABIM Physician Charter](#), *“Professionalism is the basis of medicine’s contract with society.... Essential to this contract is public trust in physicians, which depends on the integrity of both individual physicians and the whole profession.”* The OHSU Undergraduate Medical Education program wishes to assist students by offering several considerations below regarding online professionalism:

- Patients and society trust physicians with their health and lives. Anything you post online in a public forum should honor this trust and uphold the professional standards expected of you. You will be judged by your professional reputation throughout your career, and your words, writings, and actions as a student should engender confidence by society at large. Your digital footprint will be long-lasting, and your responsibility as a medical profession is to uphold the trust of society.
- Whenever you are posting something online, ask yourself, “would I want any current or future **patient or employer** of mine seeing this?” If the answer is “no” then you should not proceed.
- Social media is increasingly being utilized to disseminate educational information, practice advocacy, and network with individuals who have similar interests. Because advocacy work often falls into the realm of public health and policy, and because social media posts may include topics that some individuals interpret as controversial, medical students who use social media to promote their advocacy work are reminded to always post in a respectful and professional manner. Your voice can be a powerful influence for positive changes.
- Be mindful of patient privacy and confidentiality that must be maintained in all environments, including online, and **never** post anything that could compromise patient confidentiality or reveal patient identity.
- A few additional tips for students to consider when using social media:
 - Review [Social Media Guidelines](#) for all OHSU members, including students, on O2 and the [Code of Conduct, Chapter 7](#)
 - Login on your own time
 - Avoid friending patients
 - Personal Health Information is all around you
 - Use different search engines and enter your full name. Does anything appear in the public domain that you would like to manage?

- Check your social media presence. It is easy to forget about social media accounts created in the past but not used regularly and are nonetheless still accessible.
- Be aware of the privacy settings on all your accounts.
- Adding “all views/tweets/comments are my own” to your social media platforms can help prevent incorrect assumptions that you are posting on behalf of (or speaking for) your class, all OHSU medical students, the School of Medicine, or OHSU as an institution.
- T.H.I.N.K. before you post
 - Is it **t** rue?
 - Is it **h** onorable?
 - Is it **i** nspiring?
 - Is it **n** ecessary?
 - Is it **k** ind?
- When in doubt, ask for help. If you are unclear whether a post will be contrary to maintaining your online professionalism, ask for input from your colleagues, mentors, a trusted personal or academic advisor, or one of the Assistant Deans for Student Affairs.

Violations of these guidelines may be brought forward as professionalism concerns to the Medical Student Progress Board.

Standards of Conduct in the Learner-Teacher Relationship

Physicians are held to the highest standards of professionalism. It is expected that the learning environment for student physicians will facilitate and reinforce behaviors and attitudes of mutual respect, kindness, and compassion between medical school teachers (faculty, residents, and staff) and learners. OHSU SoM expects that all student-faculty, student-resident, and student-staff relationships be held to the highest professional standards, and specifically be free of abuse, discrimination, harassment, and mistreatment. Students are provided education and information about these standards, mistreatment reporting, and data sharing during the late fall or early winter of the MS1 year in a required OASIS programming session. Students are also provided with multiple refreshers about the procedures for reporting learner mistreatment during the orientations of every Core Clinical Experience in the Clinical Experience phase. All OHSU members (i.e., students, employees, volunteers) are also required to complete periodic University training related to Title IX and respectful workplace behavior in the [Compass system on O2](#). Teachers and clinical supervisors of medical students are provided education and information about these standards in the [Handbook for Teachers of Medical Students](#), as well as during ongoing faculty and resident development sessions regarding learner mistreatment from the University as well as the School of Medicine’s Office of the Dean.

Any student experiencing or witnessing mistreatment in any phase of the MD program curriculum is strongly encouraged to report this so that awareness and intervention can occur to prevent ongoing inappropriate behavior. OHSU has a zero-tolerance policy for retaliation against anyone who reports

violations of the [OHSU Code of Conduct](#). There are **multiple ways for medical students to report mistreatment**, including:

- Assistant Dean/Faculty for Student Affairs – submit a confidential [report](#) to Drs. Rebecca Cantone, Lauren Sigman & Travis Phillip
- ADUME – meet and confidentially report to Dr. Benjamin Schneider
- Block/Thread/Course /Clinical Experience Director – meet and confidentially report your situation
- OHSU [OCIC](#), confidential report [complaint form](#)
- OHSU Ombudsperson – [Nic Lendino, M.S., C.H.C.](#) lendino@ohsu.edu or 503-494-5397
- [OHSU Integrity Office](#) – 503-494-8849 (877-733-8313 toll free and anonymous hotline)
- OHSU Department of Public Safety – For an emergency, call 503-494-4444. For a non-emergency, call 503-494-7744

Students can also get confidential support (not a reporting mechanism) from the OHSU Confidential Advocacy Program (CAP) – CAPsupport@ohsu.edu , or for live, confidential support 24/7 via anti-violence hotlines based on your county listed on the [CAP website](#).

Reporting is important so that support can be provided to the student and awareness and intervention can occur to prevent future inappropriate behavior. Students subjected to abuse, discrimination and/or harassment also have a right to file a grievance with the School of Medicine (see **OHSU Policy #02-30-055 and procedure** on the [OHSU Academic Policy page](#)) or, where legally prohibited discrimination is involved, have their concerns reviewed by the OHSU Office of Civil Rights Investigations and Compliance (OCIC). Please also see “OCIC” section elsewhere in this Handbook.

Mistreatment Definitions

- **Verbal abuse** includes shouting, hostility, belittlement, intimidation, humiliation or profanity directed at the student.
- **Physical abuse or threats of physical abuse** includes hitting, slapping, kicking or intentionally placing a student at risk of physical harm.
- **Harassment** includes verbal or physical conduct that is severe or pervasive enough to objectively and subjectively create an intimidating, hostile or offensive work or learning environment, or verbal or physical abuse when submission to such conduct is a term or condition of one’s professional training. **Reports of harassment based on a student’s identity as a protected class are all referred to the OHSU Office of Civil Rights Investigations and Compliance** for further investigation.
- **Discrimination** includes behaviors, actions, and/or interactions that adversely affect one’s work because of a disparate treatment, disparate impact, or the creation of a hostile, intimidating or

offensive work or learning environment. Common forms of discrimination include those based on gender, age, religion, ethnicity, race, disability, and sexual orientation. **Reports of discrimination received by the Office of UME are all referred to the OHSU Office of Civil Rights Investigations and Compliance** for further investigation.

- **Sexual misconduct** is an umbrella term that **includes intimate-partner violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and/or stalking**. Students are encouraged to review the [OHSU sexual misconduct and Title IX website](#) for more detailed information and definitions related to sexual misconduct. **Reports of any type of sexual misconduct received by the Office of UME are all referred to the OHSU Office of Civil Rights Investigations and Compliance/ Title IX for further investigation.** Students can also access the [OHSU Confidential Advocacy Program](#) to confidentially speak with an individual about the experiences you may have had.

Sexual harassment involves unwelcome and unwanted talk, pictures, posters, touching, or other actions that have to do with sexual activity. It is a violation of OHSU policy when:

- Accepting or rejecting these behaviors affects someone's assignment, job, pay, hours, grades, rotation, treatment, or any other terms and conditions of employment, education, training, or receiving services; or
- The sexual harassment is severe or pervasive enough to objectively and subjectively create a hostile, threatening, intimidating, or offensive environment.

- **Additional Mistreatment Types** – In addition to the above definitions, other types of student mistreatment may include:
 - Requiring a student to perform personal services such as shopping or babysitting
 - Requiring a student to perform tasks which would likely cause a reasonable student to be humiliated.

Disrespectful Behavior – Students may experience negative behavior that does not rise to the level of (or categorized as) mistreatment, but can nevertheless negatively impact the student's experience during medical school, including:

- Rude or disrespectful comments directed toward or about the student
- Rude or disrespectful comments directed toward or about other members of the healthcare team
- Rude or disrespectful comments directed toward or about a patient

Students will be asked on their clerkship evaluations to relay the type and scope of mistreatment. These will be reviewed by the Dean's Office, as well as shared in an anonymized, aggregate format with Clinical Experience directors monthly without specific names, sites or any other identifiers.

In addition, students are encouraged to report (see above "ways to report") the details about mistreatment on their clinical experiences and/or any negative experiences they may have had regarding the clinical learning environment so intervention can occur. Reports related to discrimination,

bias, or any type of sexual misconduct will be forwarded to the OHSU Office of OCIC and students are encouraged to report directly to OCIC using the link provided in the clerkship evaluation for any discrimination concerns. See also the “OCIC” section elsewhere in this Handbook.

What to do if you encounter sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or discrimination at a regional site or off-campus rotation:

OHSU’s commitment to creating and fostering a learning and working environment based on open communication and mutual respect extends to all students, whether they are located on- or off campus. If you are located off campus or off-site and experience or witness an incident that you want to report, please contact OCIC. If you wish to report it confidentially, please contact the Student Health and Wellness Center and set up an appointment by phone, 503-494-8665.

Misconduct

In addition to conduct proscribed by the SoM and OHSU Code of Conduct, prohibited student conduct includes but is not limited to:

- Submitting material in assignments, examinations or other academic work, based upon sources prohibited by the instructor (including Artificial Intelligence), or the furnishing of materials to another person for purposes of aiding another person to cheat;
- Submitting material in assignments, examinations and other academic work which is not the work of the student in question and where there is no indication in writing that the work is not that of the student (e.g., plagiarism);
- Knowingly producing false evidence or false statements, making charges in bad faith against any other person, or making false statements about one’s own behavior related to educational or professional matters;
- Falsification or misuse of university records, permits or documents;
- Violating existing school or university policies and regulations;
- Exhibiting behavior which is disruptive to the learning process or to the academic or community environment;
- Conviction of a crime, before becoming a student under circumstances bearing on the suitability of a student to practice a health or related profession, conviction of a crime while a student, disregard for the ethical standards appropriate to the practice of a health related professional while a student or before becoming a student, or current habitual or excessive use of intoxicants or illegal drugs;
- Obstructing or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures or other institutional activities including the university’s public service functions or other authorized activities on institutionally owned or controlled property;
- Obstruction or disruption interfering with freedom of movement, either pedestrian or vehicular, on institutionally owned or controlled property;
- Possession or use of firearms, explosives, dangerous chemicals or other controlled property, in contravention of law or institutional rules;
- Detention or physical abuse of any person or conduct intended to threaten imminent bodily harm or endanger the health of any person on any institutionally owned or controlled property.

Procedures for Alleged Misconduct

1. The alleged misconduct is reviewed by the Medical Student Progress Board
2. Recommendations are sent to Associate Dean for UME and Dean of the School of Medicine.
3. The Dean is responsible for making a final decision for the School of Medicine.
4. Student may grieve or appeal the Dean's decision to the University. The OHSU Student Grievance and Appeal policy #02-30-055 can be found in chapter 2 of the [OHSU Policy Manual](#).

Possible Actions:

The following comprises examples of types of official School of Medicine actions which may be taken. Any one or more of the following actions may be imposed only after a hearing at which the student has had the opportunity to be present and present his or her side of the complaint:

- Loss of privileges (Denial of the use of specific OHSU facilities).
- Financial Aid termination (cancellation of any or all financial aid including, but not limited to, tuition and fee waivers, scholarships, grants-in-aid and employment).
- Restitution (Reimbursement by transfer of property or services of the same or equivalent value to the OHSU or to a member of the OHSU community).
- Warning (Official notice to a student that his or her performance is in violation of the Medical School's Expectations for Academic or Professional Conduct. The continuation of violations may result in further action).
- Academic Probation.
- Dismissal from the MD (or combined degree) program.

OHSU Student Grievance Policy and NC-SARA

Students are referred to the University **Student Grievance and Appeal Policy #02-30-055 and procedure**, which can be found on the [OHSU Academic Policy page](#). OHSU encourages conflict resolution at the lowest level possible and supports the use of **informal mechanisms** and resources available to students. Students are encouraged to initially discuss the problem with an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, ADUME, or the University Ombuds. These individuals may be able to provide guidance to help with conflicts encountered. Students who do not feel comfortable doing so, or otherwise choose not to, may also discuss the conflict with an OASIS Advisor or other trusted faculty member. Note, all faculty, residents, and staff are required to report Discrimination, Harassment, or Retaliation. The individual who is initially approached may offer to meet with the student and/or the person or persons complained against (i.e., to provide an opportunity for a facilitated or coaching conversation), with the goal of reaching an informal resolution of the matter in a timely fashion.

Students also have the right to **formally grieve** matters related to (but not restricted to) the following areas: student-mentor or student-faculty conflicts, grading policies, curriculum issues, school policies, rights of authorship of scientific publications, or laboratory safety concerns. **Students may not grieve assigned grades or disciplinary actions.** A grievance involving prohibited discrimination is referred to the OHSU Office of Civil Rights Investigations and Compliance (OCIC).

Students participating in educational activities through the **National Council on State Authorization and Reciprocity Agreement (NC-SARA)**, out-of-state learning activities or distance education, may follow the SARA complaint process which can be found here: <https://www.ohsu.edu/education/out-state-authorization>.

Interpersonal Conflicts with Medical Students Identified by OHSU Faculty, Residents, or Staff

OHSU faculty, residents, and/or staff members may identify interpersonal conflicts that have arisen with MD students in the UME program during teaching or assessment activities, or in other learning and work environments. Like the suggestions in the *Student Grievance* section above, UME program leaders encourage conflict resolution at the lowest level possible and support the use of **informal mechanisms** at an early stage to facilitate timely resolution of the conflict(s). Faculty, residents, and staff in this situation can initially discuss the problem with an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, ADUME, or the University Ombuds. The individual approached may offer to meet with the faculty, resident, and/or staff member to discuss the conflict(s), and to provide an opportunity for a facilitated or coaching conversation, again with the goal of reaching an informal resolution of the matter in a timely fashion. If conflict(s) remain following this effort, further assistance can be provided by the OHSU Office of Integrity, Office of Human Resources, or other designated OHSU personnel.

Medical Students as Investigative Subjects

As investigative subjects, students constitute a special population group. Their relationship to the institution demands increased responsibility for safeguarding their rights and welfare when they are used as investigative subjects. The responsibility rests with investigators, project directors, and instructors who use students as subjects. OHSU, as an institution, has the overall responsibility to see that the rights and welfare of its students and personnel are not impaired when they participate as subjects in activities conducted under the auspices of or in affiliation with the school.

Rights and welfare mean a person's right to physical and spiritual integrity variously described as his or her civil, personal, human or natural rights. The risk of violation of these rights exists whenever a person is exposed as a subject to activities and procedures that, by their nature or intent, go beyond the application of those established and accepted methods necessary to meet his or her needs. Besides research activities and formal scientific investigations, such situations also exist when students are being used as subjects in teaching laboratory exercises, instructional procedures, demonstrations, and any other activity that is not designed to provide care to the subject.

The principal reasons for the need for special consideration for student subjects are:

1. Students function as healthy volunteers who derive no direct personal benefit from serving as subjects. The absence of such benefit diminishes the ethical justifiability of the risks to which subjects may be exposed.
2. The student-teacher relationship implies a dependence of students on their teachers. It creates the possibility of coercion, which detracts from the validity of a student's consent as being truly free. Coercion may be subtle and not realized; it may be indirect, in the form of unique influence on grades or academic standing; or it may be merely imagined by the student. Also, for this reason, using students as investigative subjects carries the risk that investigators and the institution may be vulnerable to outside criticism and public reprimands.
3. Students, because of their age, belong to a population group that is generally believed to be particularly susceptible to drug misuse or substance use disorders. Taking into account the special position of student subjects, the following guidelines are formulated for the use of students as subjects in research projects and scientific investigations. They also may be applied to the use as subjects of other persons employed by or associated with the OHSU. Slightly modified guidelines are issued separately for the participation of students in class laboratory exercises and other non-research activities conducted for teaching purposes.

Institutional Review: Before a research project is enacted, it should be reviewed by the Committee on Human Research. Two copies of the protocol, with a sample of the consent form, should be submitted to the Office of Research Services several weeks before the activity is to begin. The committee will review the proposed investigation by the standards applied to other proposals involving human subjects. Particular scrutiny will be given to the validity of the consent form for assuring truly free and informed consent, the importance of the knowledge to be gained from the investigation, and its promise to yield clearly interpretable and scientifically sound results as judged by the investigational design, procedures, and methods.

Informed Consent: It must be obtained in writing from every subject. The information provided the subject in the consent form must be specific and directly related to the particular circumstances of the research project or other activity. Therefore, no single standard consent form is applicable to every research or other activity. But, in any case, the subject must be given "a full and frank disclosure of all the facts, probabilities, and opinions which a reasonable person might be expected to consider before giving consent." The consent form must give a fair and, to the subject, comprehensible explanation of the project or activity, of its possible benefits, and of its attendant hazards, discomforts and other impositions on the subject.

Students must be assured that their decision to serve or not to serve as subjects will not influence, in any way, their grades and academic standing. They must be instructed that they are free to withdraw consent at any time without fear of negative consequences. It should be kept in mind that violation of a

subject's rights includes not only physical harm, discomfort, pain, and mental strain, but also invasion of privacy, breach of confidentiality, encroachment of personal dignity and disregard of individual identity.

Addicting (Dependence Producing) Substances and Drugs: The human use of addictive drugs for purposes other than those of treatment must be handled with particular care. For research purposes, such drugs, except psychotogenic drugs, may be used on student subjects, but only in particular circumstances and with adequate precautions. The urgent need for new knowledge about addicting drugs, and its importance for alleviating a pressing public health problem, may justify such use in research.

Research proposals involving the administration of addictive substances to student subjects will be reviewed by the Committee on Human Research, with particular attention to the factors known to affect the likelihood of inducing addiction, such as the kind of drug and its addiction potential, dose, route, frequency of administration and dosing interval. When the committee feels that the verdict on a particular proposal should be based on a broader judgment than the committee can provide, such a proposal may be referred to the Faculty Council.

Students should not be used as subjects in activities where the risk exists that a subject will be incapacitated for periods of time that may interfere with scheduled studies and responsibilities as a student. When indicated, the protocol must provide for adequate care and observation of the subjects after an experiment until they return to the pre-experimental state.

Special efforts must be made to forestall a belief of coercion. For this reason, instructors should be particularly cognizant of the danger of coercion when using students in their own investigation.

The amount of money promised a student subject should not be so large that unbiased persons might interpret it as constituting an unreasonable incentive or unduly influencing a student's decision; that is, persuading him or her to accept risks as a subject that he/she otherwise would not accept. In other words, the impression must be avoided that the investigator is buying the student subjects.

Guidelines for the Participation of Students as Subjects in Teaching Exercises:

The guidelines apply to the participation of students as subjects in class experiments, instructional procedures, demonstrations, and other activities within the context of the School of Medicine's obligation to train future physicians.

1. *Statement of Policy:* The Faculty Council of the School of Medicine considers the participation of students as subjects in class experiments and other instructional exercises as an essential part of the training of physicians.
2. No experiment should expose student subjects to risks to their health and well-being that could not be justified by the didactical importance of the activity and its contribution to the students' medical education.

3. Psychoactive drugs, opioids, and other substances with the potential of abuse or addiction represent a class of drugs with particular hazards. Such drugs are not to be used in student experiments without prior review.

Procedure:

1. If students are assigned to serve as subjects in an experiment, they should be informed of their right to withdraw at any time.
2. The students should be informed in advance about the nature of an experiment and of any medical contraindication for their participation as subjects.
3. Department heads should be familiar with the student exercises conducted on behalf of their departments.
4. Before a teaching exercise is implemented, it must be reviewed by the Student Health Service. A protocol of the planned activity should be submitted to the director of the Student Health Service.
5. The instructor or person in charge of the activity should retain copies of the protocol and written instructions that were distributed to the student.
6. The instructor or person in charge should report to the Student Health Service any significant adverse event experienced by a student subject.

Student Surveys

Medical students are frequently asked to participate in collection of data through surveys. The Office of Undergraduate Medical Education understands the importance of surveying students for their opinions and feedback but also recognizes the need to balance this with the competing time demands for all students. The following procedures are meant to help clarify the communication channels for the use of medical students as investigative subjects with respect to surveys:

- **OHSU medical students wishing to survey other OHSU medical students** may use the class list-servs (to contact members of their individual class), or the MedAll list-serv (to contact all OHSU medical students) to solicit participation as deemed appropriate. Students from one class wishing to survey students in a different class (but not the whole student body) should contact one of the class leaders of the target class to send out the request for the survey on their behalf.
- **OHSU medical students may occasionally receive requests from medical (or other) students outside of OHSU** to send a survey to members of their class and may do so using the class list-servs if so desired and if deemed appropriate.
- **OHSU School of Medicine Dean's Office Administration.** The Office of Undergraduate Medical Education will infrequently (approximately two to three times per academic year) send survey requests to OHSU medical students in order to collect important information from students necessary for accreditation and quality assurance purposes regarding the curriculum and MD program as a whole. These survey requests will be sent via the Office of UME Brightspace/Sakai site and/or the class or MedAll listservs when appropriate to ensure all students are aware of the request. The Dean's Office strongly encourages students to complete surveys in this category as programmatic and procedural decisions are often made using this information.

- **OHSU faculty or residents wishing to survey OHSU medical students.** OHSU medical students who are contacted by or working with an OHSU faculty member who wishes to send a survey to their fellow classmates may do so using the process described in the first point above. The Office of UME will not forward requests from faculty or residents to survey medical students.
- **Non-OHSU faculty, medical students, or other researchers wishing to survey OHSU medical students.** OHSU Office of Undergraduate Medical Education will never release names and contact information for medical students to outside parties who do not have a need to know this information. The Office of Undergraduate Medical Education frequently receives requests to forward surveys to OHSU medical students for a variety of research purposes and these requests are routinely denied.
- **Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)** surveys all medical students at various points in their education for quality assurance and program evaluation purposes. These survey requests come directly from the AAMC and results are typically de-identified and shared only in aggregate with the OHSU SoM Office of Undergraduate Medical Education. The Dean's Office strongly encourages students to complete surveys in this category as programmatic and procedural decisions are often made using this information.

Political Advocacy, Lobbying, and/or Political Activity

OHSU leadership understands that students may desire to participate in political activity in and around OHSU facilities. Political activity is defined as activity in support or opposition to ballot measures or candidates for elected office. OHSU is a public entity, and as such, state law prohibits OHSU and its employees from using work time or work resources to support or oppose ballot measures and candidates for elected office. OHSU also cannot take a position in support of or opposition on any ballot measure or any candidate in an election. OHSU employees and students, however, can participate in their personal time in their personal capacity (not associated with OHSU.)

Since the state law prohibition on certain political activity only applies to OHSU employees, OHSU students are not subject to these same restrictions. OHSU leadership recognizes and embraces students' right to engage in political activity at OHSU. While not an exhaustive list, students choosing to participate in political activity on OHSU-owned or controlled property are permitted to do the following:

- Encourage their classmates to vote in an election
- Engage in activities related to a specific candidate or ballot measure:
 - Organize, collect signatures, distribute materials or otherwise engage in activities in support of or opposition to a ballot measure or candidate if the activity is held at the outdoor open space at the fountain in front of Mackenzie Hall, the sidewalks on the Southwest Campus Drive, or the parking area in front of Mackenzie and Baird Halls. See OHSU public activities policy [01-10-010](#).
- Engage in political activities on public sidewalks adjacent to public streets, subject to the City of Portland rules and regulations.

When engaging in political activities as a student, please adhere to the following:

- Materials, opinions and activities must reflect the opinion of the students and not be presented as representing OHSU or committing OHSU to a position in support or opposition to ballot measures and candidates for elected office.
- Keep in mind that OHSU employees, while on the job during work hours, are prohibited under Oregon law from engaging in activities to promote or oppose any ballot measure or candidate in an election.
- OHSU funds cannot be used to purchase, develop, or distribute materials supporting or opposing ballot measures and candidates.
- Other OHSU policies may have certain other limitations, such as (1) where posters or fliers can be posted on bulletin boards; and (2) the number of individuals to whom unsolicited emails can be sent.

Civic engagement is vital to our democracy, and we encourage students to be respectful of each other. OHSU is committed to an environment that is inclusive, safe, and healthy for all. One of OHSU's core values is diversity. This includes diversity of thoughts and perspectives.

Students are also encouraged to review the relevant OHSU policies [03-30-003](#) and [03-30-005](#), and to reach out to Abigail Tibbs, vice president of public affairs, or call Government Relations at 503-494-6629 with questions.

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The purpose of this data collection is to give prospective and current students information to help them make decisions about their potential or continued enrollment at OHSU. The Department of Public Safety is also required to review these data and submit a report to the Federal Department of Higher Education. Incidents to be reported will include criminal offenses, hate offenses, sexual assaults, arrests and disciplinary actions/judicial referrals involving students or staff. Please contact the OHSU Department of Public Safety for more information regarding this policy.

Emergency and Disaster Plan for MD Students

1. Medical student education is the primary focus of the School of Medicine at OHSU. In the event of a natural or man-made disaster, every attempt will be made to maintain the educational component of our medical school curriculum.
2. All students should review the OHSU Emergency Management [website](#) and [Emergency Preparedness Resources](#)
3. **Students in the Foundations of Medicine curriculum:** In a disaster that overwhelms the resources of OHSU, those in the Foundations of Medicine curriculum may be permitted to volunteer only by declaration from the Dean of the SOM. They should continue to attend classes until notified that this is an option.

4. **Students in the Clinical Experience curriculum:** In an acute disaster, if students are assigned to a clinical area, they should respond to the physician leader of the team.
5. Designated area to collect if there is an acute disaster with no internet or phone access: the SoM Emergency Assemble Area (EAA) is the Schnitzer parking lot or 3030 Moody building lot for the RLSB, and the atrium in Richard Jones Hall building for upper campus. In the event the building is compromised, the EAA is the area outside of this building.
6. The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) will be notified and will activate a response system per our instructions. The AAMC has all the enrollment data for OHSU medical students. Thus, the AAMC database can be accessed to obtain student addresses, etc. If necessary, an alternative medical school will be identified to establish communication for the students and faculty.

Student Employment While Enrolled in Medical School

Attendance and active engagement in all aspects of medical school is expected of all students and this is a full-time endeavor. Medical students are highly discouraged from accepting or maintaining outside employment opportunities that may distract from their success in the program.

Current students intending to accept an employment offer (excluding positions identified as “Student Employment or Student Work Study”) from an OHSU Department or outside entity must get approval from the ADUME before accepting the position. In addition, any student who is an OHSU employee before matriculation, and wishes to remain an employed while in the UME program, must notify the ADUME before registering to gain approval for this, and to minimize potential conflicts of interest.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AND ACTIONS OF THE MEDICAL STUDENT PROGRESS BOARD

Role of the Board

The Medical Student Progress Board (MSPB) is responsible for reviewing the professional development of all students enrolled in the undergraduate medical education program. Professional development includes an assessment of the student’s academic progress and their ethical, prudent, and humanitarian behavior as described in the section on Professional Development. The Board advises the Associate Dean for UME by recommending for each medical student, the promotion, dismissal, repetition of course work, or other special action that impacts the student’s progression in the program. Typically, the Board refers students who are having difficulty with professional development to an Assistant Deans for Student Affairs and/or OASIS Faculty Advisor, who will arrange for appropriate academic or personal counseling which may involve the Student Health & Wellness Center. The Board considers a student’s difficulty with professional development on an individual basis. The Board Chair may appoint a special ad hoc committee of faculty to do an in-depth evaluation of a student’s professional development. This ad hoc committee reports its findings to the MSPB.

The ADUME advises the MSPB on matters related to grading and other types of evaluations of students, on procedures and requirements for promotion, and on other matters that relate to the professional development of students. The Board hears all cases of alleged violations of professional conduct referred to it by block, course and clinical experience/clerkship directors, the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, or any educational leader with concerns about a student, and makes recommendations to the ADUME regarding sanctions that should be imposed. The Associate Dean for UME seeks final approval from the Dean of the School of Medicine for actions that may result in suspension or dismissal from the program.

Membership of the Medical Student Progress Board

1. All members of the Medical Student Progress Board (MSPB) will be nominated by the SoM Membership Committee using the standard official SoM process. All members will be appointed by the Dean to serve a three-year term. Board members can be appointed for a second three-year term. Appointments of the Board members will be monitored on an annual basis to ensure continuity of membership. All SoM standing committee membership rosters can be found [HERE](#).
2. The Chair of the Board will be appointed for a three-year term by the Dean of the School of Medicine and may be reappointed as Chair for one additional three-year term.
3. Ex-officio members of the Board include the Sr Associate Dean for Education, the ADUME, the Assistant Deans for UME Student Affairs, and UME Admissions. Ex-officio members have full voting rights on the Board.
4. A designated staff member in UME Curriculum & Student Affairs maintains the official lists of all members of the Board and notifies these individuals, and any other appropriate invited guests (e.g., OHSU legal representative, OHSU Director of Student Access) about the time and place of each meeting. The Associate Dean for UME will communicate in writing the results of decisions made to the student, the Assistant Dean for UME Student Affairs, and the Chair of the MSPB, in addition to other appropriate University officials on a need-to-know basis. Examples include course/clinical experience directors and coordinators responsible for implementing approved remediation plans, UME staff members responsible for Assessments, Student Records, Teaching Services, combined degree program leadership, the University Registrar, or staff in the Financial Aid Department. In addition, all official formal letters sent to the student via OHSU email are also uploaded to the student's REDEI portfolio in the "Official Student Letters" tab.
5. A quorum during Board meetings is defined by the SoM Constitution: *"Quorum – simple majority of the number attending. There has been established a common parliamentary law principle that if a bare majority of the membership is present at a meeting properly called or provided for, a majority vote (which means a majority of those who vote) shall be sufficient to make the act the act of the body."* A recommendation can be provided to the Associate Dean for UME, or an action taken by the MSPB can proceed, if a majority of voting members present at a given meeting approve of that recommendation or action, as long as attendance is sufficient to generate a full discussion.

Duties of the Chair of the Board

1. Call and conduct all meetings of the Board
2. Communicate the Board's recommendations to the Associate Dean for UME
3. Report the results of the ADUME's decisions regarding each student to the Board, or request the ADUME provide updates to this effect
4. Ensure that the rules and regulations and Bylaws of the Board are followed
5. Represent and act on behalf of the Board between meetings

Advisors to the Medical Student Progress Board

1. The **Advisors to the Medical Student Progress Board** may include, but is not limited to, the block/course and clinical experience/clerkship directors, the Director of Student Access, and OHSU legal counsel for advice on legal matters. The Board can also request a specific faculty member to be present and provide information at any MSPB meeting.
2. **Duties of the Advisors:** Whenever appropriate and invited, advisors to the Medical Student Progress Board are expected to attend meetings of the Board. When the review considers student performance, advisors will be expected to provide the Board with information about any student and to make recommendations regarding the disposition of students with academic or conduct deficiencies. After receiving the information needed and recommendations the Chairperson of the MSPB may excuse the Advisers and continue the meeting in executive session.

Regular and Special Meetings of the Board

Regular meetings of the MSPB will be held monthly, typically on the first Tuesday evening of every month. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the Chair or, in his/her absence, by another member, if notice of the meeting time and the agenda topics are given in advance to all of the regular voting members. The Chair is required to call a special meeting of the Board whenever two or more members of the Board make a written request for such a meeting. Special meetings of the Board are most often held for the purpose of hearings and decisions on recommendations for dismissal of students from the School of Medicine due to deficiencies in academic and professional development. A student (or their advisor) who appears at any MSPB meeting may not electronically record the meeting in any way. This includes using any audio or visual recording device, but a student and/or their advisor may take notes during the meeting.

Definitions of meeting types

Course of Action Meeting – scheduled event to determine a specific course of action, typically either continuing in the MD curriculum or proceeding to a Dismissal Hearing (see below for more information regarding *Invitation to Attend a Medical Student Progress Board Meeting*)

Progress Review Meeting – typically a scheduled event to follow-up on previous Medical Student Progress Board action or recommendation to formally monitor student progress since a status or requirements were specified. Typical interval between initial Medical Student Progress Board action

and Progress Review Meeting is six – twelve months. Progress Review Meetings may also be held for any student who experiences academic or professionalism difficulty and to ensure they are attending required meetings with advisors as set by the board (see below for more information regarding *Invitation to Attend a Medical Student Progress Board Meeting*)

Events that Prompt Discussion about a Student at a Medical Student Progress Board Regular Meeting

1. One “No Pass” (NP)/Failure/F grade in any block, course, clerkship, or clinical experience over entire MD program length. (For any NP or F grade, see below for more information regarding *Invitation to Attend a Medical Student Progress Board Meeting*). Course/block failures in the FoM phase do not require student attendance as they will all need to repeat the block in the subsequent academic year.
2. **A Major or patterned professionalism concern (via Professionalism Concern Report or other notification to the Office of UME)** as determined by the ADUME. See below for more information regarding *Invitation to Attend a Medical Student Progress Board Meeting*. See also *Professionalism Concern Report (PCR)* section elsewhere in this Handbook, including information about the MSPB’s ability to propose modified language for a student’s Professionalism section of their MSPE, and the student’s ability to appeal this language.
3. Two “No Pass” grades during a required testing intersession for the NBME/national exams related to the core clinical experiences over the entire clinical experience phase of the program
4. One USMLE failure in any Step
5. Student approved for additional time to study and prepare for a USMLE Step exam, but does not post a passing score on the exam within six months from the date of the approved request or misses the deadline to make such a request
6. Student requires remediation in two or more components or preceptorships over the length of Foundations of Medicine phase of the MD curriculum
7. Student, who previously was on normal academic status, fails (“No Pass” or “Withdraw No Pass”) two exams (the same or different subjects) taken in a required testing intersession
8. Student submits request for Curriculum Extension
9. Student submits request for Curriculum Slowdown
10. Inadequate progression in the program as determined by one or more educational leaders

11. Other events as determined by the Chair of the MSPB, or as articulated in a prior documentation letter to the student regarding expectations or conditions of a disciplinary action

Invitation to Attend a Medical Student Progress Board (MSPB) Meeting

A student who is invited to attend a MSPB meeting will receive an official student letter from the Associate Dean for UME sent via email to the student's OHSU email address in advance of the meeting. This letter of invite outlines the reason for the invitation, and the day and time of the meeting with location/connection details. Every student who is invited to attend a MSPB meeting will be offered support from the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, and the letter of invite includes information about how to access this support in advance of the meeting. This includes help with preparation and providing guidance about what to expect during and after the meeting. In addition, every student who is invited to attend a MSPB meeting is allowed (but not required) to bring one person of the student's choice to accompany them to the meeting for additional support. **Note: the MSPB members will not ask the support person to answer questions or speak on the student's behalf. However, the student is free to have the support person provide any information the student so desires to the MSPB.** Typically, the support person is a faculty member, mentor, family member or friend, or an attorney. If the student wishes to bring an attorney, a member of the OHSU Legal Department will also be present at the meeting. If a student chooses to bring any individual with them for support, the student must confirm the name, role, and email address of the support person ahead of the meeting to the Associate Dean for UME by the deadline provided in the invitation letter. Additional, or late requests for, guests will not be allowed.

A student will be invited to attend a MSPB meeting for any of the following circumstances:

1. **Progress Review Meeting**: Some events in section above *Events that prompt discussion about a student at MSPB* will include a need for follow up at a Progress Review Meeting, and this will be outlined in the original documentation letter the student receives from the Associate Dean for UME. In other cases, following initial discussion about a student's progression in the program, the MSPB may request a Progress Review Meeting with the student at a later time. Additional examples include, but are not limited to:
 - Scheduled follow up on previous MSPB action or recommendation in order to formally monitor student progress since status was specified. Typical interval between initial Medical Student Progress Board action and Progress Review Meeting is six to twelve months
 - Student who fails ("No Pass" or "Withdraw No Pass") a specified number of national exams taken during required testing intersessions, will appear before the MSPB for a Progress Review Meeting as outlined below, according to the student's academic status at the time of exam failure:
 - i. Failure of 1 exam with current academic status of 2nd academic warning or academic probation

- ii. Failure of 2 exams (same or different subjects) with current academic status of 1st or 2nd academic warning
 - iii. Failure of 3 or more exams (same or different subjects) with current academic status of good academic standing or 1st academic warning
- 2. **Course of Action Meeting:** A Course of Action Meeting allows students the opportunity to present his/her/their perspective directly to the MSPB whenever the MSPB is considering holding a Dismissal Hearing as one possible outcome of a student's academic or professionalism performance in the MD program. For the typical student in this situation, the letter of invitation to appear at the MSPB will specifically state that the meeting is a Course of Action Meeting. However, the outcome of any MSPB meeting in which a student appears (even though it was not labeled a Course of Action Meeting) may lead to a recommendation to the Associate Dean for UME to proceed to a Dismissal Hearing. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Student who fails ("No Pass" or F) any block, course, clerkship, or clinical experience, regardless of previous academic status (i.e., normal, First Academic Warning, Second Academic Warning, or Academic Probation)
 - Student with a major or patterned concern on a Professionalism Concern Report (PCR) or other report to the Office of UME, as determined by the Associate Dean for UME
 - Student who fails ("No Pass" or "Withdraw No Pass") a specified number of exams taken during required testing intersessions, will appear before the MSPB for a Course of Action Meeting as outlined below according to the student's academic status at the time of exam failure:
 - i. Failure of 2 exams (same or different subjects) with current academic status of academic probation
 - ii. Failure of 3 or more exams (same or different subjects) with current academic status of 2nd academic warning or academic probation
- 3. Student Misconduct or Code of Conduct violation as described elsewhere in this Handbook
- 4. When requested by the MSPB to provide additional information for any reason, or when the MSPB determines that an in-person meeting would provide a more effective environment for sharing of concerns and context
- 5. When a student who is on Academic Probation receives less than a passing grade in any course or USMLE Step examination
- 6. For a Dismissal Hearing (during a special meeting of the MSPB)
- 7. For a specific student request to address the MSPB
- 8. For other events as determined by the Chair of the MSPB, or as articulated in a prior documentation letter to the student regarding expectations of conditions of a disciplinary action

Range of Possible Medical Student Progress Board

Actions (may include more than one of the following)

1. No action taken
2. Student is placed on First Academic Warning
3. Student is placed on Second Academic Warning

4. Student is placed on Academic Probation
5. Approve, deny, or modify remediation plan submitted by a course or other UME educational leader for non-passing grade(s) or score(s)
6. Recommend to Associate Dean for UME that the student repeat all or some of the Foundations of Medicine phase or Clinical Experience phase of the MD curriculum
7. Recommend to Associate Dean for UME that the student be invited to appear before the MSPB for a Progress Review Meeting, a Course of Action Meeting, or a Dismissal Hearing
8. Recommend that the student get additional assessment – psychiatric, psychological, substance use, and/or medical – before further action is taken
9. Propose other action as determined to be appropriate by the MSPB

Documentation to Student

Letter from the ADUME (or on their behalf) to the student after a Medical Student Progress Board discussion or appearance at a regular or special meeting will include:

1. Any MSPB action, term/duration of the action, and right to appeal, if any
2. Any MSPB and/or Associate Dean for UME requirements for student
3. Any MSPB and/or Associate Dean for UME recommendations for student
4. Any follow-up plans, e.g., six month Progress Review Meeting
5. Invitation to the student to discuss the matter with an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
6. A copy of the letter to the Chairperson of the MSPB, and appropriate educational leaders/advisors and/or UME staff, and uploaded to the student's "Official Student Letters" tab in REDEI

Documentation letters will be sent to the student's OHSU email account regarding any of the above typically within 30 days following the MSPB discussion or student appearance for a regular meeting, and within 20 business days following a Dismissal Hearing. Medical students are required to monitor their OHSU email account to receive official programmatic communication in a timely manner. Failure to do so by the student will not constitute a reason to delay, modify, or otherwise negate decisions outlined in the letter. All decision letters sent to the student will also be loaded into the student's electronic (REDEI) portfolio in the "Official Student Letters" tab.

Academic Status Definitions

ACADEMIC WARNINGS

The MSPB is responsible for placing students on an academic warning. Academic warning serves as an early warning to students that they are not meeting academic expectations and lasts a minimum of one calendar year while the student is actively enrolled in the MD program from the time it is given. Students will be notified in writing of their academic status by the Associate Dean for UME when they are given an academic warning along with the reasons for the warning and any requirements associated with the academic warning, including remediation plans. The academic warnings will allow the MSPB,

Associate Dean, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, and the OASIS Academic Advisors to intervene early and provide structure and assistance for these potentially at-risk students. Students given a first or second academic warning are in good academic standing in the MD program. Because individual circumstances leading to an academic warning vary, students may or may not be considered to be making satisfactory academic progress for purposes of financial aid or scholarships, if applicable. Therefore, students on warning status are encouraged to discuss their eligibility for financial aid with the University Office of Financial Aid. The two types of academic warnings are:

First Academic Warning

Students with a First Academic Warning will have no absolute restrictions on their ability to rotate at regional clinical sites or complete rotations away from OHSU. They also have no absolute restrictions on their extracurricular activities including serving as elected representatives or holding leadership positions, but they are strongly encouraged to limit these activities while the warning is in place. A First Academic Warning is typical under the following circumstances:

1. Two required remediations of any assessment components during the Foundations of Medicine phase of the curriculum, each with successful remediation re-testing
2. Failure (“no pass” or “withdraw no pass”) of two exams (same or different subjects) taken during required clinical testing intersessions if previously the student had a normal academic status
3. Students who have successfully repeated a year AND their probation status will move from academic probation to academic warning for a minimum of six months, or another specified duration outlined in the student’s documentation letter
4. Other circumstances as determined to be appropriate by the MSPB

Second Academic Warning

Students may receive a Second Academic Warning for academic or professionalism problems that occur, typically while on First Academic Warning status, but that do not meet the threshold of Academic Probation. A student issued a second Academic Warning may be asked to appear before the MSPB. They also have no absolute restrictions on their extracurricular activities including serving as elected representatives or holding leadership positions, but they are strongly encouraged to limit these activities while the warning is in place. Second Academic Warnings typically last for a minimum of six months, or another specified duration outlined in the student’s documentation letter. Additionally, Second Academic Warnings may be extended in duration if a student requires subsequent remediation of an assessment component during the Foundations of Medicine phase of the curriculum. A Second Academic Warning is typical under the following circumstances:

- Three or more required remediations of any assessment components during the Foundations of Medicine phase of the curriculum, each with successful remediation re-testing. In rare circumstances, a student will be placed on Second Academic Warning without previously having been placed on First Academic Warning. One example of this would be a student who fails three or

more components (with successful remediation) in the same block in the Foundations of Medicine phase without having had two previous failed components.

- Failure (“no pass-NP” or “withdraw no pass-WNP”) of two exams (same or different subjects) taken during required testing intersessions if previously the student was on 1st academic warning status
- Other circumstances as determined to be appropriate by the MSPB

Students will be notified in writing, via letter to their OHSU email, by the Associate Dean for UME when their Academic Warning status has been lifted. Regardless of whether a student is on First or Second Academic Warning, after demonstrating sufficient academic progress without further problems during the time period the Warning is in place, the student will be lifted to Good Academic Standing and will receive a documentation letter from the Associate Dean for UME reflecting this following the next regular meeting of the MSPB.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

The Medical Student Progress Board is responsible for placing a student on Academic Probation and determining the duration of the Probation. A student may be placed on Probation for poor academic performance, unprofessional behavior, missing deadlines, or other misconduct reported to the Office of UME or MSPB, among others. Academic Probation typically lasts a minimum of six months while the student is actively enrolled in the MD program, and may last as long as the remaining duration of the student’s enrollment in the MD program, depending upon the circumstances. Academic Probation status will typically last for one year or more for students with professionalism concerns, negative behavior or conduct. Additionally, Academic Probation may be extended in duration by the MSPB if a student has continued remediations, course failures, or professionalism concerns, negative behavior or conduct that does not prompt a Dismissal recommendation. Students will be notified in writing of their academic status by the Associate Dean for UME when they are placed on Academic Probation along with the reasons for the Probation, duration (including extended duration), and any requirements associated with the Academic Probation, including remediation plans and required meetings with an OASIS Advisor or other faculty. **Students on Academic Probation are restricted from rotating at regional clinical sites and from completing rotations away from OHSU, Unity, or the Veteran’s Administration hospital. The only exception to this is that students are allowed to complete their one rural clinical experience rotation requirement. They are also restricted from holding elected or selected office at OHSU and are encouraged to limit or discontinue participating in any extracurricular activities.** Students who have been placed on Academic Probation for reasons unrelated to concerns about professionalism, negative behavior, or conduct, may request in writing a consideration for approval to shorten the duration of their Academic Probation. Students interested in submitting such a request are encouraged to discuss this with an Assistant Dean for UME Student Affairs. The MSPB will consider the request, and if approved, the student will receive a letter from the Associate Dean for UME outlining the conditions of the approval and any update regarding the student’s academic status. Students on Academic Probation may be required to attend a Progress Review Meeting to determine if sufficient progress has been made since the Probation status began. Students who are required to attend a Progress Review Meeting will be notified in writing by the Associate Dean for UME. Students on Academic Probation are not in good

academic standing in the MD program. Because individual circumstances leading to an Academic Probation vary, students may or may not be considered to be making satisfactory academic progress for purposes of financial aid or scholarships. Therefore, students on Probation are encouraged to discuss their eligibility for financial aid with the University Office of Financial Aid.

Note: Beginning with students matriculating in 2018, all Academic Probation status, duration(s), and reason(s) will be noted on the student's Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) in the Academic History section and table. Students should plan to meet with an OASIS Career Advisor to discuss how to address this on their application.

Academic Probation is typical under the following circumstances:

1. Fail or "No Pass" in a block, course, clerkship, or clinical experience
2. Failure ("no pass" or "withdraw no pass") of two exams (same or different subjects) taken during required testing intersessions if previously the student was on 2nd academic warning status
3. Failure ("no pass" or "withdraw no pass") of three or more exams (same or different subjects) taken during required testing intersessions if previously the student was on good academic standing or 1st or 2nd academic warning status
4. Failure of any USMLE Step Examination (Step 1 or Step 2 CK)
5. Failing to progress in the curriculum or follow requirements as established by previous action of the Medical Student Progress Board
6. Professionalism Concern Report (PCR) or other professionalism concern shared with the Office of UME, with major or patterned concern
7. Other circumstances as determined to be appropriate by the MSPB

Students who are on Academic Probation who have continued performance problems (e.g., non-passing grades or national exam scores, or a Professionalism Concern Report and document with major or patterned concerning behavior) in the MD program will typically be invited to a Course of Action Meeting for consideration of a Dismissal Hearing, and/or have their Academic Probation status extended. These steps will be communicated to the student in the documentation letter. Students who have successfully progressed in the curriculum following their Academic Probation typically will have their status moved from Academic Probation to First Academic Warning for a minimum of one calendar year, and will be notified by the ADUME in writing of this change.

Impact of Academic Probation Status on Students' Entrustable Professional Activities (EPA) Badging Displays

The Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) for entering residency will continue to be assessed, with badges awarded and displayed in the student's REDEI portfolio in the event of academic status changes – including while on Academic Probation – **in the absence of trustworthiness concerns**. However, in the event that the MSPB has placed a student on Academic Probation for concerns related to the student's underlying trustworthiness (e.g., dishonesty, lack of discernment, lack of conscientiousness), the EPA

badges will be neither awarded by the UME Entrustment Group nor displayed in the REDEI portfolio, on the MSPE, or on the MSPE supplement. The display restriction includes all previously awarded EPA badges and remains in effect unless the MSPB has determined that the concerns were successfully remediated and/or resolved and is articulated in an official student letter.

Students should request a Progress Review meeting and meet with an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs to discuss if and when this could be considered by the MSPB. Upon successful remediation of entrustability concerns, and the Academic Probation status is lifted, all EPA badges will be visible in REDEI, and also will be displayed on the student's MSPE (if not previously issued/uploaded to ERAS), and the MSPE supplement (if not already sent to the student's matched PGY-1 residency program director.) Once the MSPE or MSPE Supplement have been finalized and issued, they will not be re-issued, updated, or re-sent to include badging attainment after these timelines. Students placed on Academic Probation for trustworthiness concerns by the MSPB will be notified about the restriction on their EPA badging displays in an official student letter following a MSPB meeting by the Associate Dean for UME. A student who is on Academic Probation for trustworthiness concerns at the time of MSPE or MSPE Supplement will have the following modification to their document(s) in place of the standard EPA Badging Display table:

"At the time of this MSPE/MSPE Supplement, STUDENT NAME is currently on Academic Probation from the Medical Student Progress Board for concerns related to underlying trustworthiness. As a result, no badges for the Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) for entering residency will be displayed in this document."

Regardless of academic status (i.e., Good Standing, First or Second Academic Warning, or Academic Probation), learners are strongly encouraged to continue to seek evidence that supports EPA badging via obtaining Workplace-Based Assessments (WBAs) from clinical supervisors and taking advantage of other opportunities to demonstrate skills in the EPAs throughout their time in medical school.

Repeating Part or All of the Foundations of Medicine Phase

The Medical Student Progress Board(MSPB) may recommend that a student in the Foundations of Medicine (FoM) phase repeat part or all of the FoM curriculum, if the student receives less than a passing grade in one or more blocks or preceptorships during the FoM phase, or demonstrates significant professionalism problems. The MSPB may also recommend that a student repeat part or all of the FoM phase of the curriculum given evidence of significant academic or professionalism difficulty that did not result in a non-passing grade in a course/block (e.g., multiple component remediations.)

If the MSPB recommends that a student repeat part or all the FoM phase of the curriculum, typically the student will be required to take an academic leave of absence until starting the repeated coursework. Students may not progress into future FoM blocks if the MSPB recommends repeating a block. The student is also placed on Academic Probation by the MSPB, which will last a minimum of one year from the time of re-entry to the curriculum. During the probationary period, the student will be expected to fully participate in and successfully complete all aspects of the curriculum, including all courses, small

groups, and laboratory sessions unless specifically exempted from previous coursework outlined in a follow-up letter by the Associate Dean for UME. If the student on Probation posts a non-passing grade in any course during the time they are repeating part or all the FoM phase, then a Course of Action Meeting will be required for consideration of a Dismissal Hearing.

If the student receives a less than passing grade during the clinical experience phase of the curriculum, after repeating part or all the FoM phase of the curriculum, then the MSPB will meet with the student for a Course of Action Meeting for consideration of a Dismissal Hearing. The MSPB will not grant an additional 'repeat year' for academic or professional reasons unless there are rare, exceptional, mitigating circumstances.

Repeating Part or All of the Clinical Experience Phase

The MSPB will generally not recommend an additional "repeat year" for academic or professionalism reasons for students in the clinical experience phase of the curriculum, unless there are known extraordinary circumstances.

Dismissal and Suspension Procedures

The School of Medicine reserves the privilege of retaining only those students who, in the judgment of the faculty and dean's office, satisfy the requirements of honesty, scholarship and clinical performance necessary for the safe practice of medicine. Disciplinary actions for students that fall short of this standard can include but are not limited to dismissal or suspension. The Medical Student Progress Board may, at any meeting, accept by a majority vote, a proposal to consider a recommendation for dismissal or other action against a student due to deficiencies in academic progress and/or concerns about professional behavior or other misconduct. The School of Medicine Medical Student Progress Board follows the University's policies and procedures found in in chapter 2 of the [OHSU Policy Manual](#) regarding student suspension and dismissal (# 02-30-050). Deficiencies that may result in dismissal or other disciplinary actions include, but are not limited to:

1. Failure to pass a block, course, clerkship, or clinical experience, or any element required for graduation in the MD curriculum
2. Failure to post a pass on USMLE Step 1 after 3 attempts or 1 calendar year, whichever comes first.
3. Failure to pass USMLE Step 2 CK within 3 attempts, or by graduation, whichever comes first
4. Unacceptable behavior as described in the Professional Conduct Standards section found earlier in this Handbook, or described in a Professionalism Concern Report (PCR) and document, or other notifications to the Office of UME, about the student
5. Student Misconduct, as described in the *Misconduct* section elsewhere in this Handbook
6. Specific proscribed conduct in OHSU Policy #02-30-010 found in chapter 2 of the [OHSU Policy Manual](#), or the [OHSU Code of Conduct](#)
7. Other events as determined by the Chair of the MSPB, or as articulated in a prior documentation letter to the student regarding expectations or conditions of a disciplinary action.

If the ADUME accepts a MSPB recommendation to proceed to a Dismissal Hearing or other actions as above, the Chair will convene a special meeting of the Board for the purpose of hearings and recommendations. The student for whom dismissal or other action is being considered will be notified in writing by the ADUME of the charges against the student and notice of the time and place of the Dismissal Hearing at least ten business days prior to the meeting. In addition, prior to the Dismissal Hearing, the student and all members of the MSPB will be provided a packet of relevant documentation to review. The student will have the ability to withdraw from medical school prior to the scheduled Dismissal Hearing. A student wishing to withdraw from medical school is required to submit a statement in writing to the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs prior to the start of the Dismissal Hearing, ideally as soon as possible, who will assist the student in completing the appropriate forms. If a student who is scheduled for a Dismissal Hearing does not notify an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs or the Associate Dean for UME of their intent to withdraw prior to the hearing, the Dismissal Hearing will proceed as scheduled. A student will not have the ability to withdraw from medical school after the Dismissal Hearing has begun. See *Withdrawal Procedures* elsewhere in this section of the Handbook for further details. Additionally, in the circumstance where a student has been given appropriate notice of their Dismissal Hearing but who does not appear at the scheduled time and place, the MSPB will proceed with the Dismissal Hearing considering the evidence in the packet of relevant documentation.

During a Dismissal Hearing, the Chair will supervise the Board's conduct of an informational hearing on matters relevant to the dismissal recommendation and charge. In addition to members of the Board, the special meeting is attended by the student and may be attended by one advisor of the student's choice. If the student wishes to have their attorney attend the special meeting as their advisor, they must notify the Office of Undergraduate Medical Education at least five business days prior to the special meeting. The Chair will invite the student to present information and opinions concerning the dismissal recommendation, ask questions of the Board, and to respond to questions from the Board.

The student's advisor may counsel the student concerning the responses or questions the student may wish to put to the Board. The advisor may address the Board only upon invitation of the Chair. If the advisor is a member of the Board, the advisor will abstain from voting or participating in the executive session of the Board when the decision on the dismissal recommendation is made. In addition, for any student who has been granted a reasonable accommodation for a disability through the OHSU Office of Student Access, the Director of Student Access or his or her delegate will be invited to attend the Dismissal Hearing.

The Chair may recess the special meeting of the Board to a later identified time, whenever the Chair considers this proper. At the completion of the special meeting, the Chair will adjourn the special meeting and convene the Board in an executive session for consideration and decision on the proposed recommendation of dismissal or other actions.

The findings and recommendation of the Board will be communicated in writing to the Associate Dean for UME by the Chair for such actions as the Chair deems appropriate within 10 business days of the conclusion of the hearing. If the Associate Dean for UME approves a recommendation for dismissal, the

Associate Dean for UME will discuss this approval with the Dean of the School of Medicine. The decision of the Dean will be the final action of the School of Medicine. The Associate Dean for UME will notify the student in writing of the dismissal decision no later than 10 business days from the receipt of the Board's recommendation (up to 20 business days from the conclusion of the hearing). A recommendation for dismissal made by the Board and approved by the Associate Dean for UME and the Dean can be appealed to the Provost of OHSU. The OHSU appeal procedures for students who are dismissed or suspended are outlined in chapter 2 of the [OHSU Policy Manual](#) (OHSU policy #02-30-050). A dismissed or suspended student may not register or attend class while such an appeal is pending.

A student who is not dismissed from the MD program following a dismissal hearing will receive written notification of this decision by the Associate Dean for UME no later than 20 business days from the time of the dismissal hearing, along with any requirements, expectations and recommendations.

Activities Not Within the Jurisdiction of the Board

Any student may be suspended or expelled from the School of Medicine by the Dean of the School of Medicine for sufficient cause. Although this will generally be the result of a recommendation of the MSPB, an emergency or other special circumstance may arise where this action must be taken at the administrative level of the School.

Students can be placed on a leave of absence by the Associate Dean for UME or the Dean of the School of Medicine, or a student can choose to withdraw from school. In neither case will review and action by the Board be required unless requested by the Dean.

Withdrawal from Medical School Procedures

Generally, withdrawal requires action by the student. A medical student may withdraw from the medical school when he or she no longer wishes to be a student in the program. Such an action officially severs his or her connection with the school. Students usually choose to withdraw from the School of Medicine because they have decided that they no longer desire to pursue a career in medicine, or because they need to be away from the school for a prolonged period more than one year. Students will be **administratively withdrawn** from medical school if they do not return from a leave of absence, or if they fail to register for classes without prior discussion with an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, or if they fail to respond to communications from the Assistant Deans for Student Affairs in a timely manner. Students should always update their emergency contact in Banner (SIS) to avoid this in cases of medical or family emergencies.

Process for Withdrawal: A student initiating a withdrawal should begin the process by contacting one of the Assistant Deans for UME Student Affairs. It becomes official only when the appropriate forms are completed and processed with the University Registrar. Note, students who initiate withdrawal from the school themselves, or who are administratively withdrawn from the School of Medicine, must formally apply for admission to be considered for re-admission (see readmission).

Withdrawal Options for Students Prior to and After a Dismissal Hearing: Students scheduled for a Dismissal Hearing will have the opportunity to withdraw from medical school prior to the hearing. A student who chooses not to withdraw prior to their dismissal hearing, and is subsequently dismissed, will not have the opportunity to withdraw from medical school after the hearing. Students who are dismissed are not eligible for re-admission to the MD program.

Health Professional Evaluation

When the Medical Student Progress Board receives a report of possible physical or mental health concerns that may impact personal or patient safety, and/or be contributing to unsatisfactory performance or conduct of a student, the Board chairperson will consult with the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and/or Student Health and Wellness to identify an appropriate health professional to evaluate the student. The health professional will perform the evaluation and record any appropriate recommendations for the Board's consideration. The evaluation requested shall be made only after the student has been apprised of its purpose and has given permission to the health professional involved for the release of privileged information to the Medical Student Progress Board.

Substance Use/Substance Use Disorder Policy

Students who are impaired due to active substance use, misuse, or abuse are strongly encouraged to voluntarily seek professional health care. Students may seek assistance through the Student Health and Wellness Center, the Assistant Dean for Students Affairs and/or private counseling. The School of Medicine advises students to voluntarily seek assistance before their academic performance and/or professional development is adversely affected and is brought to the attention of the Medical Student Progress Board. Students who voluntarily seek and comply with treatment prior to unsatisfactory academic performance and/or professional development will not be subject to formal academic disciplinary action for substance use/having a substance use disorder. Students who voluntarily identify a substance use concern may be required to obtain the most effective treatment for substance use/substance use disorder including some or all of the following: care in a residential treatment facility, outpatient management programs, and random/regular testing for substance use. The financial responsibility for required substance use disorder treatment and subsequent follow up is borne by the student. If the substance use is brought to the attention of the MSPB, failure to pursue a requirement for substance use disorder treatment may be the basis for academic disciplinary action including dismissal. The Medical Student Progress Board does have the authority to require students to seek professional health care for substance use disorder and to prevent students from participating in any part of the curriculum. Once unsatisfactory academic performance and/or professional development is present and substance use and/or student impairment is found to be a contributing factor, the matter will become a part of the permanent record of the student.

Students are encouraged to review the following resources and related OHSU Policies:

[OHSU Alcohol and Drug Prevention Resources and Guide.](#)

The following OHSU Policies can be found on the [OHSU Academic Policy page](#) – Chapter 2

- OHSU Policy #02-01-003: Student Drug and Alcohol Testing
- OHSU Policy #02-20-005: Education Records
- OHSU Policy #02-30-010: Proscribed Student Conduct
- OHSU Policy#02-30-050: Student Suspension, Dismissal and Appeal

Student's Right of Appeal for Final Disciplinary Decisions

Per OHSU Policy a student may appeal a final disciplinary decision by their school or applicable program to the Provost. Final disciplinary decisions are defined by the MD Program as a dismissal or suspension from the MD Program. Appeals to the Provost may only be made upon the following grounds:

1. The school or program failed to follow established procedures with respect to the decision appealed from; and the error resulted in prejudice to the student;
2. New material information is now available, that was not available and would not have been presented at the time of the proceedings at the school; or
3. The decision is in conflict with applicable laws, rules or OHSU policies.

Appeals to the Provost must be in writing and are described in chapter 2 of the [OHSU Policy Manual](#) (OHSU Policy #02-30-050). The decision of the Provost is final.

OHSU-Wide Student Affairs Policies

All OHSU (university-wide) policies related to student affairs can be found [HERE](#), and apply to all students enrolled in degree-granting programs at the university.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE SUPPORT SERVICES

OASIS

The Outreach, Advising, Support, and Identify formation for Students ([OASIS](#)) team was created in January 2021 to better support students' advising needs during medical school.

The OASIS team provides a comprehensive system of support for medical students' advising needs and their personal and professional identity formation throughout all years of medical school. Faculty Advisors work within the OHSU School of Medicine UME Program to provide academic, career, life and wellness, and diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging (DEIB) advising for medical students, create and deliver general support programming, and collaborate with a variety of individuals in UME and at the University to support the overall success of

all medical students. Information about all OASIS activities and programming events can be found on the Office of UME site in the OASIS tab.

OASIS Streams

The OASIS advising and support system is comprised of these four streams:

- Premedical Outreach and Advancing Diversity Initiatives, includes Medical Student Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Advising
- Medical Student Life & Wellness Advising
- Medical Student Academic Advising
- Medical Student Career Advising

Faculty advisors in each stream work collaboratively together as well as with UME program leaders, faculty, staff, and other University personnel to achieve the **three goals of OASIS**:

1. To provide premedical outreach and guidance, and advance diversity initiatives to promote a diverse student body
2. To provide essential support and multi-dimensional, comprehensive advising for medical students
3. To cultivate an environment that promotes healthy personal and professional development for students to become successful and fulfilled physician graduates

To better support students entering medical school and transitioning to the rigors of medical education and training, **all medical students matriculating in August 2023 and later** are required to meet at least once with either an OASIS DEIB Advisor or an OASIS Life & Wellness Advisor prior to the end of the enrichment week of the Fundamentals of Medicine (FUND) Block.

All OASIS faculty advising appointments can be made by accessing the REDEI portfolio, with some advisors re-directing to personal calendar scheduling software.

OASIS Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Advising

The OASIS DEIB Faculty Advisors provide individual and group support and mentoring to medical students who self-identify as belonging to diverse and minoritized groups. Opt-in programming and workshops throughout the year as well as individual appointments help students by mentoring and providing guidance, connection, and community building. The OASIS DEIB Advisors work together with the Associate Dean for UME and the Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the School of Medicine to advance diversity initiatives, and to promote a climate of inclusion for all students, staff, residents, and faculty at OHSU. Students with certain scholarships will be required to meet regularly with an OASIS DEIB Faculty Advisor.

OASIS Life & Wellness Advising

Our Life & Wellness Faculty Advisors provide a venue for individual life and wellness advising to students where details will not be made part of the academic record. Student circumstances are kept confidential unless a reportable issue regarding discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, as outlined in OHSU policy, or personal harm or harm to others, is discussed. Life and wellness programming examples include workshops on successful transitioning into medical school, personal relationships, stress management, financial wellness, sleep, exercise, nutrition, personal identity formation, internal and external factors that influence personal identity formation, and accessing resources and skill development to foster fulfillment, success, and thriving as physicians of the future.

OASIS Academic Advising

Our Faculty Academic Advisors provide individual academic advising to students to help develop strategies for learning, studying, test-taking, and time-management especially on busy clinical rotations. The OASIS Academic Advisors deliver opt-in general programming to help students identify and access academic resources and support services which sets them up for success in medical school courses, clinical experiences, and assessments including national board examinations. **All students are required to meet individually with an OASIS Academic Advisor at least twice each academic year.** OASIS Academic Advisors have access to all student performance data and document individual meetings in REDEI. Academic Advisors never formally evaluate students or contribute to a student's final grade in any course.

Performance Based OASIS Academic Advising Support and Outreach

Performance Based OASIS Academic Advising Support and Outreach

To offer academic advising and support for students who may be struggling during the Foundations of Medicine phase of the curriculum, the OASIS Academic Advisers will reach out via email to students based on performance. These emails are meant to assist and encourage students, and to highlight the OASIS advising resources available to them. These outreach emails are purely supportive in nature, and students who are contacted by an OASIS Academic Advisor can determine what, if any, resources to utilize. The following thresholds are used for outreach:

FoM Block Component 1: Any Component 1 quiz < 70% during FUND.

FoM Block Component 3: Any score of <70% on a single Component 3 exam

NBME or FoM Block Component 4: Recurrent performance on NBME exams 1-2 standard deviations below the mean, to begin considering planning extra time for USMLE Step 1 and to discuss additional study resources.

FoM Component Remediation: OASIS Academic Advisors also send individual emails to any student who is required to remediate any component of any block, following the student being notified of the need for remediation. Additional advising meetings will be available at the beginning of each FoM block's enrichment week to help students develop remediation study plans and to help answer questions students may have about the remediation process. Any student who is required to remediate is also encouraged to view the 9-minute [FoM Remediation FAQ video](#), also located on the Office of UME Brightspace/Sakai site – Student Information – FoM Curriculum phase information section.

Note: The Academic Advising team welcomes students reaching out for ANY struggle, in case there are other concerns present.

Academic Support and Tutoring

The UME program, through the OASIS Academic Advising stream, offers academic and learning support programming to optimize student success. This includes:

- Workshops on study and time management skills
- Managing and organizing large volume instructional materials
- Integrating course content to optimize deep learning and comprehension rather than rote memorization/surface learning
- General test-taking skills
- USMLE board preparation
- Stress management and coping strategies that support academic success

Formal peer tutoring is available to all students in the Foundations of Medicine phase as well as the Clinical Experience Phase of the curriculum. For more information, contact MDtutoring@ohsu.edu.

The Goals of the Formal Peer Tutoring are:

- Promote independence and student engagement in learning.
- Acknowledge student insights into the learning process.
- Acknowledge diverse ways of knowing and learning.
- Respect individual differences.
- Personalize each tutoring session.

Objectives of Formal Peer Tutoring:

The Formal Peer Tutoring Program will train and provide tutors throughout the YourMD curriculum. A successful peer tutor will be able to:

- Collaborate in the learning process of their peers (e.g. assessing the tutor group's productivity and adapting as needed to meet the needs of the group, holding each individual accountable, promoting the success of everyone, etc.).
- Nurture the development of academic knowledge.
- Apply their knowledge and skills in a collaborative learning environment.

- Respect diverse student identities at OHSU.
- Develop differentiated tutoring sessions to meet the specialized needs of the students.
- Refer students to block and thread directors for content expertise

Students seek formal peer tutoring from other students for many reasons:

- to discuss new information and concepts they are learning
- to review material they already know but need help integrating into a 'whole picture'
- to learn better study strategies for understanding the bigger concepts
- to gain perspective and strategies on how to handle the amount of new information
- to prepare for an exam or assessment, including updating their study habits to handle the pace and volume of information in the YourMD Program

Elements of the OASIS Formal Peer Tutoring Program:

- The OASIS Program Manager oversees the formal peer tutoring program, and selection, training, and development is provided by the OASIS Faculty Academic Advisors.
- Tutor development will be provided; completion of a tutor-training session will be required for all tutors prior to serving in this role. Tutors will be able to address student issues as they arise and will work collaboratively with the Faculty Academic Advisors in identifying educational resources to enhance their tutoring sessions.
- Tutors in the formal tutoring program may include MS-2, MS-3, MS-4, MD-MPH and MD-PhD students, who have successfully completed or are completing the Foundations of Medicine curriculum. Tutors will be compensated through the UME OASIS unit.
- Small and large group tutoring sessions may include:
 - Weekly preview sessions for FoM phase
 - Review sessions for FoM Component 1 assessments
 - Review sessions prior to FoM Component 3 (ExamSoft final) assessments
 - Review sessions prior to FoM Component 4 (NBME) assessments
 - FoM Anatomy tutoring (in the anatomy lab)
 - USMLE Step 1
 - USMLE Step 2 CK
 - Clinical experiences phase support, including NBME Clinical Self-Assessments
- Students may also be assigned an individual tutor.

OASIS Career Advising

The OASIS Career Advisors oversee a specific pod representing different intended specialty choices and residencies. Opt-in programming and workshops throughout the year help students with specialty exploration, career planning, elective selection, residency application support, and professional identity formation. In addition, several active-learning workshops, such as suturing, clinical simulations, and other procedures are part of the OASIS Career Advising general programming. Specialty-specific and

required sessions regarding scheduling are also provided. **All students are required to meet individually with an OASIS Career Advisor at least twice each academic year starting in July of the MS2 year (i.e., the academic year starting with the Hormones and Digestion Block of the Foundations of Medicine phase).** This requirement aligns with the timing of the clinical phase course lottery, and helps the student plan for the highly individualized Clinical Experiences phase of YourMD.

Students can request to meet with any of the OASIS Career Advisors prior to deciding on which specialty and/or career option to pursue. Once a student determines their intended specialty, students meet with the specific Career Advisor who oversees the pod of those residencies. Career Advisors will also assist students in identifying an appropriate **departmentally-based Residency Specialty Advisor**, and this trio will work collaboratively to support a successful residency application, interview, and Match process for the student. OASIS Career Advisors have access to all student performance data and document individual meetings in REDEI.

The 6 career advising pods include:

- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Pediatrics + Neurology + Psychiatry
- Emergency Medicine + Obstetrics & Gynecology
- General Surgery + Surgery Subspecialties (Neurosurg, Ortho, Oto, Urology) + Pathology
- Other Specialties and Those Requiring a Preliminary/Transitional PGY-1 Year (Interventional Rad, Anesthesia, Derm, Diag Rad, Nuclear Med, Ophtho, Physical Med & Rehab, Preventive Med, & Rad Onc)

Personal Counseling and Suicide Prevention

The demands of medical school and difficult personal problems can cause considerable stress. Students are urged to seek help as early as possible if the stress they are experiencing is impacting their daily lives or their ability to succeed in school. Information discussed in personal counseling sessions through the Student Health and Wellness Center is held in strict confidence by the counselor. There are multiple ways that a student can obtain assistance. However, if you are uncertain about where to start, contact Student Health and Wellness, an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, or the University Ombuds. Personal counseling can be obtained by the following informal or formal mechanisms:

1. Informal counseling can be obtained by seeking the advice of classmates, significant others or faculty, including the OASIS DEIB or Life and Wellness Faculty.

2. Formal:

For care: Student Health and Wellness Center, Phone: 503-494-8665

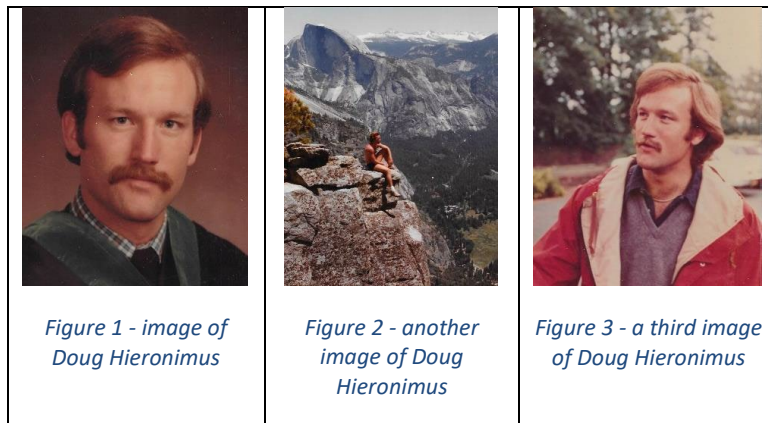
For resources or academic adjustments: Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Dr. Rebecca Cantone by calling the OHSU paging operator at 503-494-8311.

For additional support: Self refer to the University CARE team by contacting Britt Hoover via OHSU email.

If you are in crisis, please call the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** by dialing the **3-digit dialing code 988**, or contact the Crisis Text Line by texting TALK to 741741. After hours emergency counselors are also available through Student Health and Wellness

Douglas Allen Hieronimus Student Assistance Fund

In memory of Doug Hieronimus, MD (June 8, 1955 – July 11, 1985)



The Douglas Allen Hieronimus Student Assistance Fund was established by the OHSU Foundation as a result of a donation by his parents to honor the legacy and memory of Doug Hieronimus, MD, a graduate from the OHSU School of Medicine Class of 1981. The Fund is intended to support financial aid to students in the OHSU School of Medicine when sudden or unexpected situations arise, especially in cases where conventional resources are not readily available. The Fund also provides opportunities for students in the OHSU MD program which may include, but is not limited to: educational experiences, diversity efforts, wellness programs or student parent support as determined by Student Affairs leadership in the Office of Undergraduate Medical Education.

Students wishing to inquire about the use of the Fund should contact an Assistant Deans for Student Affairs.

Additional funds from generous donors may be available based on donor intent and fund availability. Please inquire with an Assistant Dean for UME Student Affairs for more information at any time.

Service Learning Opportunities

Both within the School of Medicine and through OHSU ongoing programs, many opportunities exist for medical students to participate in voluntary service-learning activities.

Student Interest Groups provide extracurricular activities for students to participate in educational, intellectual, interdisciplinary as well as cultural and social events, and community service. More than 40 groups on campus are available to medical students. Many groups are student-run and faculty-mentored organizations. The University website for Student Interest Groups, as well as a complete list of Student Interest Groups can be found [here](#).

Student Status Verification Letters

Students who are applying for certain scholarships, research opportunities, grants, memberships to professional societies, and/or attendance at academic conferences (and other examples) may be asked to provide a letter verifying good academic standing and/or current enrollment status. The Office of UME is happy to supply this letter on School of Medicine official university letterhead, signed by the Associate Dean for UME. Please direct all such requests to CASA@ohsu.edu, who will create the letter, obtain the appropriate signature and return it to you. Please allow *at least* one week for this process.

OHSU-WIDE STUDENT SERVICES

OHSU Academic Success Center

All students and trainees in all degree/residency/fellowship programs at OHSU have access to the Academic Success Center which includes Learning Support Specialists/Academic Coaching and writing support. This is in addition to the advising, tutoring, and support offered exclusively to MD students as part of the OASIS Academic Advising stream. The OASIS Faculty Advisors and the OHSU Learning Specialists frequently collaborate to deliver programming and information to medical students to assist with studying and test-taking strategies.

Email: learningsupport@ohsu.edu

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/education/academic-success-center>

Director of the Academic Success Center: Emily Hillhouse, M.A., PhD

Address: 3030 Moody, Suite 100

OHSU Office of Student Access (Accommodations)

The OHSU Office for Student Access (OSA) supports the mission and value of diversity at OHSU by facilitating and supporting access to its programs and services by providing accommodations for disability, Title IX, pregnancy and parenting, and religion. Accommodations can be implemented in various areas, including classrooms, clinical rotations, research and lab spaces and university activities.

Phone: 503 494-0082

Email: studentaccess@ohsu.edu

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/education/academic-accommodations-disabilities>

Director of Student Access and Accommodation: Chennettee Jelleberg, M.S, CRC.

Students must file an application with OSA, attend a meeting with the designated staff person, and provide additional documentation, if necessary, before an accommodation can be filed.

Each school also has an assigned Program Accommodation Liaison (PAL), who acts as an “in-house” resource for students and faculty concerning access issues for students with disabilities. The PAL works in collaboration with the Director of Student Access to implement recommended accommodations for students with disabilities. **The MD Program PAL is the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Rebecca Cantone.** Currently, **all student requests for accommodations** (e.g., disability, religious, Title IX/pregnancy/parental, and breastfeeding) are handled by the OHSU Office of Student Access (OSA). Title IX support measures related to sexual misconduct will also be handled by the OHSU Office of Civil Rights Investigations and Compliance (OCIC). Students with approved accommodations through the OSA will be provided a written documentation letter, copied on a need to know basis to UME program leaders, outlining what the approved accommodations entail. Students must share the letter with the course and clinical experience directors and coordinators, as appropriate, in order to ask for their accommodation to be implemented.

Disability Accommodations

OHSU is committed to providing equal access to qualified students who experience a disability in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and the ADA Amendments Act (ADA-AA) of 2008. If you have a disability or think you may have a disability (physical, sensory, chronic health, psychological, learning, or other) please contact the Office for Student Access at (503) 494-0082 or email studentaccess@ohsu.edu to discuss eligibility for academic accommodations. Information is also available at <https://www.ohsu.edu/education/academic-accommodations-disabilities>. Because accommodations may take time to implement and cannot be applied retroactively, it is important to have this discussion as soon as possible. All private information regarding a student’s disability is kept in accordance with relevant state and federal laws. Students requesting flexibility or having any issues or questions about their accommodations should also meet with Dr. Cantone for assistance in implementing accommodations (no diagnostic information will be requested or shared).

Religious Accommodations

Requests for student accommodations for religious beliefs are handled by OSA in a manner that is consistent with state and federal law and OHSU policy. These include:

- Titles IV and VII of the federal Civil Rights Act
- Oregon statutes: ORS 659.850 and 353.020

Examples of religious accommodations may include, but is not limited to wearing religious clothing or taking time off for a holy day or to engage in a religious observance or practice. Student seeking accommodations for religious beliefs should visit the [education accommodations site](#) under “Non-Disability Accommodations for Students” and register with OSA.

Questions? Contact the Office of Student Access at (503) 494-0082, or email studentaccess@ohsu.edu.

OHSU Office of Civil Rights Investigations and Compliance (OCIC)

Phone: 503-494-5148

E-mail: ocic@ohsu.edu

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/office-of-civil-rights-investigations-and-compliance>

The OCIC leads the development and awareness of diversity, accessibility, and respect within OHSU and the wider community. OCIC is proactive, solving problems university-wide through collaboration. Any issue of discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), and/or sexual misconduct or abuse should be reported to the OCIC as soon as possible. You may call OCIC and/or [submit a report](#).

What to do if you encounter sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, sexual assault, discrimination or harassment at a regional, or off-campus, site:

OHSU's commitment to creating and fostering a learning and working environment based on open communication and mutual respect extends to all students, whether they are located on- or off-campus. If you are located off-campus or off-site and experience or witness an incident that you want to report, please contact OCIC. If you wish to report it confidentially, please contact the Student Health and Wellness Center and set up an appointment by phone, 503-494-8665.

If the discrimination is ONLY related to the identity of being a student, please see the relevant section on Mistreatment elsewhere in this handbook.

OHSU Confidential Advocacy Program (CAP)

Phone: 833-495-2277

E-mail: CAPsupport@ohsu.edu

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/confidential-advocacy-program>

CAP provides confidential support services to OHSU employees, students, and volunteers who have experienced any form of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, intimate-partner violence, stalking, relationship/dating violence, and other forms — whether at OHSU or outside of the university. CAP also supports OHSU students around experiences of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation related to their OHSU education or employment. CAP advocates can connect you with community and campus resources, provide emotional support, help with safety planning, and navigate reporting systems.

Breastfeeding/Lactation Rooms: Resources for Pregnant and Parenting Students

For students at the Robertson Life Science Building (RLSB) at the South Waterfront, Room 1S011 is a secure, badge-swipe only 24/7 accessible room for breastfeeding and pumping breastmilk. To gain access, students must request approval by completing the registration form [HERE](#). All of the OHSU lactation room resources for individuals who are breastfeeding can be found [HERE](#).

Bridges Collaborative Care Clinic (BCCC)

The mission of the BCCC is to “engage vulnerable populations by providing low-barrier, participant-centered care and services in the Portland Metro area through an interprofessional, student-led clinic. Opened on October 7, 2017, the BCCC is student-run, and utilizes and develops the talents, skills, and knowledge of students to assist the underserved in meeting and managing their health and social needs. Students work in interprofessional teams to coordinate health and related services to this population. More information can be found at: the following website: <https://www.bridgesclinic.org/>

Business Cards for OHSU Medical Students

OHSU medical students may order and purchase business cards for their use in their roles as OHSU student leaders and/or members of recognized student interest or affinity groups. Students wishing to purchase business cards may contact Mr. Brian Secrest, Executive Specialist in the School of Medicine Dean’s Office (secrestb@ohsu.edu) to accomplish this using a personal credit card. The business cards will follow a standard format and template with the OHSU logo, and will be customized to include the student’s name, title, email address, and/or phone contact information.

OHSU Financial Aid Office

Phone: 503-494-7800 or 800-775-5460

E-mail: finaid@ohsu.edu

[Website](#)

Location: Mackenzie Hall, Room 1120

The student financial aid program at OHSU is designed to assist eligible students in meeting their educational costs. The Financial Aid Office thoroughly reviews student applications for aid, and the best possible assistance is offered to help cover the costs of attending medical school. The goal is to make the financial aid process as smooth as possible for students. Please feel free to contact the Financial Aid office with questions regarding financial aid or for additional information.

OHSU Student Debt Counseling and Financial Wellness

Phone: 503-494-7872

E-mail: edcfm@ohsu.edu

Director: Janna McKay

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/education/educational-debt-counseling-and-financial-management>

Managing your finances during medical school is both challenging and important to a student's future. The Student Debt Counseling and Financial Management Program at OHSU is designed to be an educational and counseling resource for the students of OHSU to better understand the fiscal challenges while participating in an OHSU health professional program of study. These resources include online resources, educational personal financial planning focused seminars, brown-bag lunchtime sessions, and the ability to schedule a 1 on 1 counseling session with OHSU's full time financial counselor. Please feel free to contact them directly.

In addition, the UME OASIS Life & Wellness Advisors also include financial wellness as a part of the OASIS Life & Wellness advising and programming activities.

OHSU Basic Needs and University Student Affairs

Phone: 503-494-7878

Email: basicneeds@ohsu.edu

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/education/student-support>

Location: Baird Hall 1028

The Office of Student Affairs is here to make sure your learning environment is safe, supportive, enriching and stimulating. We focus on your needs and help you succeed by connecting you to inclusive programs, resources, services and opportunities to grow and lead. They are a resource for all OHSU students across all programs and schools. Visit them to get help finding support, referrals and one-on-one guidance so you can thrive at OHSU (particularly if you have exhausted all UME resources).

OHSU Food Resource Center for Students

Email: food@ohsu.edu

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/education/food-assistance-and-basic-needs>

Location: OHSU Student Center on Marquam Hill, 722 Campus Drive

Pending Location: RLSB

As part of Student Health & Wellness, the [Food Resource Center](#) provides free groceries, fresh produce, and hygiene items to OHSU students in the Portland area. All students are welcome, visit as often as you need. Students can order online and pick up food at the OHSU Student Center during the week and can also volunteer at the Student Center by clicking on the link above. OHSU MD/PhD student graduate, Dr. Gina Calco, was a co-founder of the Food Resource Center to help address food insecurity in the OHSU student population.

Food Services in OHSU Hospital

Students who are on clinical experiences at OHSU Hospital may find it convenient to purchase food and beverages in the hospital using a pre-paid account using a barcode that can be attached to the back of your identification tag. The barcode is applied to the ID and can be scanned at the OHSU cafeterias and coffee stands instead of paying with cash or credit each time. To set up a barcode account, walk into the Food Services office on the 3rd floor of the OHSU Hospital next to the main cafeteria and request a barcode. To replenish the amount on the account, you can call in to 503-494-3768 to pay by credit card. Direct inquiries to the number listed, or email foodcard@ohsu.edu.

OHSU Student CARE Program

Phone: 503-494-7878

E-mail: studentaffairs@ohsu.edu

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/education/student-care-program>

The Student CARE Program helps OHSU students face personal, physical, or emotional challenges. Our goal is to support the well-being and success of every student. Students worried about themselves or another student can [submit a referral](#) to contact the program. A referral can be submitted by anyone concerned about a student including faculty, family members, peers, and others.

OHSU Student Health & Wellness Center

Phone: 503-494-8665 (listen for options including behavioral or physical health emergency)

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8am-4:30pm. Tuesday and Thursday: 10am-6:30pm. (After hour appointments may be available – call to inquire).

Email: SHW@ohsu.edu or via mychart for established patients

Email for pre-entrance immunization questions: shwcompliance@ohsu.edu

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/education/student-health-and-wellness> Location: Basement of Baird Hall, Rooms 6 and 18

The Student Health and Wellness Center offers a full range of services to keep you healthy while you focus on your studies. If you're a student or postdoctoral scholar, you can get care on our Portland campus. Some services are also available for the spouses, domestic partners, and adult children of students and postdoctoral scholars.

Eligibility for new students begins on the first day that classes start.

Staff:

Student Health and Wellness staff includes primary care clinical staff, clinical psychologists, a psychiatrist, and certified medical assistants. With their variety of professional degrees, background and experience, they work together as a team to serve students during their years of training at OHSU.

Wellness Information:

Counseling/Behavioral Health Support: Student Health and Wellness Center has a psychiatrist and psychologists to provide behavioral health care for issues such as stress/time management, depression

and anxiety, couples counseling and other topics. Like all other visits to Student Health and Wellness Center, behavioral health visits are completely confidential and no one outside Student Health and Wellness Center has access to chart notes or visit history.

Substance Use/Substance Use Disorder: Students are urged to seek assistance from Student Health and Wellness Center.. Seeking help voluntarily will not result in dismissal from school and students are encouraged to notify an Assistant Dean for Student Affairs prior to any professionalism or academic issues.

Eating Disorders: Students are urged to seek assistance from Student Health and Wellness Center for concerns regarding eating disorders.

Sleep Disturbances: Sleep disturbances can be evaluated at Student Health and Wellness Center or in the Sleep Disorders Clinic on campus. Call 503-494-6066 to make appointment.

Wellness Calendar: A student wellness calendar can be found on the Student Health and Wellness Center website. This calendar lists all the wellness offerings on campus.

OHSU Office of Student Life

OHSU students can take advantage of multiple activities and campus events through the OHSU Office of [Student Life](#). OHSU is dedicated to providing students with a world-class education and extracurricular opportunities that support personal growth outside of the classroom. Our social, recreational, and cultural activities help expand students' ability to become well-balanced research and healthcare professionals. The Office of Student Life at OHSU includes All-Hill Student Council, intramural sports, student interest groups, the Women's Leadership Development Program, and sponsors many OHSU student activities throughout the year.

Global Health Programs at OHSU

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/education/global-health-programs>

Location: Mackenzie Hall, Room 1166

OHSU works with colleagues around the world to advance health care. This includes innovative research and global health outreach. Together, we are driven to elevate care, education and research to benefit the health and well-being of all, both at home and abroad.

OHSU Global Scholarships and Opportunities

Each year, OHSU Global in Southeast Asia will provide learning, training and research scholarships for students to travel to, work and learn in central and northern Thailand as well as in Western Australia. These opportunities will allow learners to gain experience directly from local faculty, to contribute to furthering regional research priorities and/or to help with facilitating capacity building trainings based on local priorities. Sample global experiences for OHSU students include, yet are not limited to:

- Four-week clinical rotation at Faculty of Siriraj of Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Four-week cross border health course at Mae Fah Luang University in Chiang Rai, Thailand.
- Four-week field public health field field UN Sustainable Development Goal research based experience in east Africa or southeast Asia in partnership with faculty from OHSU, the University of Western Australia and the Tsuha Foundation.
- For students keen on a research career, there are opportunities to work with OHSU faculty on communicable and non-communicable disease research projects together with Faculty of Siriraj of Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand.

Students are expected to spend at least four weeks at their overseas site, although exceptions to this requirement will be made on a case-by-case basis. OHSU Global in Southeast Asia faculty will facilitate the awarding of these project-based scholarships to students who demonstrate the ability to advance education or research efforts across one of these three sites. Competitive awards of up to \$2,000 are available for medical students in good academic standing, are made during the academic year and are subject to available funding. For further information, please visit the [OHSU Global in SE Asia website](#)

Additional opportunities may be available, including through Obstetrics and Gynecology global women's health, Center for Global Child Health Research, Family Medicine – Japan, Internal Medicine – Botswana, Anesthesiology-multiple sites, and more, found on the OHSU Global Health Website:
<https://www.ohsu.edu/education/global-health-programs>

OHSU ITG/Computer Help Desk

Phone: 503-494-2222

E-mail: helpdesk@ohsu.edu

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/information-technology>

The office assists students with questions or issues related to their OHSU network and email accounts, Institutional Student Information System (SIS) access, and Compass web-based training system. The Help Desk also supports OHSU-owned networked computers and printers, which students may use in the course of their research or studies.

OHSU Library

Phone: 503-494-3460

E-mail: library@ohsu.libanswers.com

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/library>

Location: OHSU Library, BICC Building, Marquam Hill (enter on 3rd or 4th floor)

OHSU Library provides extensive online and print resources, as well as expert library staff to support your learning. The 4th floor of the Library is open 24/7 with your badge and includes individual and reservable [group technology-enabled spaces](#) as well as printing and [specialized software](#) workstations. Access the OHSU Library's online resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any location by starting at the Library website and authenticating with your OHSU account. These include over 130 databases which are linked to more than 31,000 journal subscriptions and 205,000 online books as well as [clinical information resources](#), many of which have mobile applications. Additionally, the Library has over

85,000 print books that you can check out with your OHSU ID. Items not available online are available at no charge via the [Library's Get It for Me service](#) which delivers articles and chapters via email within 1-2 business days. Books can be picked up at BICC or delivered to the Learning Resource Center in the RLSB by request. The Library also [lends equipment](#) to facilitate knowledge creation and sharing. The [Library's Education, Research and Clinical Outreach librarians](#) support your learning through consultations and addressing questions about searching, information and citation management, critically appraising the literature, and disseminating your scholarship.

OHSU March Wellness and Fitness Center

Phone: 503-418-6272

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/march-wellness>

Location: Center for Health and Healing, 2nd floor

OHSU March wellness and fitness center offers programs that are designed to strengthen and nurture its members. We support members in achieving goals whether they are improving flexibility, managing a chronic illness, training for a marathon or recovering from surgery.

A wide variety of group exercise classes are offered throughout the week and are included in membership. We have a full array of cardio and strength training equipment, saline pools, demo kitchen and steam/sauna. Members also have access to personal trainers, massage therapists and acupuncturists. For more information visit the [website](#). Students have access to the center while actively enrolled in an OHSU program.

OHSU Ombuds

Phone: 503-494-5397

Email: ombuds@ohsu.edu

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/about/ohsu-ombuds-office>

The OHSU Ombuds provides a confidential, impartial and informal resource to which all faculty, employees and students can bring any concern relating to their experience and wellbeing at OHSU.

Visitors are assisted through such means as:

- Listening and clarifying issues
- Coaching and problem solving
- Making inquiries on your behalf with involved offices and parties
- Reviewing possible options and decisions
- Explaining OHSU policies and procedures
- Facilitating communication between people (shuttle diplomacy)
- Mediating between parties as appropriate
- Making referrals to other services

The University Ombuds serves as a confidential advisor who does not evaluate students in any manner or have impact on their progression through medical school or future career as a physician. Students

with conflicts are also encouraged to contact the Student Wellness and Professionalism or PASS program student leaders, or the Student Health and Wellness Center, all of which can be found in this MD Student Handbook.

OHSU Parking and Transportation Office

Phone: 503-494-8283

E-mail: parking@ohsu.edu

Website: www.ohsu.edu/parking or <https://www.ohsu.edu/visit/ohsu-students>

Location: Physical Plant Building and Rood Family Pavilion

Please contact this officer regarding information about parking as well as information about purchasing transit passes for discounted price (TriMet and C-Tran). For bicycling and bike incentive program information, visit www.ohsu.edu/bike. The Student Center has a bike repair center with tools and supplies available. Please inquire at the Student Center.

Hours of operation are 7:00am to 3:30pm, Monday – Friday. The Office is closed at 2:15pm on Wednesdays. Closed on OHSU holidays.

Students who wish to purchase a limited duration parking pass should fill out the parking permit request form on the [Parking and Transportation office O2 website](#). **To purchase a parking permit, students should complete the request form, and select “Dr. Tomo Ito”. Once Dr. Ito approves your parking request, you will receive an email notification from the parking office.**

Lyft Off Program

Medical students are also able to benefit from the [OHSU LyftOff program](#), which assists employees and students traveling at off-peak hours between 9 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. to or from Marquam Hill or South Waterfront locations. Program members hail an eligible Lyft ride through the Lyft app for up to \$20 a day, up to 20 days per month. The subsidy only covers the member’s arrival OR departure, not both. The intent is for the OHSU member to use public transit or another alternative to parking during normal business hours. Of note, this benefit is only for transportation to or from OHSU when engaging in official school activities during off hours such as during clinical rotations with early morning arrival expectations when public transportation is less available or runs less frequently. Audits are periodically conducted to ensure that all members are utilizing the program appropriately.

OHSU Public Safety

Phone: 503-494-7744 E-mail: pubsafe@ohsu.edu

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/public-safety>

Location: Physical Plant Building 228G

The Department of Public Safety is part of the OHSU Facilities & Logistics group and consists of more than 40 dedicated professionals who are responsible for ensuring the safety of our campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our safety team includes police officers, community service officers and dispatchers who handle emergency and non-emergency services, and a group of administrative support employees. In addition to performing their regular duties, many officers specialize in one or more areas,

such as background investigations, evidence processing, security assessments and training. DPS also performs fingerprinting services for job applications. They are also available for escorts if travel involves travelling alone on campus in isolated areas after dark. OHSU policy requires that students wear their ID badge at all times at OHSU. Please see the Safety Guides and other resources available on their website.

Safety on campus: <https://www.ohsu.edu/public-safety/safety-campus>

OHSU Student Center

Phone: 503-494-8295

E-mail: studentcenter@ohsu.edu

Website: <https://www.ohsu.edu/education/student-center>

Location: Next to Mark Hatfield Building and across the street from Doernbecher Children's Hospital

Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-7pm, Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30am-5pm

The Student Center provides social, cultural and recreational opportunities to students and members of the OHSU Community. Amenities available at the Student Center include: basketball court; swimming pool and hot tub; intramural program; game room with pool table, ping-pong, foosball and darts; TV lounge and multi-media room; lounge spaces for group gatherings; locker rooms and towel service; café; and computer kiosk. Spaces at the Student Center can be reserved for use by student groups.

University-Wide Student Affairs Policies

The Provost's Office at the university maintains an updated list of academic policies that are relevant and apply to all students at OHSU. The major categories of these policies includes:

- Student Admissions Requirements
- Equal Access
- Student Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Student Residency
- Education Records and Identity Verification
- Conduct Relating to Students
- Academic Programs and Assessment
- Exams, Credit, Grading and Completion
- Miscellaneous Student Affairs Policies

These university-wide student affairs policies can be found [HERE](#).

STUDENT GOVERNMENT, ELECTED OFFICES, AND STUDENT-LED ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

All registered professional students are members of the Affiliated Students of the Oregon Health & Science University. The School of Medicine elects representatives to the All-Hill Council. The selection of representatives is described in the ASOHSU Constitution. Please see the Student Government section of the Office of UME site.

Class Officers

Each medical class elects officers to work with the Assistant Deans, Associate Dean, and other faculty members throughout the school year as liaisons between their class and the school. Second-, third- and fourth-year officers are elected by the fall of each year. Elections for each class are organized by the incumbent officers. An election for the first-year student is held before Winter Break. Organizational meetings for election of officers are coordinated via the Student Council.

Class Officers selected annually by each class:

Class President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, 2 Senators, All-Hill Council representatives and 3 Dean's Advisors, among others as specified by the Medical Student Council Constitution. The UME Curriculum Committee Representative (OSR below) is selected by the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and the other CCR members, and OASIS representatives are selected by the Stream Leaders. Alumni Association representatives are selected by the Alumni Association.

Organizations of Student Representatives (OSR) to the Association of American Medical Colleges include one representative and an alternate representative for the medical student body and are selected to terms ending upon graduation, usually either 2- or 4-year terms. The students chosen for this organization are the same students as the SoM UME Curriculum Committee Representatives. OSR students should attend each monthly SoM UME Curriculum Committee to offer robust student voice and input to the Committee process. If an OSR student is unable to attend a meeting, they will be responsible for finding an alternate student from their class to attend in their absence.

Medical Student Senate

The Student Senate is comprised of the two elected representatives and the class president for each of the medical student classes. The Student Senate represents the medical student body and usually meets at least monthly. A chairperson and a secretary are elected by the Student Senate from within the membership.

Objectives of the Student Senate are:

- a. to serve as a means by which student opinion can be sampled and expressed as a unified voice
- b. to promote the exchange of ideas on both the intra-class and inter-class levels, and thus to identify issues of greatest student concern
- c. to establish and maintain formal communication between the Student Senate and the student body, administration and faculty
- d. to implement changes relevant to student concerns. A constitution and more information on the Student Senate are available through the Student Senate secretary

Medical Student Statement of Principles

We, as medical students of Oregon Health & Science University, recognize the privilege of studying medicine. We believe it is fundamental to support and cultivate the principles that uphold the integrity

of the medical profession. Our Statement of Principles is the standard to which we, as a community, hold our colleagues and ourselves accountable, thus entrusting ourselves with the responsibility to self-govern. The objective of our Statement of Principles is to foster trust, responsibility and professionalism in all student interactions, including those with fellow students, faculty, staff and patients. Our goal is to promote the professional advancement of all students, to ensure the highest integrity in the academic enterprise, and to endorse our commitment to ethical behavior in the profession of medicine.

As students, we will maintain the highest academic standards and advance the science and quality of clinical care by:

- Always submitting original work, examinations, and assignments, or properly crediting contributions from other sources;
- Never giving aid in examinations or assignments unless such cooperation is expressly permitted;
- Fostering an environment in which students can be fully trusted to be academically honest;
- Working with faculty and staff to create classroom and clinic environments that are conducive to learning and that reward characteristics such as inquisitiveness and perseverance;
- Promoting a culture of learning that is free from abuse and humiliation;
- Striving to produce the most complete and accurate medical histories, physical examinations, and patient assessments possible;
- Understanding the importance of recognizing, admitting, and learning from our mistakes;
- Recognizing the limitations of our knowledge and clinical skills;
- Seeking assistance when necessary to provide outstanding patient care and to advance our knowledge and skills;
- Ensuring that the confidentiality and privacy of each patient is respected;
- Recognizing patient modesty as essential in providing the best patient care;
- Demonstrating professional conduct in demeanor, language, and appearance in the health care setting and when representing the university;
- Reporting situations in which we believe an individual's safety or well-being was compromised;
- Promoting diversity by creating a community of inclusion, and respecting the unique contributions of all;
- Committing ourselves to the growth of a culture at OHSU that is free from harassment or discrimination of any kind.

Medical Student Council Constitution

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the OHSU School of Medicine Student Council do promise to serve the interests of, and as representatives for, all students enrolled in the MD degree or MD combined degree programs at

Oregon Health & Science University and establish the following goals and procedures to effectively achieve our stated promise.

ARTICLE ONE: NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION ONE: This organization shall be known as the OHSU School of Medicine Student Council.

SECTION TWO: The student council shall serve as the primary executive agency of the student body. The purpose of the Student Council shall be:

1. To serve as the official representative of the OHSU School of Medicine student body to the administration and faculty and students in other OHSU schools.
2. To promote interaction between students, faculty, the administration, and the community.
3. To promote student awareness of issues and policies pertinent to succeeding within their respective program.
4. To consider and potentially act upon matters of concern brought to its attention by individual students, one or more classes, or the student body at large.
5. To serve as a means by which effective communication is achieved between classes, the student body, and other organizations.
6. To raise and maintain funds it deems necessary and useful to carry out its purposes.
7. To manage and distribute funds in a manner that contributes to mission of the SOM Student Council.
8. To aid student organizations in applying for recognition/funding according to the Funding Policy bylaws.
9. To make the student body aware of teaching awards, and to determine nominations and/or recipients as outlined by the specific awards.
10. To make the student body aware of awards, recognitions, and achievements of students within the SOM UME Program.
11. To empower ourselves and each other to excel in patient care, medical knowledge, professionalism, practice-based learning and improvement, interpersonal and communication skills, and systems-based practice in the workplace, and collaboration among health care professionals.
12. To support students' emotional, relational, and mental health needs

ARTICLE TWO: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE: The OHSU SOM student council will be composed of one Class Council for each class (MS1, MS2, MS3, and MS4).

SECTION TWO: Each Class Council will be composed of elected members. The elected members comprise:

- President (1) 1 year term
- Vice President (1) 1 year term
- Secretary (1) 1 year term
- Treasurer (1) 1 year term

- Dean's Advisors (3) 1 year term
- Senators (2) 2-year term
- All-Hill Council Representatives (1-2) 1 year term
- Academic Resource Council - 2 positions will be Student Faculty Liaisons and 1 position will be the Education Resource Coordinator, (3 positions for the first 2 years of medical school and then 1 position for each of the last 2 years) 1 year term for each
- Student Wellness and Professionalism Representatives (SWAP) (3) 1 year term
- Admissions Liaison (1) 1 year term
- Debt Management Liaison (1) 1 year term
- Accessibility and Inclusion Liaison (1) 1 year term
- Diversity and Inclusion Liaison (1) 1 year term

SECTION THREE: All members must be students in the SOM programs at the time of the election. The one exception is for students in the joint degree program, who may be on the council for their original class while completing their second program. All members must also be in good academic standing ("passing" as verified by the Dean's Office).

SECTION FOUR: Terms of office shall commence after the close of the last Student Council meeting of the academic year and will continue through the following academic year until the last Student Council meeting of that academic year (defined as August through August).

ARTICLE THREE: RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

SECTION ONE: The Class Presidents of each of the 4 classes shall meet at least annually with the ADUME of the School of Medicine.

SECTION TWO: At minimum, each Class President or Class Vice President and an additional elected student council member from each class council, will be present at the All-Class SOM Student Council meetings. Presidents and Vice Presidents should arrange for a designee if they are unable to attend the All-Class Student Council meetings. It is the responsibility of each Class President or his/her designee to inform and update the rest of Student Council of his/her class.

SECTION THREE: As appropriate, the Student Council shall coordinate the efforts of the students to re-evaluate the SOM's procedures, curriculum, and policies and present those ideas and opinions to the appropriate staff or faculty members.

SECTION FOUR: Each of the members shall be required to fulfill the duties assigned to them [in the attached document].

SECTION FIVE: As appropriate, Student Council members will communicate with the first year class in order that they are better informed in how to perform their responsibilities.

ARTICLE FOUR: POWERS

SECTION ONE: Officers and members shall derive their powers and duties solely from their positions on the Student Council as defined in this Constitution.

SECTION TWO: Meetings are open to the entire SOM student body; however, only Student Council members can vote on issues presented to Student Council.

SECTION THREE: At minimum, the following Student Council members, or designees, must be present for any voting to be performed by Student Council: (a) Class President or Vice-President, (b) Senator, (c) Secretary, and (d) two additional elected members of Student Council. Voting matters that involve the disbursement of Student Council funds must also require the presence of the Class Treasurer, or designee.

SECTION FOUR: The Student Council reserves the right to veto, by a majority vote of 50%, any decision made by the standing Committees. A quorum of 3 council members must call a veto into action for a vote to take place.

ARTICLE FIVE: IMPEACHMENT, RECALL AND DISMISSAL

SECTION ONE: In the event that any member of the Student Council is found to be negligent of their duties, then the Student Council should designate someone within Student Council to first have a conversation with that person.

SECTION TWO: Reasons for impeachment can only include abuses of power, laundering of class funds, and gross misconduct. The reasons for impeachment must be submitted in writing to the Student Council President and Class Secretary at least one week prior to the next scheduled Student Council meeting.

SECTION THREE: If reasons for impeachment are being submitted for the Class President, then it must be submitted to the Vice President and Secretary. If the reasons for impeachment are being submitted for the Class Secretary they must be submitted to the Class President and a Senator.

SECTION FOUR: The Student Council member who is being impeached will have the opportunity to speak on his/her own and call other individuals to speak on his/her behalf.

SECTION FIVE: The impeachment hearing will be held at a time when the Class President of another SOM Class year can attend and function as an impartial mediator of the Class's Council deliberations.

SECTION SIX: After having heard both sides to the Council's satisfaction, the Student Council shall determine its decision by no less than 80% of the elected members of Student Council. All members of the Student Council must vote either aye, nay, or abstain.

SECTION SEVEN: The only decisions available for Student Council vote of the impeached are, dismissal from role and of responsibilities, permanent censure following the end of the term from any future student council responsibilities, both, or complete acquittal. Decisions will be carried out immediately. If necessary, the class Senators will conduct an election within 2 weeks of the Student Council decision, so long as there is not less than one month prior to the ending of the academic calendar.

ARTICLE SIX: VACANCIES

SECTION ONE: Vacancy of the term of office of President shall be filled by the Vice President.

SECTION TWO: Vacancies during the term of office of any other Council position shall be filled at the earliest possible time in a manner designed by the Council by either appointment or election.

SECTION THREE: Any member of Council wishing to step-down from their position should do so in writing to the President, preferably with at least 10 days in advance of the expected vacancy.

ARTICLE SEVEN: AMENDMENTS

SECTION ONE: Any student of the SOM student body may propose an amendment. All proposed amendments to this Constitution, in order to be considered, must 1) contain a petition from 30% of the elected Student Council members within all classes of the School of Medicine, and 2) be submitted in writing to the MS4 Class President. He/She/They reserves the right to appoint an ad hoc committee to facilitate reviewing and presentation of the new amendments to the Student Council.

SECTION TWO: All proposed amendments to this Constitution, in order to take effect, must be passed by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the voting members of the Student Council.

SECTION THREE: If a proposed amendment does not receive a majority vote of the Council, the amendment will be reconsidered through petition and endorsement by fifty (50) percent of students in the SOM. The proposed amendment can then be passed by a simple majority vote of the Council.

SECTION FOUR: If the proposed amendment does not receive simply majority vote of the Council after petition, the proposed amendment may be passed as a referendum, requiring signatures of 75% of the eligible electorate from students within the School of Medicine.

SECTION FIVE: Appendix A - Duties and Responsibilities of Officers will be updated each year by the respective Council members and require the approval of the Executive or Class Council Presidents.

ARTICLE EIGHT: RATIFICATION:

This Constitution, in order to take effect, must be ratified by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the All- Classes Student Council. This Constitution shall also be approved by the Dean of the School of Medicine.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Committee Roles & Appointment Process

SECTION ONE: Making Appointments

All appointments to committees or vacant Student Council positions must be presented by one of the following - President, Vice President, Senator, Secretary, or Treasurer - to the Student Council. Student Council will need a majority vote to sustain that individual in the role they have been appointed for.

SECTION TWO: Appointed Roles

Appointments can be made as needed to serve the student body by serving as committee leaders or point persons, or to fill vacancies within Student Council. Only the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Senators can make appointments. The number of appointed class officers will ultimately be determined at the discretion of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Senators.

SECTION THREE: Sustaining Appointments

All appointments must be approved by the Class Student Council with at least a 2/3rds vote. Appointed members should not function in their role until approved by the Class Student Council.

SECTION FOUR: Membership

Appointed members of Student Council are members only for the duration of their service in their specified role. Only appointed members of Student Council who receive a vote of confidence from the student body of their class can function as voting members of Student Council.

APPENDIX B: Elections & Recalls

SECTION ONE: Election period for the MS2, MS3, and MS4 Student Councils shall occur Monday through Friday, in early-mid July, at a date of the Senate's choosing and will be supervised by the Senate.

SECTION TWO: Election period for the MS1 Class Council shall occur Monday through Friday three weeks after the first official day of classes for the academic year, and will be supervised by the MS2 Senators.

SECTION THREE: For elections to be valid, over fifty (50) percent of the eligible student body for that particular class must vote. "Eligible" is defined as those currently enrolled in classes at Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine who are not in their final medical year. If an election is deemed ineligible, it will be rerun. The Election Committee will inform the class for whose elections it is

responsible, with an email notification 2 weeks prior to elections. This email must be sent out through the SOM MedXX list-serve and not through other social media outlets.

SECTION FOUR: MS2, MS3, and MS4: All candidates must submit a 300-word or less written statement declaring their intentions, to the Election Committee by 11:59 pm the Saturday before the first official day of elections. Election week will begin in the summer. The polls will open promptly at 12 am the Monday of election week and will close promptly at 11:59 pm the Friday of election week. For incoming students, election week will be the third week of classes.

SECTION FIVE: The Senators who are responsible for a class' election will maintain a running list of current candidates that is made public to the class.

(A) MS1: Those interested in running for a Student Council position must submit a 300- word or less statement declaring their intentions to the Senators by 11:59 pm the Saturday before the official elections in order to be considered for an elected position.

SECTION SIX: Each student may run for a maximum of one elected position each election period. In the event that, after the deadline for declaring candidacy has passed, there are fewer candidates than the minimum required number of members for a particular elected council role, any candidate for any other elected council position shall have the option to switch candidacy to a vacant council position through the end of the election period before the close of voting. Such switching of candidacy must be declared to the Senators prior to the close of voting, and constitutes a withdrawal of candidacy for the original position.

In order to win an election, the candidate must receive at least 50% of the votes. If not, the top two candidates will enter a re-run and the candidate receiving the majority of the votes will win.

After the close of voting, any council position that remains vacant shall be advertised by the Senators and another vote should be performed within 1 week of advertising the empty position. If no one is elected by the class on this second election, then that position shall be filled by appointment and with subsequent Student Council approval with a vote of a simple majority. Appointment to a vacancy on a class council shall be made preferably by the newly elected voting members of the council on which the vacancy exists. Non-winning candidates in the election may seek appointment to vacancies but will not have any priority over other potential appointees. Persons wishing to be appointed to vacant elected positions following the close of elections are responsible for communicating their interest in such positions directly to the appropriate Student Council President.

SECTION SEVEN: The Senators will endeavor to ensure elections that are fair and free of corruption.

SECTION EIGHT: Any member of the SOM student body, within two weeks of the posting of election results, may initiate a recall by collecting thirty (40) percent of the eligible electorate. The eligible electorate is defined as those students within the class who are capable to vote for a Student Council election. Recalls can only be initiated for cheating and the reasons for a recall must be submitted in writing to the Dean of the School of Medicine and to the Student Senate, including reasons for the recall

and which position shall be recalled. The Dean or designate must approve of the recall before the Senate begins another election. Another election will then be established to re-elect the position in question (yes/no referendum). These elections will also be coordinated by the Student Senate, and not just the class' Senate. Recalls can only be filed by students representing the class for which they are requesting a recall.

APPENDIX C: Meetings

SECTION ONE: The MS2 President shall call a meeting of all the SOM Class' Student Councils by the end of the month that the MS1 student council is elected in. The first half of the meeting will be dedicated to having all four councils in one place and to discussing topics and issues that pertain to the entire SOM. The second half of the meeting will be dedicated to inducting the new MS1 student council members and answering their questions/preparing them for their roles.

SECTION TWO: The SOM Class Student Councils shall hold regularly scheduled meetings conducted according to the rules established by the Council in a public room of adequate size and accessibility at a publicized time. The meetings shall be open to all members of the OHSU SOM community. Meetings can be virtual during clinical years.

SECTION THREE: Class Council meetings shall be held regularly during the academic year, and shall be scheduled by the Class President at least three days in advance. This might include meetings at lunch, before, or after school.

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SECTION FIVE: All Class Council meetings and meetings of the full SOM Student Council shall be open to all students, faculty, and administration of the SOM and publicized via emails to the class listserv email.

1. The Student Council shall function in meetings conducted by the President.
2. Minutes of the meeting shall be recorded in a permanent manner by the elected Secretary. Copies of the minutes shall be furnished to each member of the Council and shall be summarized in a newsletter that is sent out to the entire class in a timely fashion. During didactics, this newsletter will be monthly. During clinical years, council will send out a quarterly newsletter of the meeting minutes that also highlights class accomplishments and keeps people informed about the class.
3. Students wishing to address the Student Council, shall notify the President and Secretary to request placement on the agenda at the next meeting or may appear during the allotted time for hearing student concerns at each meeting.

APPENDIX D: Designees

SECTION ONE: In the event that an elected Student Council member is not able to attend a meeting that they are (a) not responsible for leading, and (b) is a meeting of the council of their particular position, then they should first find a substitute and then notify the Class Secretary, at least 3 days before the meeting.

SECTION TWO: If a Class President is not able to attend a Class Student Council meeting, then he/she should notify the Class Secretary and Vice President at least 3 days before the meeting.

APPENDIX E: Funding Guidelines

SECTION ONE: A requestor must be a member of the SOM and can only request funds from his/her Class year Student Council account. Requestors may also be enrolled in joint degree programs and will be considered part of the class with which they will graduate.

SECTION TWO: In order to be reimbursable, funding requests must be submitted in writing (or via email) to the Class Treasurer prior to any funds being spent by the requestor. Requests for reimbursement of funds already expended will not be approved. Funding requests should be dated, and submitted with sufficient details of the proposed activity, project, or event to permit the Student Council (discussed below) to evaluate the request. Each request must include a reasonable estimate regarding budgetary needs. Any funds expended in excess of an approved estimate will not be reimbursed without the requestor submitting a supplemental request.

SECTION THREE: Within two days of receipt of a funding request, the Class Treasurer shall evaluate the request. If the request meets the requirements given above, the Treasurer shall propose the request to the entire council at the next full meeting of the Class Student Council for evaluation.

SECTION FOUR: The Student Council may approve requests that otherwise meet the requirements of these guidelines, so long as the request does not exceed \$50.00. Additionally, within any school year, the Student Council has the authority to approve funding requests that, in the aggregate, do not exceed \$500.00, and that will not result in the complete depletion of remaining funds in the Class bank account(s). Any requests that exceed either of these two limitations must be evaluated by the Student Council.

SECTION FIVE: The Class Student Council may approve requests that otherwise meet the requirements of these guidelines, so long as the approval of the requests will not result in the complete depletion of remaining funds in the Class bank account(s).

SECTION SIX: In order for the Class Student Council to approve a funding request, a quorum of the Class Student Council must be present. A quorum of the Student Council is defined as 50% of the total number of Student Council members, rounded up to the next whole number. To approve a funding request, a simple majority of those present must vote, in their sole discretion, in favor of the request.

SECTION SEVEN: Once a funding request has been approved by the Student Council, the requestor will be informed that he/she has the authority to spend his/her own funds on the activity, project, or event, up to the approved amount. The requestor must then submit receipts, evidencing the actual costs associated with the activity, project, or event, to the Class Treasurer. The Class Treasurer shall then reimburse the requestor based upon the approved amounts and the amounts evidenced by the receipts.

SECTION EIGHT: General requests for funds may not be related to presenting research or attending conferences. Students must utilize the existing pathways via the Senate and Dean's Funding Request processes for funding requests of this nature. If desired, individual class Student Councils may set up a Research/Conference Fund to supplement Senate and Dean's Funding.

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society

The Oregon Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha, a medical college honor society was installed at the School of Medicine in 1923. The society's aims are the promotion of scholarship among medical students and the encouragement of high standards of character and conduct. Selection to AOA is made each year by the active members of the OHSU AOA Chapter, and medical students receive information about the application process by the Office of UME via Brightspace/Sakai announcements.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Scholarships

UME SCHOLARSHIPS

[Website](#)

The School of Medicine recognizes that medical education is becoming more costly each year, both for the school and the student. To that end, the School of Medicine has made it a priority to raise scholarship funds for medical students in our Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) program. In partnership with the OHSU Foundation, we intend to increase that list as we continue to find solutions to student indebtedness. Students who receive scholarships from OHSU or UME are responsible for reading and understanding the criteria for continued eligibility of the scholarship. UME scholarships, their respective eligibility criteria, and award amount are subject to change on a yearly basis.

- For questions about UME scholarships, contact Bri Dunn, Project Coordinator, UME Scholarships and Student Affairs at dunnbri@ohsu.edu
- For inquiries about financial aid packages, tuition and fees, and student loan disbursements, contact the [Financial Aid Office](#) at finaid@ohsu.edu or (503) 494-7800.
- If you would like more information about the [Educational Debt Counseling and Financial Management Program](#) available to MD students, or are interested in scheduling a one-on-one meeting, contact edcfm@ohsu.edu. or (503) 494-7872.

UME SCHOLARSHIPS - AWARDED TO APPLICANTS DURING ADMISSIONS PROCESS

For applicants who have been offered acceptance into the MD Program, UME will notify you if you've been selected to receive a scholarship. There is no separate application process for the UME scholarships. Because admission is offered on a rolling basis, the timeline will vary for notifying scholarship recipients. More information regarding each scholarship is found on the [scholarship website](#).

- OHSU President's Fund
- Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative (SHOI)
- School of Medicine President's Scholarship
- Future Physician Achievement Award
- Swindells Family Leadership Scholarship
- Nelson R. (Sam) Niles, MD and Esther D. (Susie) Niles Scholarship
- Myungja Mia Lee, MD Scholarship
- Byong Uk Chung, MD, '61 Endowed Scholarship Fund
- NNACoE Endowed Tilikum Scholarship
- Earl DuBois, MD Scholarship
- Louis Gerlinger, Jr. and Beatrice Lee Gerlinger Student Scholarship

UME SCHOLARSHIPS - AWARDED TO CURRENT STUDENTS

Current M.D. students will be notified through the Office of UME Brightspace/Sakai site when each UME scholarship is accepting applications along with further criteria, details, and instructions for submission. Because these scholarships have different timelines, students should expect to be notified throughout the year. More information regarding each scholarship is found on the [scholarship website](#).

- School of Medicine General Fund scholarships
- Swindells Family Leadership Scholarship
- Annual Awards for Excellence
- Dean's Fund for Excellence
- Outstanding Medical Student Scholarship
- Edwin C. Cadman, MD Scholarship
- J. R. Walsh Memorial Scholarship
- Wendell Memorial Scholarship
- Robert L. Bacon Fund
- Overseas Financial Aid Grants
- Beatrice and Susan Rose Endowed Scholarship Fund

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS OR LOAN REPAYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The following scholarships and loan repayment opportunities are not affiliated with OHSU, but are available to OHSU medical students. If you would like more information, it is suggested to contact the organization directly. More information regarding each scholarship or loan repayment opportunity is found on the [scholarship website](#).

- Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC)
- American Medical Association (AMA) scholarships
- National Health Service Corps (NHSC)
- Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program
- Army Health Professions Scholarship Program
- Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program
- Rural Community Loan Repayment Program
- National Medical Fellowships (NMF)
- Oregon Medical Education Foundation (OMEF)
- Scholarships through FastWeb!
- Scholarships360.org

Additionally, outside organizations or associations sporadically notify UME regarding scholarships or loan repayment opportunities applicable to medical students. These are shared with the student body throughout the year via the Office of UME Brightspace/Sakai Site.

Awards

The following chart outlines several awards which are available to medical students, many of which are presented during the annual School of Medicine Honors & Awards Ceremony for Graduate Studies and Undergraduate Medical Education. Some of the awards listed below are also accompanied by a monetary gift to the student.

AWARD	TO	CRITERIA	DECISION
Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) National Medical Honor Society	Percentage of MS4 class	Commitment to scholarship, leadership, professionalism, and service	All students in graduating class can apply; Members vote
Alma Sneed Pathology Award	1-2 MS3s or MS4s	Excellence in pathology scholarship	Dept. of Pathology
OSAC - Alpha Kappa Award	2 MS3s	Exemplify desired characteristics of a true physician	Selected by class
Community and Wellness Award	1-2 MS4	Commitment to community and wellness during medical school	Deans in the UME Office
Dean's Award for Exemplary Contributions to the MD Program	1 MS3 and 1 MS4	Exemplary Contributions to the School of Medicine	Deans in the UME Office
Department of Psychiatry Outstanding Senior Award	1 MS4	Demonstrated excellence in the Psychiatry Department	Dept. of Psychiatry
Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Award	1-2 MS4	Commitment to promoting cultural understanding and wellness in communities of diversity	Representatives from the Dean's Office

Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation Award for Excellence in Pediatrics	1 MS4	Outstanding performance in academics and humanism, and has the greatest potential to contribute to the field of pediatrics	Dept. of Pediatrics
Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation Pediatric Clerkship Award	1 MS4	Outstanding performance in the Pediatric Core Clinical Experience	Dept. of Pediatrics
Edward S. Hayes Gold-Headed Cane Award	1 MS4	Best exemplifies the qualities of a true physician	Nominated by MS4 class, voted by class and faculty
Outstanding Family Medicine Core Clinical Experience Award	1-2 MS4	Outstanding academic and professional performance in the Family Medicine Core Clinical Experience	Dept. of Family Medicine
AMWA Certificate of Commendation	1 MS4	Must have had significant contributions to advancing women in medicine, women's health, and/or gender equity in addition to leadership roles, or participation in activities as an AMWA member while a medical student at OHSU, and is recognized as one individual graduating at the top of the class	Self-identifying women or gender diverse students apply, committee selects
AMWA Glasgow-Rubin Citation for Academic Achievement	# varies, MS4	Must have contributed, as a medical student, to the OHSU School of Medicine by advancing women in medicine, women's health, and/or gender equity	Self-identifying women or gender diverse students apply, committee selects
Gregory Magarian Award for Excellence in Internal Medicine	1 MS4	Excellent clinical performance in internal medicine and embodying the personal and professional attributes of an outstanding internist	Dept. of Internal Medicine
Department of Medicine Humanism Award for Students Bound for Internal Medicine	# varies, MS4	Pursuing internal medicine residency who models compassionate care, champions patient advocacy, or is willing to go the extra mile simply in the best interest of the patient	Dept. of Internal Medicine
Gold Humanism Honor Society	Percentage of MS3 class	Students who demonstrate humanistic traits and are exemplars of compassionate patient care	Nominated by MS3 class or self; Members Vote
Harry G. G. Kingston Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine Outstanding Award	1 MS4	Medical student who has demonstrated excellence in the specialty of Anesthesiology	Dept. of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine
James B. Reuler Service Award	1 MS3	Recognizing outstanding service by a medical student	Nominated and voted by MS3 class
Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award	1 MS4	Senior medical student who exemplifies the humanistic qualities of a physician	Nominated by MS4 class; selected by Committee
Mark Nichols, MD Obstetrics and Gynecology Award	1 or 2 MS4s	Outstanding performance in the specialty of Obstetrics and Gynecology	Dept. of OB/Gyn.

Mary Gonzales Lundy Family Medicine Award	1 or 2 MS4s	Senior medical student who has demonstrated excellence in the specialty of family medicine	Dept. of Family Medicine
Outstanding Medical Student in Radiation Medicine	1 or 2 MS4s	Senior medical student who has demonstrated excellence in the specialty of radiation medicine	Dept. of Radiation
Robert B. Taylor, MD Family Medicine Award	1 MS4	Senior medical student who best exemplifies the qualities of a Family Medicine physician	Dept. of Family Medicine
Scholarly Project Capstone Poster Award	5-6 MS3 or MS4s	Awarded during the Scholarly Project Capstone event each year	Scholarly Project Concentration Leads and Program Tech
School of Medicine Medical Student Award for Research	2 to 4 MS4s	Outstanding research while enrolled in medical school	Students self-nominates; Committee selects
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Award	1 MS4	Demonstrated excellence in the specialty of emergency medicine	Dept. of Emergency Medicine
United States Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Award	1 MS4	Recognizing contribution to public health by a medical student	US Public Health Service
William O. Stahl, MD Award for Oregon Rural Health Practitioners	1 MS4 or PA	MD and/or PA dedicated to Family Medicine Residency and/or practice in rural Oregon	Dept. of Family Medicine
William W. Krippaehne Award	1 MS4	Outstanding performance in the Surgery Core Clinical Experience	Dept. of Surgery

The End!