

Class of 2024

M2

Orientation:  
Clinical  
Curriculum  
Highlights



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# Topics to Cover:



STEP EXAMS



IMPORTANT DATES



M3 CLERKSHIPS AND  
REQUIREMENTS



HARDSHIP AND EAST  
ONLY OPTIONS



BREAKS, DELAYS,  
WELLNESS DAYS

# Step 1



Eligibility: GPA of  $\geq 2.25$  and passing all courses



Must take Step 1 before starting Clerkships



Deadline is April 24, 2022

# Step 2 CK

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- Must complete all Core Clerkships first
- Best preparation is participation in clerkships and 'shelf' exams
- If you want to take it early...
  - Don't be tempted!
  - Finish all your clerkships first





# Important Dates to Remember

M3 Orientation – Part 1: January 2022

M3 Orientation – Part 2: February 2022

M3 Clerkship Scheduling: February 2022

PCM V – Prep for Clerkships week: April 25-29, 2022

# PCM V: Prep for Clerkships Week

April 25-29, 2022

Mandatory for all rising M3 students

In-person clinical skills with other hybrid sessions

HIPAA, Sterile technique, CPR, Blood and Fluids, Communication, EMR, Clerkship Policies, Risk Management, Foley and IV placement, Suturing

Drug testing, (hopefully) TB skin testing

Watch for emails from Kimberlee Norwood

Clerkships start Monday, May 2!!

# Things to do BEFORE Prep Week

- N95 Mask fitting
- BLS Recertification
- VA onboarding
- EMR training
- Check for holds (immunizations, financial, student authorization)
- CHECK YOUR EMAILS!!!!

# A word about holds....

## Hold prevent:

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- Registration
- Evaluations
- Grades
- Financial Aid

Please, please, please clear all holds quickly and completely before the start of your rotations and before each semester!



# Clerkship Requirements



		JUL.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.
PRECLINICAL PHASE	FIRST YEAR		Orientation Week	Structural Basis of Normal Body Function Molecular Basis of Normal Body Function				Winter Break	Common Mechanisms of Disease		Organ Systems – Pathogenesis/ Diagnosis/Treatment: Hematological, Cardiovascular, Renal		Summer Break
		Principles of Clinical Medicine (PCM) – I				Principles of Clinical Medicine (PCM) – II			Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 1.2				
SECOND YEAR	Organ Systems – Pathogenesis/Diagnosis/Treatment: Pulmonary, Rheumatic, Musculoskeletal, Dermatological				Endocrine, Reproductive/ Breast, Urogenital, GI Liver		Winter Break	Central-Peripheral Nervous Systems & Psychiatry		ID Wrap-up	USMLE Step 1	PCM – V	
	Principles of Clinical Medicine (PCM) – III				Principles of Clinical Medicine (PCM) – IV			Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 2.2					
	Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 2.1												
CLINICAL PHASE	THIRD YEAR	<p align="center"><b>Core Clerkships include:</b></p> <p align="center">Family Medicine – 6 weeks            Medicine – 8 weeks            Neurology – 4 weeks            Obstetrics/Gynecology – 6 weeks            Pediatrics – 6 weeks            Psychiatry – 4 weeks            Surgery – 8 weeks            Career Exploration Electives – 4 to 6 weeks            (~2-week Winter Break)</p>											
		Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 3.1						Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 3.2					
FOURTH YEAR	<p align="center">Geriatric-Palliative – 4 weeks            Junior Internship #1 – 4 weeks            Junior Internship #2 – 4 weeks            Capstone – 4 weeks            Electives (4 total) – 16 weeks            Option Blocks - 20 weeks            (~2-week Winter Break)</p>												
	Principles of Clinical Medicine (PCM) – VI												
	Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 4.1						Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 4.2						
	USMLE Step 2 CK, CS												

# 7 Required “Core” Clerkships

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- Internal Medicine – 8 weeks
- Surgery – 8 weeks
- Family Medicine – 6 weeks
- OB/GYN – 6 weeks
- Pediatrics – 6 weeks
- Neurology – 4 weeks
- Psychiatry – 4 weeks





# Family Medicine

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# Internal Medicine (Medicine)

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# Neurology

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Obstetrics and Gynecology



Pediatrics





Psychiatry

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# Surgery

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# Career Exploration

- Elective experiences in the M3 year
- Three 2-week blocks
  - One 2-week block can be taken as “option” time
- Opportunity to experience a specialty that is not one of the ‘core’ rotations





# What rotation should I do??!!

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- Course bulletin:  
<https://uthsc.edu/Medicine/OLSEN/>
  - Course description
  - Course/clerkship director
  - Course coordinator
  - Location, blocks offered
  - Required pre-requisites or prior approvals





# Why use an 'Option Block'?

- Delays:
  - Illness or emergency situations ONLY
  - ***Must*** be approved by a **Dean or P&P committee**
- Acceptable Reasons:
  - Academic/Research
  - Military obligations
  - Wedding (your own)
  - Parental Leave
  - Approved Step 1 Delay
- Remember:
  - All students may use one 2-week CE block as 'option' time

If you have a major family, medical, or personal event that you need time away for...please email us!!

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Examples:

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Wedding

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Birth or adoption of child

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Step 1 Delay

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Leave of absence (medical or otherwise)

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Surgery

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Scholar's Year/PhD

# East Rule

- Due to our number of students and available capacity on the Memphis campus, all students are required to schedule 1 rotation at an East location (Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville, or Jackson) during the third year.
- Housing\* is provided by UT for M3 students on required core clerkships in East cities if their primary domicile is in Memphis.





# “East Only” option

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- Students can choose to complete all 3<sup>rd</sup> year rotations in the East.
  - Move to another city for the entire clinical phase.
- Students in this category are considered “East Only”
  - Separate scheduling time
- Options: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville
  - \*Note: only 4 core clerkships offered in Nashville





# Hardship Policy

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- **The Hardship Policy was developed to allow exemptions from the East rotation requirement for those select students.**
- **For information, go to OLSEN in the “General Clerkship Information” to find the Hardship application form.**

## **Acceptable reasons for Hardship:**

- You have a child under the age of 18 years
- You have a chronic illness that requires treatment from a local physician
- You have a family member with chronic illness for whom you are the primary caregiver.





## Excused Absences and Wellness Days



# Rationale

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- Excused absences – Students should be able to attend general preventive medical care, urgent/acute medical care, and have appropriate time off for sickness.
- Wellness Days – Goal is to promote mental health and wellness among students.

# What counts as an Excused Absence?

- Preventive or routine healthcare (e.g. PCP appointment, dentist, etc.)
- Acute illness/urgent medical appointments (includes sick days)
- Funerals
- Religious observances/Holy Days
- Jury duty and other legal obligations
- Step 2 CK\*
- Residency interviews\*
- Attendance at professional meetings if presenting or representing the College of Medicine

\* Step 2 CK and residency interviews NOT allowed on M3 clerkships.





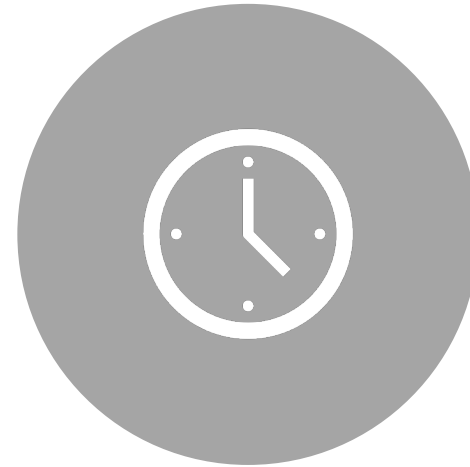
# Professional Meeting Attendance

- Notify CD/CC 30 days prior to the START of the affected rotation.
- Must be either presenting (poster/oral) or representing the COM.
- Provide documentation (email/letter) of your acceptance to the meeting AS SOON AS YOU GET THIS.
- Goal is to maximize your participation in your event while also minimizing the time away from your clerkship.
- Approval is at the discretion of the Clerkship Director.

# Wellness Days



FOUR WELLNESS DAYS  
PER YEAR



NO HALF DAYS OR  
HOURLY COUNTS

# Examples

## Planned Wellness Days

- Weddings
- Family reunions
- Planned mental health day
- Nondisclosed reasoning (e.g. appointment that you prefer not to disclose)
- Other important events that don't fall under an excused absence

## Emergent Wellness Days

- Unplanned mental health day
- Need for urgent counseling
- Any other unforeseen event that does not qualify for an acute excused absence

# How to Request an Excused Absence or Planned Wellness Day

1. Notify (email) your Clerkship Director and Clerkship Coordinator 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE of the CLERKSHIP to request permission.

2. Please be professional in your interactions with your administrators!

3. Complete a Limited Leave Request form (on OLSEN).



# Questions? Contact Us!

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