

CAREER PLANNING CHECKLIST

Year 2

ACADEMICS

Top priority

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Research – Some specialties strongly recommend research experience while others do not. Consider doing research if you are interested in continuing research, looking to gain new research experience and skills and/or if you are considering a highly competitive specialty
- Volunteer, Community Service, Leadership, Teaching etc. - These activities provide enriching experiences that will enhance your residency application by gaining valuable knowledge, skills, and experiences

SPECIALTY EXPLORATION

- Continue to explore specialties and develop your career interests in medicine
- Student-run Specialty Interest Group Meetings
- Mentoring, Research Opportunities etc.
- Attend Career Exploration Programs and Workshops
- Extracurricular Activities: Provide learning, mentoring, teaching, leadership, and career exploration opportunities throughout medical school
- Career Exploration opportunities can be gained through the Curriculum: learning through your experiences, observations, interactions with clinical faculty (Informational interviewing)
- Careers in Medicine (CiM) Exploring Specialties: Retake self-assessments and learn about the many specialty and career paths in medicine
- Gather information on specialties of interest
- Compare your assessment results to the information you have gathered about specialties
- The Undifferentiated Medical Student...Your virtual mentor for choosing a medical specialty and planning a career in medicine. To empower you to think about your future career with physician interviews about every specialty and subspecialty (120+)

UPDATE YOUR CV/MYPORTFOLIO

- to include your first year extracurricular and summer experiences

SCHEDULE A CAREER ADVISING APPOINTMENT

- with Karen Shulik to discuss your interests, develop an individual plan or to get more information about the road ahead. To schedule an appointment click [here](#) to get to Karen's online calendar.

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**Dates are tentative
and subject to change*

DECEMBER 2020

December 3, 2020, 4:00 -6:00 p.m. - Advisory Program
- Year 3 & 4 Student Panel on Scheduling Third Year

WINTER BREAK 2020

- Research clinical sites
- Consider reviewing possible Step 1 resources

DECEMBER 2020 - JANUARY 2021

Target Registration for USMLE Step 1

JANUARY 2021

January 6, 2021, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Mandatory Class Meeting - Third year Scheduling and Lottery Process.
Hosted by the Division of Clinical Education

January 7, 2021, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Advisory Meeting - Peer Mentor Check in - Mandatory

January 27, 2021, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Career Exploration Program with Alumni

FEBRUARY 2021

February 2, 2021, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Advisory Meeting - Academic Advising
Step 1 study planning - Mandatory

MARCH 2021

March 17, 2021
Step 1 Self-study begins (8 ½ weeks off for USMLE Step 1 study)

APRIL 2021

April 7, 2021: The 2021 Match Results...the Road to Residency
(Specialty Breakout Sessions with recently matched Fourth Year Students)

MAY 2021

May 1-14, 2021 -Target Testing Dates for Step 1 exam
May 14, 2021 - Last possible sit date
May 15, 2021 - Post-Step 1 Wellness Week begins
May 24, 2021 to July 2, 2021 - Introduction to Clinical Clerkships

WINTER BREAK 2021 - CLASS OF 2023 *THIRD YEAR

Begin reviewing information on Scheduling 4th year and Pathway System
Research away rotation requirements

DECEMBER 2021-JANUARY 2022

Mandatory Class Meetings:
Introduction to Phase 3 Curriculum, Early Planning and
4th year Scheduling Considerations, Career Advising, USMLE, Away Rotations etc.

****You will be notified about all
upcoming programs and class meetings.
Please watch your email*