Policy statement

This policy provides information related to the four-year curriculum of the COM. Students successfully completing this program will be granted a MD degree.

Purpose of policy

This policy provides a framework for medical education in the four year curriculum.

Scope

This policy applies to medical students in the M.D. program in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

Procedure

The UTCOM curriculum is under continuous evaluation and review and is therefore subject to revision at any time. Revisions in the curriculum apply to all currently enrolled students, unless stated otherwise.

Currently, the standard curriculum is organized into four academic years.

The First Academic Year consists of five integrated curricular blocks, which include topics in Gross Anatomy, Developmental Anatomy, Behavioral Sciences, Biochemistry, Pathophysiology, Cellular Physiology, Neuroscience, Medical Ethics, Medical Decision Making, Microanatomy, as well as instruction in communication and physical examination skills.

The Second Academic Year consists of three integrated curricular blocks, which include topics in Microbiology, Immunology, Pathology, Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, Systems Physiology, Infectious Diseases, Medical Ethics, Medical Decision Making, Biostatistics, Physical Diagnosis, and Evidence-Based Medicine. During the first and second academic years, students will be encouraged to participate in electives as well.

The Third Academic Year contains most of the required clerkships. The required third year clerkships are Internal Medicine, 10 weeks; Surgery, 10 weeks; Pediatrics, 5 weeks; Obstetrics/Gynecology, 5 weeks; Family Medicine, 5 weeks; Neurology, 5 weeks; and Psychiatry, 5 weeks; and one week required Bridge Course. A 4 week elective is also required during the third year. Since this elective is a required rotation, it has to be done within the UT COM LS and its affiliated health systems.
The Fourth Academic Year consists predominantly of elective clerkship experiences. In the fourth year, a clerkship in Basic Science is required plus an additional 28 weeks of elective credit is required during the fourth year. A 4 week Acting Internship within the UT COM LS and its affiliated system in a discipline of student’s choice is also required for graduation. A minimum of 12 weeks of clinical elective clerkships must be taken at UTCOM or our affiliated locations. Independent Study electives cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.

All students are required to complete a minimum of 8 weeks of clinical clerkships in an Area Health Education Center (AHEC). AHEC sites are located in 19 counties of Northwest Ohio, and organized through AHEC centers in Sandusky, Lima, and Bryan, OH. These may constitute part of a required or an elective clerkship. An AHEC rotation taken as part of a required clerkship satisfies the time requirements of both the AHEC and the required clerkship. Most of the AHEC sites are NOT within commuting distance of Toledo. Therefore, students should expect to plan accordingly for living at the AHEC sites.

Some elective clerkships may be performed away from UTCOM. To do an away clerkship, students must be registered and in good academic standing. Any student with outstanding grades of fail or defer cannot participate in away clerkships. Students with a grade of fail or defer maybe permitted to apply for an away clerkship, with the understanding that they can’t enroll in the clerkship until they have resumed their good academic standing.

Four-year Curriculum Plan

**Overall Curriculum Plan**

**Years 1 and 2**

**Year 1 (36 Weeks)**

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YEAR 2 (32 Weeks)

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| Intro to Organ Systems  
10 weeks (4 hrs/week)/5crs. | Organ Systems  
INDI #780  
20 weeks/20 crs. |
| Immunity and Infection  
INDI #783  
12 ½ weeks/14crs. | Clinical Decision Making II  
INDI #784 / 10 crs. |

YEAR THREE: (50 WEEKS)

The following courses are required during Year Three. The scheduling of these clerkships will vary for each student.

YEAR 3 – Sample Schedule (50 weeks)

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- **4 weeks**
  - 32 weeks of Electives
- **Basic Science Electives**
  - Maximum of 12 weeks in specific ACGME core discipline
  - 4 weeks Required Acting Internship at UTMC or a UT affiliate
  - 24 weeks of clinical electives
  - 4 weeks of basic science electives
- **8 weeks Flex Time**

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**Approved by:**

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**Policies Superseded by This Policy:**
None

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- 09/19/13
- 11/23/13

**Next review date:** 11/23/16 (three years from most recent revision/review date)

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