

DREXEL UNIVERSITY
College of
Medicine

The 4th Year: Planning

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4th Year Musts

- **Must successfully complete ALL 3rd year clerkships before beginning the 4th year (includes taking and passing all NBME Subject Exams and sitting for Step 1)**
- **Must take USMLE Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS**
- **Must successfully complete Inter-session 2: Transition to Clinician**

4th Year Requirements

- **Emergency Medicine SUB-I**
- **Required SUB I: Pediatrics, Surgery, Medicine, OB/GYN**
- **+/- Pathway Requirement**
- **Transition to Clinician**
- **MUST complete 36 credit weeks (34 calendar weeks)**

Academic Calendar

- **Block 10 of Year 3 ends on 4/23/2021**
- **Block 1 of Year 4 begins on 6/7/2021**
- **There are 6 weeks between the end of Year 3 and the start of Year 4**

- **Block 0- optional block begins on 5/10/2021**
- **If you deferred a block of Year 3- Block “11” begins on 4/26 and ends on 5/21/2021**

- **Step 1 Complete without deferral of block**
 - 2 weeks to study and sit for Step 2 CK
 - Rotate in Block 0
- **Step 1 Complete with deferral of block**
 - Complete deferred block immediately following Block 10
- **Step 1 Pending**
 - 6 weeks to study and sit for exam

Transition to Clinician

- **Mandatory two-week experience focused on skills needed to make the transition to residency**
- **March 14-25, 2022**
- **Online Assignments- week one**
- **Onsite Sessions, Queen Lane- week 2**
- **The first week will coincide with SOAP Week**

USMLE Step 2 CK and CS

- **Successful completion is required:**
 - For Graduation
 - For DUCOM to certify you for the Match
 - To start residency
- **DUCOM deadline for Step 2CK**
 - October 31, 2021
- **DUCOM deadline for Step 2CS**
 - NBME working on a phased process to revise and “revitalize” the exam
 - Unlikely Class of 2022 will need to take the exam, but await updates from NBME



- **Recommended Step 2 Sit Time**

- Step 2 CK: July- August
- Step 2 CS: more information to follow

- **Results Reporting**

- Step 2 CK: 3-4 weeks
- Step 2 CS: 2-4 months

4th Year Scheduling Requirements

- **Must complete a minimum of 36 weeks of senior-credit rotations (34 calendar weeks)**
- **Maximum scheduled weeks in 4th Year is 46**
- **Maximum unscheduled weeks in 4th Year is 12**
 - Residency Interviews
 - Step 2 Study
 - Vacation (in addition to winter break)
 - “Extra” (non credit) rotations
 - Enhance education and/or residency competitiveness
 - **MUST** schedule any rotation through Division of Clinical Education - this includes ANY research or clinical experience even if not expecting credit: Malpractice and general liability coverage

Scheduling Considerations

- **Early Blocks**

- Sub-I's and rotations that help in your decision-making process
- Rotations that may allow for specialty specific letters of recommendation

- **Step Study Time**

- **Leave time open for Interviews**

- Early Match: September- December
- Regular Match: November-January

Interview Time does NOT need to go through DUCOMpass - all other time off does.

Time off for Interviews

- You should be using unscheduled “vacation” time for interviewing
- A maximum of THREE days absence in a FOUR week rotation is permitted for residency interviewing
- NO days off allowed for a TWO week rotation
- The student is responsible for obtaining faculty approval for interview absences before they occur- forward the interview invitation to the course director.

The Legends of 4th Year

- **Myth: Some rotations are “easy” with short hours**
 - You heard a rotation was from 10am-2pm so you take it thinking you can study for Step 2
- **Reality: You arrive and they want you to be there every day from 8am-6pm**

- **Myth: Some rotations don't mind giving you extra days off to interview**

- You choose one of these rotations during interview season and schedule multiple interviews

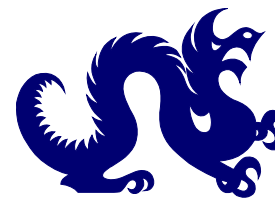
- **Reality: College of Medicine Policy: You are allowed a maximum of 3 days off from a four-week rotation**

- We expect YOU to follow policy
- Professionalism Letter of Concern, Honor Court Violation
- May result in withdrawal from rotation

- **Myth: Some rotations will allow you to make up missed time in the evenings or on weekends**
- **When on Emergency Medicine you can schedule shifts around your interview schedule**
- **Reality: You get there and find out this is not the case**
 - Contact Course Director well in advance
 - DO NOT violate 3 day interview time-off policy

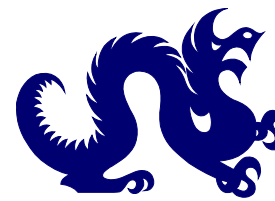
Away Rotations – it will be determined in the spring what the status of Away rotations is

- **Why do them?**
 - Audition
 - Feel for program; what you are looking for in a program
 - Geography
- **Who should do them?**
- **How to choose them?**
- **When to do them?**



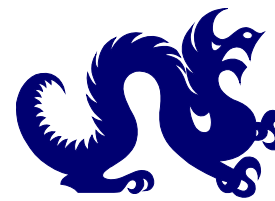
AWAY ROTATIONS

- **70-75% of the class over the past few years *applied* for AWAY rotations**
- **55-60% of the class over the past few years *completed* AWAY rotations**



VSLO

- Visiting Student Learning Opportunities
- Run by the AAMC
- There are 200+ schools/sites that use (VSLO).
- Instructions are on-line for this process. E-mail clinicaleducation@drexel.edu for authorization to apply.



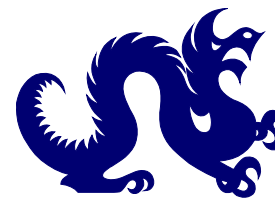
VSLO Statistics

- Of the Drexel students who apply,
- Drexel students applied to 3+ institutions
- Drexel students applied for 4+ rotations at each of those 3 institutions

- Nationally, more than half of applicants apply to 2+ institutions
- Apply to 4+ electives at each of those 2 institutions

Information- Away Rotations

- **AAMC Extramural Electives Compendium**
 - <https://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/electives>
- **Start gathering information**
 - Deadlines
 - Immunizations, titers, clearances, BLS, etc...
 - Some will require a physical exam or drug testing- do this over winter break
- **Upperclass feedback**
 - Career Advising website
 - Talk to 4th years, but seek advice from Pathway Directors

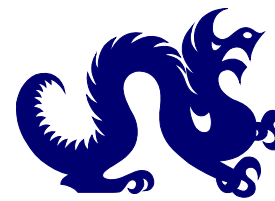


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Process application through DCE

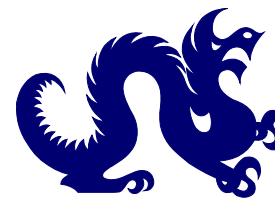
(detailed informational link on website)

- Immunizations must be up-to-date
- TB Maskfitting documentation
- DCE will do Letter in Good Standing, proof of liability insurance
- You must provide copy of health insurance card
- **Additional information may be requested by away school** (transcript, photo, BLS, Step I, LOR, OSHA, HIPAA, Drug Screen, additional background clearance, etc.)



Away Rotations- Special Electives

- Must be a medical school approved rotation (i.e. published in another school's catalogue) – documentation required
- If not published in a medical school catalogue, must be submitted for approval to the Special Electives Subcommittee (this is an LCME requirement) a minimum of **8 weeks prior** to start of rotation.
- Some away sites will require a legal contract which takes time to review...and some cannot be reconciled.



Away Rotations continued...

Process application through DCE (continued...)

When application is complete

- Copy of all documentation will be maintained in student file
- Information is sent as complete packet from DCE (if not a VSLO application)

Once you receive approval from away institution, submit Away Elective Approval form to DCE

Submit a Special Elective Application if necessary- as soon as you are accepted

4th Year Lottery- Must Schedule

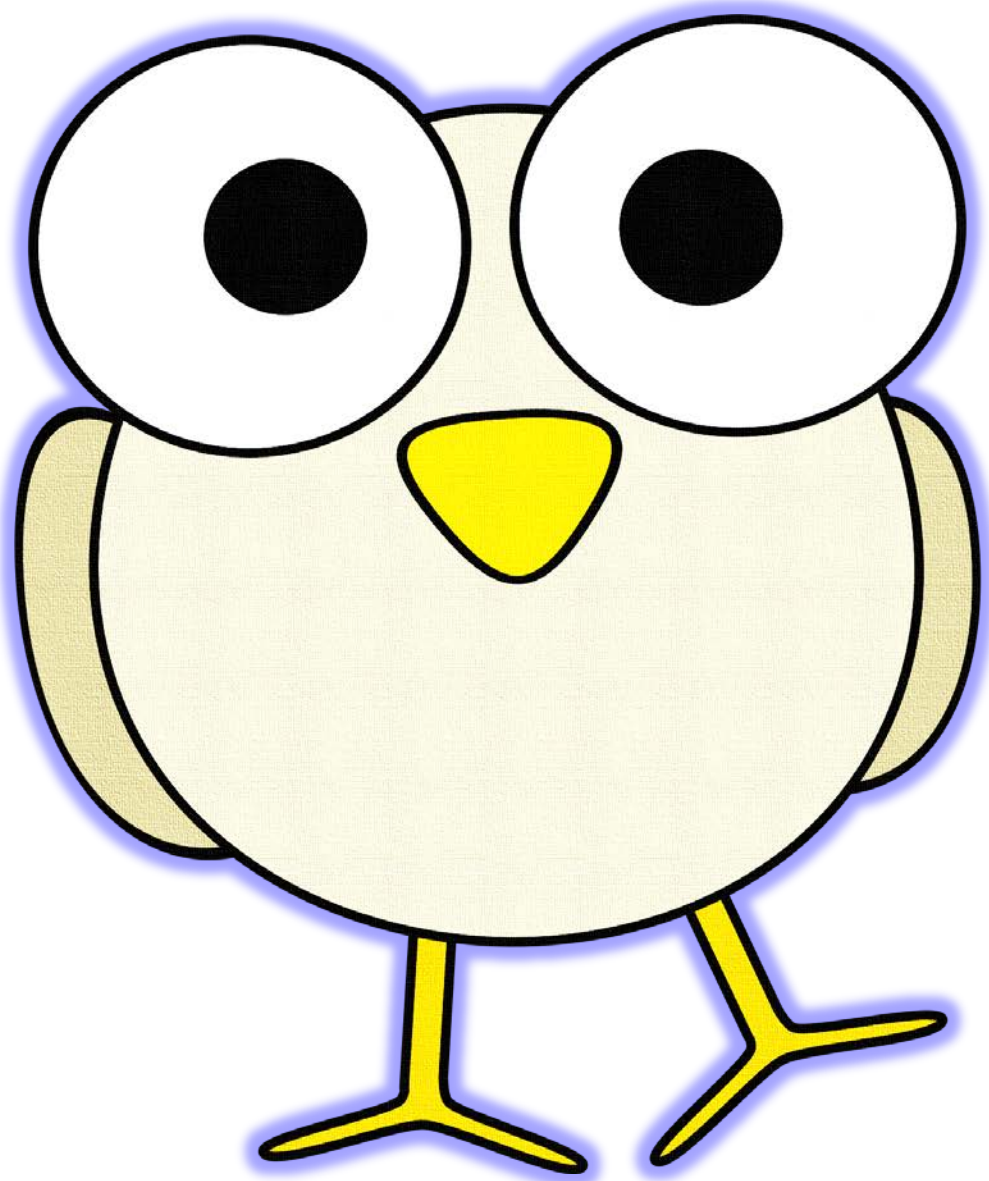
- **Emergency Medicine Sub Internship**
- **Required Sub Internship- based on Pathway**
 - Internal Medicine
 - Surgery
 - OB/GYN
 - Pediatrics
- **Pathway Required Rotation**

Timeline and Lottery

- Information about the lottery will be posted in December
- The Office of Student Affairs will be providing additional 4th year information at their December meeting
- The lottery will start in February
 - Meeting on February 3, 2021- Pathway Breakout Sessions
- Schedules will be available in early April

Things to Remember

- ALL rotations you do must be on your schedule before you start
- 16 weeks of *AWAY* rotations for credit (max)
- 16 weeks of *SAME* discipline for credit (except medicine)
- Research electives do count toward maximum discipline and away time.
- Be mindful of Rotation Categories



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