

Learner Experiences

Year in the life of a medical education learner.

M1

- Core academic course
 - Negative performance closes specialty doors
- End of year, USMLE Step 1/COMLEX Step 1
 - Negative performance closes specialty doors
- Join interest group(s)
- Self-care (wellness/work-life balance)
- OSCE
- Consider summer plans
 - Research project
 - Externship
 - Specialty exploration

M2

- Clinical Skills Training
- Continued academic core requirements
- Refine involvement with interest groups
- Research
- Plan clinical schedule for M3

M3

- Clinical Clerkships
- SHELF Exams and OSCE
- Identify specialty
- Plan M4 schedule
 - Choose elective rotations
- Research residency programs in chosen specialty
 - Apply for away rotation(s)
- Early planning for residency application
 - LORs (specialty specific requirements)
 - CV
 - Personal statement

M4

- Elective/Away rotations
- ERAS application
- Interviews
- Register for NRMP
- USMLE/COMLEX Step 2 (CK & CS)
- Match list
- Match day
- Intern preparation
- Graduation

Intern (PGY-1)

- Onboarding
 - Licensing (REL)
 - Pre-employment health screening
 - Credentialing (varies)
 - Institutional orientation
 - Specialty orientation
- USMLE/COMLEX Step 3 (varies by institution)
- Required rotations
- Identify research and QI projects
- Identify faculty mentor

Junior Residents (varies; PGY-2+)

- USMLE/COMLEX Step 3 (varies by institution; must be completed prior to PGY-3)
- Apply for full medical license (if USMLE/COMLEX Step 3 complete)
 - MD expires odd years
 - DO expires even years
- Apply for DEA after fully licensed (varies by institution)
- Moonlight (varies by institution)
- Required rotations and clinical experiences
- Consider future practice or fellowship specialties
- Work on research and QI projects

Senior Residents (PGY-3+)

- Interview for job/fellowship
 - Fellowship
 - ERAS/SFMatch/Other
- Elective rotations
- Apply/Serve as Chief Resident
- Complete research and QI projects
- Board preparation
- Complete case log/board requirements
 - Verified by coordinator
- Board Exam (varies by specialty)
- Graduation

Fellows

- Onboarding
 - Licensing (full)
 - Pre-employment health screening
 - Credentialing (varies)
 - Institutional orientation
 - Specialty orientation
 - DEA (transfer/apply)
- Required rotations
- Complete research and QI projects
- Identify faculty mentor
- Job search/Interviews
- Board preparation
- Complete case log/board requirements
 - Verified by coordinator
- Board Exam (varies by specialty)
- Graduation