

To: Members of the graduate program committee

From: Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine

Re: course change requests and new course proposals

As the result of comments and suggestions made during our preparation for recent accreditation site visit by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) and from our continuous curriculum development, we are submitting a number of modifications to the courses which your group previously approved. The initial third year courses that you approved in 2010 were consider place holder courses until our faculty could review our mission and the clinical resources to determine and appropriate third year clinical curriculum.

We have developed a chart which shows the name of the course, the proposed change, and the reason for the change. To determine the credit hours for our clinical clerkships we used the standard that a week on a clinical clerkship is 45 instructional hours. Our third year curriculum includes 48 weeks of instruction ($45 \times 48 / 15 = 144$ credit hours). The LCME does not measure a MD program by the number of credit hours. They focus on the number of weeks of the program. That is why we used weeks as a unit in determining credit hours.

In addition, we are submitting 4 new courses for approval. Three of those courses are additions to the third year curriculum. The faculty spent a significant amount of time working closely with the Chief Medical Officers of our affiliated hospitals to assess our clinical resources. In addition, we reviewed programs at Harvard, UC San Francisco, U of South Dakota, and West Virginia University to assist us in developing our longitudinal integrated clinical curriculum model.

The Directed Study Medicine course was developed to address unique situations that occur in medical education. It enables students to remain enrolled in the program when they are conducting research, participating in sanctioned global health experiences, and remediating USMLE failures. Virtually every medical school in the country has a similar course with variable credit like this one.

Summary of MD Curriculum Changes for GPC

Course Name	Requested Change	Reason for Change
BCC 7110 Integrated Medicine Clerkship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change of course name to Internal Medicine Clerkship Change in credit hours from 12 to 20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To better reflect the course content To more accurately reflect the amount of time spent by students in their clinical experiences
BCC 7160 Integrated Surgery Clerkship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change of course name to Surgery Clerkship Change in credit hours from 12 to 20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To better reflect the course content To more accurately reflect the amount of time spent by students in their clinical experiences
BCC 7140 Pediatrics Clerkship	Change in credit hours from 6 to 20	To more accurately reflect the amount of time spent by students in their clinical experiences
BCC 7150 Psychiatry Clerkship	Change in credit hours from 6 to 15	To more accurately reflect the amount of time spent by students in their clinical experiences
BCC 7130 Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship	Change in credit hours from 6 to 20	To more accurately reflect the amount of time spent by students in their clinical experiences
BCC 7175 Family Medicine Clerkship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change of course name to Foundations of Medicine I Change in credit hours from 6 to 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To better reflect the course content To more accurately reflect the amount of time spent by students in their clinical experiences
Geriatrics Clerkship	New Third Year Course	To better address the mission of the college and to more effectively use the available clinical resources.
Family and Community Health Services Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship	New Third Year Course	To better address the mission of the college and to more effectively use the available clinical resources
Medicine and Surgical Sciences Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship	New Third Year Course	To better address the mission of the college and to more effectively use the available clinical resources
Directed Study Medicine	New Course	To address a need in the MD program

MD Curriculum before Proposed Changes

Year 3

Integrated Medicine Clerkship	Integrated Surgery Clerkship	Pediatrics Clerkship	Ob/Gyn Clerkship	Psychiatry Clerkship	Family Medicine Clerkship
12 credit hours	12 credit hours	6 credit hours	6 credit hours	6 credit hours	6 credit hours

MD Curriculum after Proposed Changes

Year 3

Community and Preventative Medicine Clerkship					
14 credit hours					
Family and Community Health Services LIC			Medicine and Surgical Sciences LIC		
10 credit hours			10 credit hours		
Pediatrics Clerkship 20 credit hours	Ob/Gyn Clerkship 20 credit hours	Psychiatry Clerkship 15 credit hours	Internal Medicine Clerkship 20 credit hours	Surgery Clerkship 20 credit hours	Geriatrics Clerkship 15 credit hours