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Memorandum

TO: Undergraduate Programs Committee
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We are requesting 2 changes to the course IDS3940 Medical Shadowing Externship:

1. Change of name from Medical Shadowing Externship to Medical Shadowing Internship. An externship is usually short in duration and usually offers no credit or pay. In contrast, an internship typically lasts for at least a school term and earns academic credit or pay. Based on this distinction, it is more appropriate to call this for-credit, semester-long course an "internship". The change will additionally benefit the student, who will not have internship credits counted toward excess hours.

2. With the approval of the Basic Clinical Skills course, IDS 3125, we wish to make this course a prerequisite for taking the Medical Shadowing Internship. The Basic Clinical Skills course provides certain training that physicians would like for shadowing students to have had and makes their shadowing experiences more meaningful.