

MCG 3+ Curriculum Requirements

The MCG 3+ Curriculum is a three-year core curriculum which is the same for all students. In addition, students enter one of three pathways which have different requirements. The core curriculum consists of a Preclerkship Phase, a Clerkship Phase, and an Advanced Clerkship Phase. Students who are in one of the four-year pathways will also have an Enrichment Phase.

The Preclerkship Phase begins when the student enters MCG. With some variation in the schedule based on campus location, the courses during this phase of the curriculum are sequential and taken in the same order by all students.

At the conclusion of the Preclerkship Phase, students must be in one of four pathways. The three-year PGY-1 Pathway, the four-year Dual Degree Pathway, or the four-year Residency Prep Pathway or the four-year Advanced Research Pathway. Depending on the Pathway and the campus location, courses during this portion of the curriculum are not necessarily sequential and students may not always complete all of the requirements of one Phase before taking courses in the another. Depending on their individual schedule and individual course requirements, students may be taking courses from two or even all three of the Phases in the same semester.

The requirements for each of the four Phases (Preclerkship, Clerkship, Advanced Clerkship, and Enrichment) are listed below with a brief description of each. As noted above, students in the PGY-1 pathway only need to complete the requirements of the first three Phases (Preclerkship, Clerkship, and Advanced Clerkship).

Preclerkship Phase

1. **Modules**
2. **Patient Centered Learning (PCL) Preclerkship**

Clerkship Phase:

1. **Clerkships:** Students must complete seven clerkships during the Clerkship Phase. These are Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Surgery. Clerkships may be taken in any order or altogether in the form of an LIC. Depending on the students Pathway of choice, clerkships may be interrupted by electives.
2. **PCL Clerkship:** Students must complete the Clerkship PCL course during the Clerkship Phase. This course is focused on teaching the 13 AAMC EPA's. This course runs concurrently with the curriculum with simulation exercises in all of the 6 week clerkships and asynchronous elements which take place during clerkships.

Advanced Clerkship Phase:

1. **Clerkship:** Students must complete the Emergency Medicine clerkship during the Advanced Clerkship Phase. Emergency Medicine students in the PGY-1 pathway may complete part or all of the Emergency Medicine clerkship during the Clerkship Phase.
2. **Selectives:** Students must complete three 4-week clinical selectives during the Advanced Clerkship Phase. These are Ambulatory, Critical Care, and Sub-Internship. Courses that meet the clinical selective requirement are available in a variety of different departments. These course may not be taken until students have completed the Clerkship Phase.
3. **PCL Advanced Clerkship:** Students must complete the PCL Advanced Clerkship course at the conclusion of the Clerkship Phase. Advanced Clerkship PCL includes taking the Clerkship CPA. Note that passing the CPA is not a requirement for successful completion of the Advanced Clerkship PCL course but it *is* a requirement for graduation.
4. **USMLE Prep Course:** Students must complete USMLE prep course during the Advanced Clerkship Phase. This course consists of independent study for the USMLE exams. For students required to do so (those in the Residency Prep Pathway that are not passing and those in the other Pathways that do not have at least a B), taking the retake shelf exams is required for successful completion of the course. Note that passing these exams while not required for completion of this course it *is* required for graduation. In addition to the above exams, students are encouraged but not required to take USMLE Step 2 during this prep course.
5. **Electives:** Students must complete 6 weeks of elective courses. Electives are part of the Advanced Clerkship Phase, but depending on the prerequisites for the elective and the student's chosen pathway, some electives may be completed prior to the completion of the Clerkship Phase.

Up to four weeks of off-campus electives may be counted toward the elective requirement during the Advanced Clerkship Phase (additional time is allowed for students in the Enrichment Phase).

Additional Graduation Requirements for all Students

1. **USMLE Step 1 and Step 2:** Students must pass USMLE Step 1 prior to moving to the Advanced Clerkship Phase and Step 2 prior to graduation. The timing of these tests is dependent on the individual student, pathway choice, and residential campus.
2. **Clerkship CPA:** Students are required to pass the Clerkship CPA to graduate.

3. **Financial Literacy Modules and Palliative Care Course:** Students are required to complete these online asynchronous courses. In general these are completed during one of the final two semesters.
4. **Clinical course requirement:** Beginning with the Class of 2030, all students will be required to complete a clinical course in the final semester of medical school. This may be either a clinical elective or one of the required Enrichment Phase courses (EM, Ambulatory, Critical Care, Sub-I)

Enrichment Phase (Residency Prep, Dual Degree, and Advanced Research students only)

Required for students in all three Pathways

1. **Patient Centered Learning:** Students in both of these pathways must complete the Enrichment PCL course. This course is taken concurrently with all other curricular requirements. Like the Clerkship PCL course, this course is a simulation based course focused on teaching/reinforcing the 13 EPA's. Cases take place in sessions that are scheduled at regular intervals throughout the final year, but unlike with Clerkship PCL, they are not tied to specific rotations.

Required for students in Residency Prep Pathway

1. **Scholarly Project/Clinical Electives:** Students in the Jump Prep Pathway must complete 16 weeks of Scholarly Project and Clinical Elective. This 16 weeks must consist of at least 4 weeks of Scholarly Project and 4 weeks of Clinical Elective. The remaining 8 weeks of this requirement may be fulfilled by completing either 8 more weeks of Scholarly Project or 8 more weeks of Clinical Elective or 4 weeks of each.

Note: Unless specified, all clinical electives, including off campus electives, will fulfill the Clinical Elective requirement.

2. **Integrative Science Selective (ISS):** Students must complete 4 weeks of the Integrative Science Selective. Most students complete the requirement through the asynchronous online ISS course which can be taken in either of the two final semesters. Additionally, students may meet this requirement with a subset of electives which have been approved for this purpose (courses with a 5500 course number). Note that if the student selects this alternative, the course is counted as an ISS course and not an elective.
3. **Electives:** Students on the Residency Prep Pathway must complete an additional eight weeks of electives in blocks ranging from two to four weeks in length. These may be clinical or nonclinical.

Note: In the Residency Prep Pathway, students may count an additional eight weeks of time off campus toward the requirements for graduation for a total of up to twelve weeks off campus (4 in Advanced Clerkship and 8 in Enrichment). Students may take as many off campus courses as they wish, but no more than 12 weeks can be counted toward graduation requirements.

Required for students in Dual Degree Pathway

1. **Dual Degree Courses:** Students on the Dual Degree Pathway must complete the requirements of their chosen second degree.

Note: If a student in the Dual Degree Pathway chooses not to complete the requirements of the second degree the student will be moved to the Enrichment Pathway and will follow the requirements of that pathway. Credit toward the requirements for the Enrichment Pathway will be awarded for completed courses from the second degree based on the following formula. One completed 3 hour graduate course will count toward credit for a 4 week elective/Advanced Clinical Elective. The Capstone course will count for the Scholarly Project requirement.

Required for students in Advance Research Pathway

1. **All Students:** All students in the Advanced Research Pathway are required to complete 12 weeks of a Scholarly Project.
2. **Additional research:**
 - a. **Classes of 27-29:** Students in the Classes of 27, 28, and 29 in the Advanced Research Pathway must complete and additional 5 months of research.
 - b. **Class of 2030 and beyond:** Students in the Class of 2030 and beyond in the Advanced Research Pathway must complete 4 months of additional research and the 4 week Integrative Science Selective.
 - c. The additional research time may be scheduled at a variety of different times in a student's course sequence depending on the clerkship stream and individual needs of the student.