Fall (Semester 5) Orientation

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Fall Orientation - Topics

- Jefferson Empathy Scale – Survey
- Information from the Associate Dean/Student Services
- Semester 5 (Fall) Curriculum
- Information from the Office of the Registrar Team
- Academic Success and Career Guidance
Jefferson Empathy Scale

https://w3.Jefferson.edu/scales/?surveycode=msu01pre

Dr. John Meulendyk
Information from the Associate Dean/Student Services

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Information from Associate Dean

• New Director of Personal Counseling/Health Promotion
  • Dr. John Taylor - Office – C-18 East Fee Hall
• KCC Renovation
• Curriculum Vitae (CV) - Template location and guide: “Students webpage” - “Academic and Career Guidance” – “CV or Personal Statement Guide”
• MSPE (Dean’s Letter)
• Professional Responsibilities/Behavior
• Administration/Student Communication Hour – Monday, September 12th - **REQUIRED** – COMLEX Level 1 Preparation (Dean Strampel, Dr. Hortos)
Semester 5 (Fall) Curriculum

Elizabeth Petsche, J.D.
Director of Preclerkship Curriculum
Couple of Key Points

• Changes in OPC Leadership
• Modification to Excused Absence Policy
• Cardiology – No make ups for first 3 exams
Gates Survey

• https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QHMS8ZT
Information from the Office of the Registrar Team
Compliances

University Compliances:

- TB – know when your annual renewal is due
- Influenza - due November 1, 2016
- RCR Training – should be working on year 2 modules

- Compliance checklist* is a useful tool for tracking when your compliances are due
- There is an additional checklist* specifically devoted to your RCR Training timeline on our website

Electives & Shadows

Elective Courses:
• Deadline to apply: **Friday, September 9**

Physician Shadow Experiences:
• Requires application approval prior to experience
• No enrollment, no grade, and will not display on transcript
• No application deadline

Applications:
• Posted on [Preclerkship Program](http://com.msu.edu/Students/PreClerkship/Home.htm)* webpage
• Routing indicated on application

*http://com.msu.edu/Students/PreClerkship/Home.htm
Base Hospital Selection Process

• Exchanges are underway and will close on Friday, September 16 @ 5pm
You’ve chosen your Base Hospital... now what?

• When selections are final the Clerkship rotation schedule development process will begin
  • Based on the clerkship program curriculum design
  • Based on hospital resources/availability
  • Not finalized until the end of April 2017

• When schedules are complete instructions for accessing your unique rotation schedule will be sent to you
  • Do not contact your hospital regarding schedules
  • Extenuating circumstances should be discussed with us ASAP
    • Basic Officer Training dates for Military students
  • Breaks & Holidays will be dependent upon hospital/service needs and requirements
Scheduling COMLEX Level 1

• This semester NBOME will send you your unique ID  
  • This ID number is necessary for COMLEX registration/exam date selection

• NBOME will post a calendar of exam dates  
  • Available exam dates will begin end of May  
  • Taking Level 1 is required before starting Clerkship

Before choosing your exam date, please CONSIDER:

• Semester 7A - OST 582 Transitions, Classroom to Bedside course, last preclerkship course
• Base Hospital orientation dates  
  • Could occur up to 2 weeks before the Clerkship starts (length varies 1-5 days)  
  • Collecting dates, will post when available  
• Moving (if necessary) to new base hospital location

Strategies for selecting the best exam date will be shared during the September 12th Administrative/Student Communication Hour.
Information from the Office of Academic/Career Guidance

Holly Bielawski
Academic and Career Guidance Advisor
MSU-COM, Macomb University Center
COMLEX/USMLE Preparation

What can I do now to prepare for boards?

• Do well in your coursework
  ➢ Always your #1 priority
  ➢ Pearson’s correlation coefficient = 0.75; i.e., very strong direct relationship to COMLEX score

• Explore board prep resources and select the ones best for you

• Purchase a subscription to a Q-Bank and begin doing practice questions. Shoot for 5 questions a week/minimum
Tips from Class of 2018

• **Start Early!** (as in NOW)

• Q-banks are GOLD. Do questions & annotate **First Aid** in an organized manner during systems courses. **USMLE Rx** (companion to FA) is great Q-bank for use in systems courses.

• **Sketchy Micro/Pharm**

• Listening to **Pathoma** lectures really helped for systems courses

• **Lipponcott’s Illustrated Pharmacology Review** has great diagrams & explanations of each system
Create a board study schedule

• Now, during your systems courses
• Later, after your last course ends
  • Have a detailed schedule for April-June
• Check out http://cramfighter.com
USMLE—yay or nay

• Not a simple decision; many factors to consider
  • Class rank; course performance
  • Past performance on standardized exams (1\textsuperscript{st} attempt)
  • Specialty selection; geographic location; #DOs in program

• Must weigh potential \textit{risks} and potential benefits

• Some should take USMLE, some almost certainly shouldn’t take USMLE, most are somewhere in between

• Still have time to decide
Buyer Beware

• Don’t buy too many resources out of fear
  • It’s not *what* you use but *how* you use it that matters
    • Individual differences in study behaviors outweigh any potential “quality” differences among resources
  • There are no “must have” resources only “must cover” content

• Explore what’s available and select those that present information in a way that grabs *your* attention
  • Preview before you buy

• Listen to others’ recommendations, but base decisions on factors relevant to you, such as learning style and weak content areas, etc.
Explore Specialties

• Careers in Medicine
• Shadowing
• Specialty Spotlight Series
Thank You for Your Attention

Questions?