



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

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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

**<http://www.com.msu.edu/Students/Registrar/Compliance%20Checklist.pdf>*



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 (1st attempt)
 - Specialty selection; geographic location; #DOs in program
- Must weigh potential *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?