

MCG 3+ Curriculum Requirements – Class of 2025 and beyond

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 Experience, a Clerkship Experience, and an Advanced Clerkship Experience. Students who are in one of the four-year pathways will also have an Enrichment Experience.

The Preclerkship Experience 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 Experience, students must be in one of three pathways. The three-year Primary Care Residency Pathway, the four-year Dual Degree Pathway, or the four-year Residency Jump Start Pathway. Depending on the Pathway and the campus location, courses during this phase of the curriculum are not necessarily sequential and students may not always complete all of the requirements of one Experience 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 Experiences in the same semester.

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

Preclerkship Experience

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

Clerkship Experience:

1. **Clerkships:** Students must complete seven clerkships during the Clerkship Experience. 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 PCL – Clerkship Clerkship course during the Clerkship Experience. This course runs concurrently with the curriculum and includes both synchronous and asynchronous elements which take place during clerkships.

Advanced Clerkship Experience:

1. **Clerkship:** Students must complete the Emergency Medicine clerkship during the Advanced Clerkship Experience. With the exception of students in the 3-year Primary Care PGY-1 Pathway who have chosen Emergency Medicine as their specialty, all students must have completed the Clerkship Experience to take Emergency Medicine. Emergency Medicine students in the PGY-1 pathway may complete part or all of the Emergency Medicine clerkship during the Clerkship Experience.
2. **Selectives:** Students must complete three 4-week clinical selectives during the Advanced Clerkship Experience. 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 Experience.
3. **PCL Advanced Clerkship:** Students must complete the PCL Advanced Clerkship course at the conclusion of the Clerkship Experience. 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:** Students must complete USMLE prep course during the Advanced Clerkship Phase. This course consists of independent study for the USMLE exams. In addition, for students required to do so, taking USMLE Step 1 and/or 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. One elective during the Advanced Clerkship must be a four week elective – either clinical or nonclinical. Electives are part of the Advanced Clerkship Experience, 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 Experience.

Up to four weeks of off-campus electives may be counted toward the elective requirement during the Advanced Clerkship Experience (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 experience 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.

Enrichment Experience (Enrichment and Dual Degree students only)

Required for students in Enrichment *and* Dual Degree Pathways

1. **Patient Centered Learning:** Students in both of these pathways must complete two additional PCL – Enrichment courses. These courses will be taken concurrently with all other curricular requirements.

Required for students in Enrichment Pathway (4 year students)

1. **Selectives:** Students in the Enrichment Pathway must complete 20 weeks of Enrichment Selectives. The Enrichment selectives are Advanced Clinical Elective, Integrative Science Selective and the Scholarly Project selective. Students must do 4 weeks each of the Scholarly Project selective, Advanced Clinical Elective, and Integrative Science Selective. The remaining 8 weeks of this requirement may be fulfilled by completing any combination of the above. Students who elect to do more than the required amount of enrichment selective may count and additional 4 weeks of Scholarly Project and all additional Advanced Clinical Electives and Integrative Science selectives as general electives.

Note: Unless specified, all 4 week clinical electives, including off campus electives, will fulfill the Advanced Clinical Elective requirement.

2. **Electives:** Students on the Enrichment Pathway must complete an additional eight weeks of electives in blocks ranging from two to six weeks in length. These may be clinical or nonclinical.

Note: In the Enrichment Pathway, students may count an additional eight weeks of time off campus toward the selective or elective 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.