

PROFESSIONAL HEALTH SCIENCES MAJOR CHANGE BULLETIN NO. 1

Fall 2025

--REQUIREMENTS--

The requirements listed below reflect major curricular changes for the professional health sciences and have been approved by the Catalog Subcommittee and the Professional Health Sciences Committee. The text under the heading titled *Proposed* will show strikethroughs for deletions, and underlines for additions, as needed. The column to the far right indicates the date each change becomes effective. Note: Items marked {S} have been streamlined and do not require Catalog Subcommittee review.

Department	Proposed	Effective Date
<p>Medical Education and Clinical Sciences Revise requirements for Doctor of Medicine (MD) Curriculum</p>	<p>Doctor of Medicine (MD) Curriculum (178 <u>176</u> Credits)</p> <p>SPECIFICATION OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION WITH THE MD DEGREE</p> <p>The requirements for the MD degree are established by the Elson S Floyd College of Medicine Faculty Senate. Those requirements are as follows: The degree of Doctor of Medicine is awarded by the Washington State University Board of Regents upon a student’s successful completion of the graduation requirements, including recommendation of the chair of the Student Evaluation, Promotion & Awards Committee (SEPAC) to the Dean of the WSU College of Medicine. To graduate with the Doctor of Medicine degree, MD students must meet the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be at least 21 years of age at the time the degree is awarded. 2. Pass all required first year Foundations of Medical Science courses (MED FMS 501, MED FMS 502, and MED FMS 503). 3. Pass all required second year Foundations of Medical Science (MED FMS 511, MED FMS 512, and MED FMS 513). 4. Pass all components of the Longitudinal Integrated Clerkships (MED CLIN 521, MED CLIN 522, MED CLIN 523, and MED CLIN 524). 5. Pass one sub internship clinical rotation (MED CLIN 531, MED CLIN 532, MED CLIN 533, MED CLIN 534, MED CLIN 535, or MED CLIN 536). 6. Pass the clinical rotation in Emergency Medicine (MED CLIN 537) and pass either the clinical rotation in Rural Medicine (MED CLIN 538) or the clinical rotation in Underserved Medicine (MED CLIN 539). 7. Pass 24 additional elective credits (MED CLIN 530-699). 8. Make a minimum <u>of one</u> attempt at the United States Medical Licensing Exams (USMLE) Step 1 Exam. If successful, make a minimum of one attempt at the USMLE, Step 2(CK) Clinical Knowledge Exam. 9. Pass all Leadership in Medicine and Healthcare courses (MED LMH 501, 502, 503, 511, 512, 513, 521, 522, 523, 531, <u>and 532</u>, and 533). 10. Pass all Foundations of Scholarship and Discovery courses (MEDSCHLR 500, MEDSCHLR 520, and MEDSCHLR 540). 11. Complete all requirements within six consecutive academic years. 12. Receive the SEPAC’s and Dean’s recommendations for graduation and receipt of the MD degree. <p>Students must be in compliance with these conditions throughout the MD</p>	<p>8-26</p>

program and in order to complete the MD degree:

1. Medical Health Requirements and Immunizations: MD degree candidates must be in compliance with health requirements at all times. Entering medical students must complete certain health-related forms, immunizations, and tests before beginning studies at the College of Medicine and, for some of these, annually thereafter.
2. Data Security and Privacy (HIPAA) Training: MD degree candidates must remain in compliance with the college’s HIPAA training requirement and information security requirements.
3. Demonstrate consistent evidence of professionalism as assessed by COM standards for professionalism outlined in the Student Handbook and all assessment packages, and as reviewed and approved by the SEPAC.
4. Satisfaction of Technical Standards: To graduate, students must meet the requirements set forth in the College of Medicine Technical, Non-Academic Standards. These Technical Standards include: Observation, Communication, Motor, Intellectual (Conceptual, Integrative and Quantitative Abilities), Behavioral/Social, and Task Completion.

Degrees will be conferred once a year on Commencement Day in the spring. Degrees may be conferred if needed due to special circumstances (e.g., illness, Leave of Absence) as per WSU degree conferral regulations. Students completing requirements for a degree prior to their scheduled degree conferral date will be conferred the degree on the official Commencement Day. If special circumstances arise, students may request that the SEPAC Committee provides a written confirmation to the Dean that the student has met all graduation requirements.

Note on licensure: Meeting the graduation requirements for the MD degree at Elson S Floyd College of Medicine does not guarantee eligibility for state licensure. Some states have specialized curricular requirements for licensure, and students are advised to check with the Medical Board in states of possible residency for licensure requirements.

These requirements may be changed at any time to ensure that all graduates meet the required qualifications of a practicing physician.

First Year	
<i>First Term</i>	<i>Credits</i>
MED FMS 501	14
MED LMH 501	1
<i>Second Term</i>	<i>Credits</i>
MED FMS 502	13
MED LMH 502	1
MEDSCHLR 500	1
<i>Third Term</i>	<i>Credits</i>
MED FMS 503	12

MED LMH 503	1
MEDSCHLR 500	1
<i>Fourth Term</i>	<i>Credits</i>
MEDSCHLR 520 ¹	3
Second Year	
<i>First Term</i>	<i>Credits</i>
MED FMS 511	13
MED LMH 511	1
MEDSCHLR 540 ¹	1
<i>Second Term</i>	<i>Credits</i>
MED FMS 512	13
MED LMH 512	1
MED LMH 513	<u>1</u>
MEDSCHLR 540 ¹	1
<i>Third Term</i>	<i>Credits</i>
MED FMS 513	11
MED LMH 513	1
MEDSCHLR 540 ¹	1
<i>Fourth Term</i>	<i>Credits</i>
MED CLIN 521	8
Third Year	
<i>First Term</i>	<i>Credits</i>
MED CLIN 522	14
MED LMH 521	1
<i>Second Term</i>	<i>Credits</i>
MED CLIN 523	14
MED LMH 522	1
<i>Third Term</i>	<i>Credits</i>
Clinical Rotation ²	4
MED CLIN 524	10
MED LMH 523	1
<i>Fourth Term</i>	<i>Credits</i>
Clinical Rotations ²	<u>8</u> <u>12</u>
Fourth Year	
<i>First Term</i>	<i>Credits</i>

Clinical Rotations ²	8-12
MED LMH 531	1
Second Term	Credits
Clinical Rotations ²	8-12
MED LMH 532	1
Third Term	Credits
Clinical Rotation ²	4
<u>MED LMH 531</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>MED LMH 532</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>MED LMH 533</u>	<u>1</u>

Footnotes

¹The listed pathway is one example of the sequencing of MEDSCHLR courses for 520 and 540. MEDSCHLR 520 must be completed by the end of the final assessment week of the Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (Year 3). MED SCHLR 540 must be completed by the end of Fall term of their fourth year (extensions past Winter term require approval). The timing of enrollment in these courses is at the student's discretion.

²The Clinical Rotations must include one course from the series MED CLIN 531-536, and MED CLIN 537, and either MED CLIN 538 or MED CLIN 539, and 24 credits from MED CLIN 530-699. The students have 10 4-week time slots to complete these 36 credits. Students are required to take no fewer than 8 credits of MED CLIN courses in the 4th year, First Term and Second Term and no fewer than 4 credits of MED CLIN courses in 4th year, Third Term.