

Am I ready for my senior year?

All students must pass Step 1 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) prior to beginning the senior year.

Our Curriculum

During the fourth year, three one-month clinical selectives, four one-month general electives and a one-month Advanced Biomedical Sciences are required. A minimum of four courses must be taken under the supervision of Columbia-based School of Medicine faculty as follows:

Students must take two of the three required clinical selectives under the supervision of Columbia-based School of Medicine faculty or community faculty appointed through the School of Medicine. One of the required selectives must be a surgical selective, one must be a medical selective and the third can be either a surgical or medical selective. Certain clinical experiences such as the Indian Health Service and designated rural community selectives approved by the department education director are considered under the supervision of Columbia-based School of Medicine faculty and will meet the requirement for one of the two clinical selectives. The third clinical selective may be taken at a site approved by the department, the advisor and the Office of Medical Education.

Fourth year Rural Track elective courses approved at designated Rural Track training sites are considered to be under the supervision of Columbia-based School of Medicine faculty.

Rural electives that are coordinated through the MU AHEC (Office of Rural Health) are considered to be under the supervision of community faculty appointed through the School of Medicine.

General electives may be taken at sites approved by the department, the advisor and the Office of Medical Education. Students wishing to take courses at another medical school must comply with all application policies required by the host school.

The Advanced Biomedical Sciences requirement can be met in several ways as described in the catalog. Students should discuss these options with an Associate Dean.

What else do I need to do to graduate?

Examinations (comprehensive knowledge based examinations and the Objective Structured Clinical Evaluation)

Passage of Step 1 and Step 2 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) is a requirement for graduation from medical school. Beginning with the 2005 graduating class, Step 2 was divided into two required sections, Clinical Knowledge (CK) and Clinical Skills (CS).

A patient centered Objective Structured Clinical Evaluation (OSCE) will be administered at the end of the third year. Beginning with the graduating class of 2012, successful completion of this OSCE is a requirement for graduation from medical school. Clinical faculty will determine satisfactory performance on the OSCE exam. Students must rectify OSCE deficiencies by the October preceding their graduation in