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**School of Medicine  
Class of 2024  
M.D. Graduation Requirements**

Please review special notes for medical students in official BCM dual degree programs.

Foundational Sciences Years - 63 Weeks	
Fall I - 19 Weeks	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
Foundations Basic to Science of Medicine (FBSM)	18.75
Patient, Physician & Society - 1	2.25
Critical Thinking & Problem Solving (CTAPS)	1.50
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>22.50</b>

Spring I - 25 Weeks	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
Pharmacology	1.75
Head & Neck Anatomy	3.00
Immunological & Pathological Basis of Disease	3.75
Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Sciences	3.25
Ethics	1.50
Infectious Diseases	6.25
Nervous System	6.75
Research and Populations in Medicine	3.25
Patient, Physician & Society - 2	3.00
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>32.50</b>

Fall II - 19 Weeks	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
Cardiology	2.25
Respiratory	1.75
Renal	1.75
Hematology/Oncology	2.50
Gastroenterology	2.00
Endocrinology	1.75
GU/GYN	1.25
Genetics	1.25
Age Related Topics	1.00
Patient, Physician & Society - 3	2.50
Dermatology	0.75
Transition to Clinics	0.75
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>19.50</b>

Didactic Courses in Clinical Years ◊	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
CABS-Evidence Based Medicine◊	0.75
CABS-Business in Leadership◊	0.75
CABS-Nutrition◊	0.75
Patient Safety◊	0.50
DDASH◊	2.50
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>5.25</b>

Basic Core Clinical - 40 Weeks	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
Emergency Medicine	2.00
Family/Comm. Med.	4.00
Medicine	8.00
Neurology	4.00
OB/GYN	6.00
Pediatrics	6.00
Psychiatry	4.00
Surgery	6.00
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>40.00</b>

Advanced Core Clinical - 10 Weeks	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
Sub-Internship*	4.00
Selectives**	4.00
APEX	2.00
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>10.00</b>

Elective Courses - 22 Weeks	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
Pre-Clinical and/or Clinical Electives***	22.00

Intersession - 2 Weeks	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
Service Learning, Wellness, and Narrative Medicine	0.50

**Please refer to the Core Rotation Scheduling Guidelines in the Student Handbook for timelines to complete clinical core rotations.**

Graduation Requirements ***	Semester Credit Hours
Total Minimum Curriculum Credits - 137 Weeks	152.25

**Students must take and pass the Clinical Practice Exam (CPX). Students must take and pass the USMLE Step 1, Step 2CK & Step 2CS-prior to graduation. M.D./Ph.D. Program: Students joining the program after year 1 will begin the curriculum requirements at year of entry.**

**Students must not have any professional deficiencies in order to graduate with an M.D. degree.**

\* A Sub-Internship must be taken at Baylor in Medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgery, Pediatrics, or Family Medicine. The Sub-Internship **must be completed** prior to Advanced Physicianship Experience (APEX).

**\*\*SELECTIVES (GROUP A)**

**Choose 2 of these 2-week courses (Prerequisite Surgery Clerkship):** Ophthalmology, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Urology

\*\*\*16 of the 22 required elective credits must be clinical. For all medical students, no more than 6 credits of Foundational Sciences Electives/Research taken at BCM can be counted toward degree requirements. Students enrolled in the following official BCM Dual Degree programs (MD/PhD, MD/JD, MD/MPH, and MD/MBA) may have 4 weeks fewer required clinical elective credits than MD only students. For all students, a minimum of 8 clinical credits must be taken at BCM.

◊ The following courses are didactic courses occurring during the clinical phase of the curriculum:

- Patient Safety and Clinical Applications of Biomedical Sciences (CABS) Business and Leadership in Medicine, Nutrition, and Evidence Based Medicine -occur in the 2nd year during clinical phase of the curriculum
- Determinants, Disparities and Social/Population Health (DDASH) – occurs in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the clinical phase of the curriculum