

3RD YEAR SCHEDULING INFORMATION FOR THE TUSCALOOSA CAMPUS

This document contains a brief overview of the specifics of scheduling third year and the longitudinal curriculum on the Tuscaloosa campus for both the Rural Medical Scholars and the Primary Care Track. We have covered most of this in previous class meetings but this single sheet covers the main points you need to keep in mind for 3rd year.

When will I know my Year 3 schedule?

Immersion / Integrated track Posted: **Thursday February 20, 2025, at 5:00 pm.**
Detailed schedule for first half of 3rd year: **Wednesday April 30, 2025, at orientation.**

What are the requirements for third year?

- Core Clerkships (40 weeks)
 - Family Medicine (4 weeks) [integrated]
 - Psychiatry (4 weeks) [integrated]
 - Neurology (4 weeks) [immersion]
 - Internal Medicine (8 weeks) [immersion]
 - Obstetrics-Gynecology (8 weeks) [4 week immersion block, integrated]
 - Surgery (8 weeks) [4 week immersion block, integrated]
 - Pediatrics (8 weeks) [4 week immersion block, integrated]
- Leadership in Community Medicine and Population Health [LCPM] (4 weeks) [integrated]
 - this course counts as 4 weeks of ELECTIVE CREDIT towards graduation
- More information about the curriculum and requirements can be found at: [UABHSOM Graduation Requirements](#) and [Tuscaloosa Longitudinal Curriculum](#).
- Clinical Calendars
 - [2025-2026-clinical-calendar.pdf \(uab.edu\)](#)
 - [2026-2027-clinical-calendar.pdf \(uab.edu\)](#)

How do I enter a preference for starting on immersion or integrated?

Email Krista Trimm (ktrimm@ua.edu) with your preference and reason. We will try to accommodate preferences, but clerkship enrollment limits may not allow us to meet all preferences.

What if I want/need to delay the start of 3rd Year?

- There are many reasons why a student may need or want to delay the start of 3rd year, including additional time to prepare for Step 1, mandatory military training, research or service activities, and other personal reasons.
- If you plan to or think you may delay start of 3rd year, let Krista Trimm (ktrimm@ua.edu) know as early as possible. Delaying the start of 3rd year necessitates that a student begins on immersion blocks. They will then do integrated at the normal time and will complete remaining immersion blocks at the end of 3rd year.

What does third year look like?

**Tuscaloosa Hybrid
Longitudinal Curriculum**

**Example of
Immersion
Experiences**

Internal Medicine 8 weeks	Surgery 4 weeks	OB/GYN 4 weeks	Pediatrics 4 weeks	Neurology 4 weeks
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Has some components of traditional third year curriculum

Gives students the opportunity to build relationships with patients and preceptors over time that traditional third year students don't get

A M	Pediatrics	Psychiatry	Flex Time	Surgery	LCPM
RELATE – once a week at noon					
P M	Flex Time	OB/GYN	Family Medicine	Surgery	Flex Time
A M	Pediatrics	Psychiatry	Flex Time	Family Medicine	Flex Time
RELATE – once a week at noon					
P M	Flex Time	OB/GYN	Family Medicine	Flex Time	Flex Time

Hypothetical example of a two-week repeating schedule for a student in the Tuscaloosa integrated experience.

Relate: weekly student discussion session focused on personal and professional development and student success

Things to keep in mind about the order of your 3rd year

- Starting on immersion or integrated does NOT
 - Influence your ability to get into a specialty or program.
 - Predict grades.
- The order of clerkships on immersion does NOT
 - Influence your ability to get into a specialty or program.
 - Predict grades.
- Each clerkship has enrollment limits, and we must split the class between integrated and immersion halves – we will try to accommodate preferences but cannot guarantee this.

REMINDER!!—3rd year Clerkship Orientation

- Wednesday, April 30th and Thursday, May 1st (in Tuscaloosa)
- Attendance is mandatory (even if delaying the start of 3rd year)!