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# School of Medicine Academic Calendar 2006-07: Autumn and Winter*

## Autumn Quarter (Term Code 1072; MD Program Q1 and Q4)

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<td>Axess opens for autumn quarter course enrollment</td>
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<td>August 23</td>
<td>Wed</td>
<td>MD – University housing move-in date; SWEAT orientation</td>
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<td>August 24-27</td>
<td>Thu-Sun</td>
<td>MD – SWEAT trip</td>
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<td>August 28-30</td>
<td>Mon-Wed</td>
<td>MD – New student orientation</td>
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<td>August 30</td>
<td>Wed</td>
<td>MD – Dean’s Reception and Stethoscope Ceremony (invitation only)</td>
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<td>August 31</td>
<td>Thu</td>
<td>MD – Instruction begins</td>
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<td>September 4</td>
<td>Mon</td>
<td>Labor Day (holiday; no classes)</td>
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<td>September 22-24</td>
<td>Fri-Sun</td>
<td>GRAD – Bioscience graduate student camping trip</td>
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<td>September 25</td>
<td>Mon</td>
<td>MD – First day of clerkships for Period 4</td>
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<td>Mon</td>
<td>GRAD – First day of quarter; instruction begins</td>
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<td>Mon</td>
<td>GRAD – Bioscience graduate student orientation</td>
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<td>September 28</td>
<td>Thu</td>
<td>GRAD – Conferral of degrees for summer quarter</td>
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<td>October 2</td>
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<td>Yom Kippur (classes held)**</td>
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<td>MD – First day of clerkships for Period 6</td>
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<td>November 20-24</td>
<td>Mon-Fri</td>
<td>Thanksgiving recess (no classes)</td>
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<td>December 4-10</td>
<td>Mon-Sun</td>
<td>End-Quarter Period (see page 77 for End-Quarter policy)</td>
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<td>Mon-Fri</td>
<td>End-Quarter examinations</td>
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<td>December 11-January 1</td>
<td>Mon-Mon</td>
<td>MD – vacation for clinical students</td>
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<td>December 18-January 8</td>
<td>Mon-Mon</td>
<td>Winter Break – vacation for GRAD and MD pre-clerkship students (no classes)</td>
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<td>Grades due at 11:59 p.m.</td>
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## Winter Quarter (Term Code 1074; MD Program Q2 and Q5)

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<td>MD – First day of clerkships for Period 7</td>
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<td>January 8</td>
<td>Mon</td>
<td>MD – First day of instruction for first-year Practice of Medicine course</td>
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<td>January 9</td>
<td>Tue</td>
<td>First day of quarter; instruction begins</td>
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<td>January 11</td>
<td>Thu</td>
<td>GRAD – Conferral of degrees for autumn quarter</td>
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<td>January 15</td>
<td>Mon</td>
<td>Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (holiday, no classes)</td>
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<td>January 28</td>
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<td>Last day for adding courses</td>
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<td>Mon</td>
<td>MD – First day of clerkships for Period 8</td>
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<td>President’s Day (holiday, no classes)</td>
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<td>February 28-March 4</td>
<td>Wed-Sun</td>
<td>GRAD – Bioscience admissions interview weekend</td>
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<td>GRAD – Deadline to apply for winter quarter degree conferral</td>
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<td>Mon</td>
<td>MD – First day of clerkships for Period 9</td>
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<td>March 12-18</td>
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<td>March 19-23</td>
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<td>Spring Break – vacation for GRAD and MD pre-clerkship students (no classes)</td>
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* Applies to all programs, unless otherwise noted: “MD” for MD program, “GRAD” for MS/PhD programs. Dates are subject to change.
** Some students will be observing Yom Kippur and are not expected to attend classes. Some faculty may not be holding classes.
### School of Medicine Academic Calendar 2006-07: Spring and Summer

#### Spring Quarter (Term Code 1076; MD Program Q3 and Q6)

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<td>MD – First day of instruction for first- and second-year Practice of Medicine courses</td>
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<td>Tue</td>
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<td>Mon</td>
<td>MD – First day of clerkships for Period 11</td>
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<td>May 28</td>
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<td>June 6</td>
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<td>Last day of instruction for GRAD and first-year MD students</td>
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<td>Day before finals (no classes)</td>
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<td>June 16</td>
<td>Sat</td>
<td>School of Medicine Commencement (all degree programs)</td>
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<td>June 17</td>
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#### Summer Quarter (Term Code 1078)

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<td>Mon</td>
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<td>Independence Day observance (holiday, no classes)</td>
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### School of Medicine Departments and Interdepartmental Programs

#### Basic Science Departments:
- Biochemistry
- Developmental Biology
- Genetics
- Health Research and Policy
- Microbiology and Immunology
- Molecular and Cellular Physiology
- Molecular Pharmacology
- Neurobiology
- Structural Biology

#### Clinical Departments:
- Anesthesia
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Comparative Medicine
- Dermatology
- Medicine
- Neurology & Neurological Sciences
- Neurosurgery
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
- Radiation Oncology
- Radiology
- Surgery
- Urology

#### Interdepartmental Graduate Programs:
- Biomechanical Engineering
- Biomedical Informatics
- Biophysics
- Cancer Biology
- Epidemiology
- Health Services Research
- Immunology
- Neurosciences

#### Other:
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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

- EMERGENCY NUMBERS
- DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION
- CONSENT TO USE PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES
- STANFORD UNIVERSITY ID NUMBER
- SUNET ID
- IDENTIFICATION CARDS
- PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS (PINS)
- DATA SECURITY AND PRIVACY (HIPAA)
- SAFETY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
- POLICY ON USE OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA IN THE CURRICULUM WEB PORTAL (CWP)
EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In Case of Emergency

For Fire-Police-Medical Emergencies from medical center phones 286
From payphones, cell phones, and non-medical center campus phones 911
(Outdoor Blue Tower Phones will automatically reach the 911 operator)

Needlestick and Exposure Hotline 8-4000
Sexual Assault, Counseling for Students 5-9955
Medical Center Escort Service 3-7222
Main Campus Escort Service 5-7873

DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The University regards the following items of information as “directory information,” that is, information that the University may make available to any person upon specific request (and without student consent):

- Name
- Date of birth
- Birth location
- Campus work address and phone number
- Current mailing address
- Stanford Directory (local) address and phone number
- Stanford student residence address
- Primary email address
- ID card photographs (for classroom use only)
- Academic information, including class, degree(s), major(s), minor(s), prior institution, and active terms

Students may prohibit the release of any of the items listed above (except name) by designating which items should not be released on the Privacy function of Axess. Students may prohibit the release of their name (and consequently all other information) after an appointment with a University Assistant Registrar to discuss the ramifications of this action.
CONSENT TO USE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES

Registration as a student and attendance at or participation in classes and other campus and University activities constitutes an agreement by the student to the University’s use and distribution (both now and in the future) of the student’s image or voice in photographs, videotapes, electronic reproductions, or audiotapes of such classes and other campus and University activities.

If any student in a class where such photographing or recording is to take place does not wish to have his or her image or voice so used, the student should raise the matter in advance with the instructor.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY ID NUMBER

The Stanford University ID is a number assigned to each student’s academic record for unique identification. It is printed on the Stanford University ID card and on documents distributed by the Office of the University Registrar and other administrative offices.

SUNET ID

The SUNet ID provides access to the Stanford University Network (SUNet) and its services, and identifies authorized users of these services. Each member of the Stanford electronic community creates a unique SUNet ID and password for him/herself.

SUNet IDs provide:

- Axess services
- E-mail service
- Storage space within Stanford’s distributed file system
- Usenet newsgroups
- World wide web services, including serving of personal web pages on the Leland system and access to Stanford Web Resources

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Stanford University Identification Card

ID cards are available to registered students, faculty, and regular staff through the Stanford ID Card Office, 632 Serra Street. The ID card serves as an identification card, an electronic key, and a debit card, allowing cardholders to use services for which they have privileges, to enter facilities, and to make purchases. Married students or students with a domestic partner (same or opposite sex) may obtain a courtesy identification card for their spouse/partner through the Stanford Card ID Office. The spouse/partner card enables use of some campus services during terms for which the student is registered. Similar courtesy
cards are also available to the spouses and same-sex partners of faculty and regular staff. ID cards bear a photograph of the cardholder. This photograph is maintained in an online database and is available for classroom use upon specific request and without student consent unless the student has designated that the photograph not be released. Photographs can be designated as private using the Privacy function of Axess.

For more information:

http://campuscard.stanford.edu/

**Hospital Photo ID**

To obtain a Hospital Photo ID, students must present a signed form from the Office of Student Life to the Security Office located in the basement of the Hospital. This ID grants students access into secured areas of the Hospital based on enrollment in clerkships, etc. It also provides access to many of the secured teaching and study spaces within the School including small group study rooms, Medical Student Lounge, Fleischmann Laboratories, and the 24-hour computing spaces.

**Personal Identification Numbers (Pins)**

Students eligible to use online services such as Axess, obtain a PIN through the Office of the University Registrar. The PIN, coupled with the assigned University identification number, uniquely identifies the student and serves in place of a signature on electronic forms. The PIN and SUNet ID password must remain confidential. It is a violation of University policy to use another’s PIN or identification number to misrepresent yourself in any way. Use of another student’s PIN or SUNet ID password can result in loss of student privileges or other disciplinary action.

**Data Security and Privacy (HIPAA) Training Requirement**

In compliance with the Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Stanford University School of Medicine requires all new medical students to complete Patient Privacy Regulation HIPAA Training before starting classes. Stanford’s HIPAA Training is a web-based training that takes approximately one-and-a-half hours. The training is accessed with a SUNet ID at

http://hipaa.stanford.edu/training.html

Medical students are required to complete Level 2 on Curriculum Track SOM/Clark/Research Level 2.

**Safety Training Requirements**

**Bloodborne Pathogen Training**

The California OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard requires that all individuals with occupational exposure to blood, blood products, or other potentially infectious materials complete a Bloodborne Pathogens training course ANNUALLY. This requirement applies to all medical students. Stanford University Bloodborne Pathogens Training is a web-based training that takes approximately one-half hour.
The training is accessed with a SUNet ID at

http://med.stanford.edu/somsafety/

To do the training from outside the Medical School requires setting up a Virtual Private Network using the link:

http://med.stanford.edu/irt/security/vpn/

**Safety and Emergency Preparedness Training**

All medical students are required to complete the following three online courses:

- General Safety and Emergency Preparedness (EHS-4200)
- Biosafety (EHS-1500)
- Chemical Safety for Labs (EHS-1900)

These courses are accessed through STARS in AXESS.

**POLICY ON USE OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA IN THE CURRICULUM WEB PORTAL (CWP)**

**Overview**

Electronic educational materials have greatly changed Stanford University’s education. While course websites, videotaped lectures, and electronic documents have facilitated education, the limits of use for these media are not always clear. The purpose of this notice is to set forth the policy for the Curriculum Web Project (“CWP”) and answer some of the most important questions about use of educational media.

The CWP’s materials, including website access and all files, are intended for people specifically given access to the curriculum for course-related purposes. This means that sharing of accounts, course files, web links, or other materials with anyone other than an enrolled or authorized individual is a violation of this policy. Upon completion of the curriculum these materials may not be retained.

These electronic materials are protected by federal copyright law. Copyright laws protect original works of authorship. The Copyright Act gives the owner of a copyright the exclusive right to do and authorize others to do certain things in regard to a copyrighted work, including: make copies, distribute the work, display or perform the work publicly, and create derivative works. These exclusive rights are subject to only limited exceptions. Electronic material located in CWP (and on the web in general) maintains copyright protection, and should not be distributed absent express permission from the copyright holder or unless a limited exception to the copyright law applies. For information on exceptions to the copyright laws, please review the Provost’s Copyright Reminder, which is linked below. Unless otherwise noted, Stanford University owns the copyright to the lectures, exams, and content on CWP, and to use these materials beyond course-related purposes you must seek permission from the copyright holder. Distributing, re-using or re-purposing the materials contained in CWP without express permission or in compliance with copyright laws, is a violation of this policy and may lead to University discipline or civil or criminal liability under the copyright laws.
Scenarios

When deciding what is an acceptable or unacceptable use of electronic media, you should consider the legal, ethical, and professional judgment of your actions. For example, consider the following scenarios:

Scenario 1: Use of CWP and Course Websites

“I’m a first-year medical student and heard that there are some great materials used in a second-year course. I want to go onto that course’s CWP website and download some of the materials so I can use them to study now. It’s a part of my full curriculum anyhow.”

The School of Medicine has determined that you are entitled to use the CWP materials for your own educational purposes while enrolled in the School of Medicine. A medical student’s code of professional ethics would suggest that he or she should use available materials in appropriate ways in keeping with their professors’ wishes. You should ask a professor for permission to use certain materials if you are unsure whether or not it would be appropriate.

Scenario 2: Downloading Files to a Local Machine

“I’m studying hard for a final exam and am using the old final exams as study tools. Can I download all the exams to my hard drive so I can read them on my computer or do I have to print them out?”

CWP’s policy is that exam materials must not be subject to retention by students and that content must not be further distributed. This suggests that while it would be acceptable to download or print an exam for immediate use, keeping it past the end of the course for yourself or to give to others would be against the policy. Additionally, professors have the right to determine when to release old examinations to current students and may prefer that student do not share old exams with each other. It would be unethical to distribute materials like examinations to others against professors’ wishes.

Scenario 3: Sharing Streaming Video Resources

“If I miss a lecture I frequently just watch the recording online. Can I show the videos to anyone other than students enrolled in my curriculum? Can I bookmark lectures and use them to review next year?”

Students at the School of Medicine have the unique ability to watch live and recorded lecture videos over the Curriculum Web Portal. As these videos are considered part of the curriculum, you and other students have access to watch the files as long as you are enrolled. Similarly, students or other persons not enrolled in the School of Medicine curriculum are not allowed to view these movies and you should not distribute a link to the videos. After a video link is removed from a course, you should not continue to access a bookmarked link.

Scenario 4: Re-use of lecture slides and images

“I’m giving a small presentation and found a great image in a professor’s Power Point slides. If I mention during my presentation that this photo is from his slides, can I use the image without his permission?”

The law states that you must request for permission to use copyrighted material. Fair Use statements say that educators may use copyrighted materials in non-recurring face-to-face educational activities
even without asking for permission. However, in cases like this, an aspiring professional should consider requesting permission to use the images before repurposing them in any fashion. Additionally, it may be considered unethical to display images without giving explicit credit to the copyright holder.

Scenario 5: Use of library materials

“I’m a student and I found a good full-text article on the web for one of my classes. I got the password for the journal off the library’s website. Can I put a copy of the paper on my website so other students can easily access it?"

In his Copyright Reminder (see link below), the Provost states that it is a violation of the law to circumvent any access control mechanism and access copyrighted materials. In this case, the library provides the article for your use but requires a password for you to get to the article so you should not download the file and post it elsewhere. It is important to keep in mind that in cases like this, having access to a file does not mean that you have permission to distribute a file. The best option would be to give others a web link to the Lane Library e-journal, which is available to authenticated Stanford affiliates.

Scenario 6: Sharing of user accounts

“My friend at the Harvard School of Medicine wants to see some of the images that we’re using in the Practice of Medicine. If she promises not to keep the files and just browse, can I loan her my account username and password?"

Electronic materials for students in the Stanford School of Medicine are for people explicitly given access to them and it is unlawful to distribute materials to anyone not enrolled in the curriculum. Emailing restricted files or giving permissions to anyone not enrolled in the curriculum is against Stanford University’s official policies. Additionally, misuse of electronic materials may be considered a violation of Honor Code because students are expected to respect the rights for others, including copyright holders. While professionals commonly share sources with other professionals, in this case the best course of action may be to send your friend bibliographic references to documents or to suggest that he or she request permission from the copyright holder.

Links

For more information on use of electronic educational materials, visit these sources:

- The Provost’s Statement on Copyrights:
  

  A document explaining how copyright laws apply to educational materials at Stanford, with special attention to use of digital media. This document references the TEACH Act laws.

- Stanford University Honor Code:
  
  http://www.stanford.edu/dept/vpsa/judicialaffairs/guiding/honorcode.htm
The Honor Code is the University's statement on academic integrity written by students in 1921. It articulates University expectations of students and faculty in establishing and maintaining the highest standards in academic work. Another one of the guiding principles of Stanford University is the Fundamental Standard.

- Copyright and Fair Use from the Stanford Libraries:

  http://fairuse.stanford.edu/Copyright_and_Fair_Use_Overview/index.html

This comprehensive website explains how copyright, fair use, and permissions apply to the use of online and offline educational media.
REGISTRATION AND STUDENT RECORDS

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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Medical students must register for all terms of each academic year (Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters) from the admission term until conferral of the degree. The only exception to this requirement occurs when the student is granted an official Leave of Absence. Failure to enroll in courses for a term during the academic year without taking a Leave of Absence results in denial of further enrollment privileges unless and until reinstatement to the degree program is granted and the reinstatement fee paid. Registration in the Summer Quarter is not required and does not substitute for registration during the academic year.

Please note that first-year medical students may take up to 45 units during Autumn Quarter and subsequently take no more the 35 units per quarter. All other students may take no more than 35 units per quarter. Students who exceed these limits will accrue additional tuition charges.

As early as possible, but no later than the second Sunday of the quarter, students (including those with TMR status) must submit to the University Registrar’s Office, via Axess, a study list to enroll officially in classes for the quarter. Students can access the Axess system on the Internet at:

[http://axess.stanford.edu](http://axess.stanford.edu)

Students must enter their study lists by the end of the second week of each quarter in order to avoid late fees. Students registering for pre-clerkship courses should include the appropriate information from the time schedule on their study lists. Students cannot receive credit for any pre-clerkship coursework done in unregistered quarters. Clinical students are responsible for checking the clerkship schedule prior to completing their study lists. Students may not attend clerkships without having completed their registration.

A late registration fee will be assessed by the University Registrar, as deemed appropriate, for study lists submitted after the deadline. Students may petition to waive these late fees. Students with problems caused by holds on their registration may seek special consideration with approval of the School of Medicine Registrar.

The University reserves the right to withhold registration from, and to cancel the advance registration or registration of, any student having unmet obligations to the University.

Students who have paid the equivalent of 13 quarters of full tuition are eligible for Terminal Medical Registrant (TMR) status. In TMR status, students pay reduced registration fees but must register and receive evaluations for each clerkship they attend.

For full registration procedures, see the quarterly Time Schedule.

ADD AND DROP DEADLINES FOR COURSES

Students may add courses or units to their study lists through the end of the third week of classes. Courses may be dropped through the end of the fourth week of classes, without any record of the course remaining on the student’s transcript.

After the add and drop deadlines, appropriate course instructor approval must be obtained. The penalty for dropping a course after the deadline without permission of the course instructor is a failure in the course. All add/drop petitions after the deadline must be submitted to the School of Medicine Registrar’s Office;
they may not be submitted to the University Registrar. Course instructors can exempt (from the above add/drop rule) courses for which they are responsible.

**Leave of Absence**

A Leave of Absence is required for any term of the academic year (Autumn, Winter, Spring) for which a student does not wish to enroll in classes. Students wishing to take a Leave of Absence should first obtain the proper paperwork from the School of Medicine Registrar’s Office or online at


Students should then arrange to meet with their Advisor to have the paperwork approved. Approved Leave of Absence petitions must be submitted to the School of Medicine Registrar’s Office.

Leaves of Absence are granted for a maximum of one calendar year. Leaves requested for a longer period are approved only in exceptional circumstances. Extension requests must be made to the Committee on Student Performance before the expiration of the original Leave of Absence.

Leaves of Absence may not exceed a cumulative total of two years. New students may not take a Leave of Absence during their first quarter. However, new students may request a deferment.

Students on Leave of Absence are not registered at Stanford, and therefore do not have the rights and privileges of registered students.

NOTE: Health insurance during Leave of Absence for up to three quarters is available to students covered under the Cardinal Care insurance plan. Under some circumstances, students on Leave of Absence may be able to make special arrangements to continue their university housing. Students will need to deal directly with the university offices involved to do so.

**Academic Accommodation Period**

Women graduate students anticipating a birth who wish to petition for an Academic Accommodation Period and one-quarter extension of academic requirements should submit a petition at least four months prior to the anticipated childbirth. This petition is also used to apply for funding from the Childbirth Accommodation Fund. Submit the completed petition to the Office of the Dean of Research and Graduate Policy, Rm. 137 McCullough Building, accompanied by a letter from your health-care provider stating the estimated delivery date. If this petition is being filed after the birth of a baby, attach documentation of the birthdate.

The petition is available on-line:


For complete information on the Childbirth Policy for Women Graduate Students see page 150 or visit:

**REINSTATEMENT**

Students who fail to be either registered or approved for a Leave of Absence by the start of a term are required to apply for reinstatement through the Medical School Registrar’s Office before they can return to the same degree program. The decision to approve or deny reinstatement is made by the Committee on Student Performance, which is not obliged to approve reinstatements of students.

Reinstatement decisions may be based on the applicant’s academic status when last enrolled, activities while away from campus, the length of the absence, and the perceived potential for successful completion of the program, as well as any other factors or considerations regarded as relevant by the school. Reinstatement information is available from the Medical School Registrar’s Office.

Reinstatement applications must be submitted 60 days prior to the first day of the term for which reenrollment is requested. A fee is required.

**SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS**

Students who have already paid the equivalent of 13 quarters of full tuition and who wish to register for additional quarters prior to receiving the MD degree are eligible for TMR tuition rates. The rules for clerkship scheduling, registration, academic credit, and the standards for academic performance are the same for TMR students as they are for students registered at the full MD tuition rates. The student transcript will list all courses satisfactorily completed.

Under special circumstances students may have the privilege of registering as “special students.” Students who register in the special fee category pay the TMR rate per quarter. No coursework is listed on transcripts and no academic or residency credit is granted for that quarter. The categories of students registering as special students may include:

1. Students who register to devote their full effort to remedial study at the direction of the Committee on Student Performance;

2. Students taking clinical work away for no academic credit. This status provides coverage for malpractice insurance.

**ACADEMIC RECORDS**

**Transcripts**

The notations used on official University transcripts are pass (+), fail (-), continuing (N), and exempt (EX). Also noted is the passage of Steps 1 and 2 CK of the United States Medical Licensing Examinations (USMLE). Transcripts are sent at the request of students through Axess.

**Academic files**

The Medical School Registrar’s Office establishes an academic file for each student to collate data and to provide assistance to Advising Deans in counseling and in preparing the Medical Student Performance
Evaluation (MSPE). The academic file contains confidential information, which is available to the following parties without prior permission from the student:

1. Dean of the School of Medicine, Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, Associate and Assistant Deans for Advising

2. Committee on Student Performance, whenever the Committee is reviewing a student’s performance

3. Chair of the Committee on Admissions

4. Committee of Five of the Faculty Senate when asked by the Dean of the School of Medicine or the Committee on Student Performance to review a case

5. A duly appointed grievance hearing officer, a duly appointed ad hoc committee on the Suitability for the Practice of Medicine

6. University or School of Medicine Ombudsperson on a need-to-know basis

7. Other university officials on a need-to-know basis

8. Staff of the Office of Student Affairs

**Access to Student Records**

Access to student records (including Financial Aid files) is governed by the University’s policy on the Privacy of Student Records in the *Stanford Bulletin*. See also the section below on the provisions of the Buckley Amendment.

**Procedures for Inspecting Records and for Correcting Inaccuracies or Misleading Information**

Students wishing to inspect and review their transcripts and academic files should consult with any of the Advising Deans. If students believe any information in the file is inaccurate or misleading (other than the evaluation of performance in clerkships), they should consult with the person who provided the information. If the matter remains unresolved, the student should contact any of the Advising Deans. If the matter still cannot be resolved, the student may consult the Medical School or University Ombudsperson.

**BUCKLEY AMENDMENT (FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT, 1974)**

The Association of American Medical Colleges has summarized some of the important provisions of the Buckley Amendment as described below:

1. Material covered by the Act as “education records” constitute recorded information related to the student that is maintained by the school or one of its agents and is used for making decisions about the student, or which may be transmitted to others outside of the institution.

2. Students may not see confidential letters of recommendation submitted for school records prior to January 1, 1975, provided the letters are not used for other than the original intended purpose. Further, students may waive the right of access to future confidential recommendations in the area of
admissions, job placement, and receipt of awards. However, the waiver may not be required as a condition for admission, financial aid, or other services, and the student must be notified of the name of every person submitting confidential recommendations whether these are solicited by either the institution or the student, or are submitted on the initiation of the evaluator.

3. Private notes and materials designed as personal memory aids are not covered provided they are not made available to anyone else except a substitute teacher or counselor who would use them as a surrogate.

4. Challenges to records may be made only on accuracy and not on judgments; that is, the accuracy of the recording of a grade can be challenged, but not the grade itself.

5. “Directory information,” such as name, address, and telephone number may be made available without specific permission of the student, but notice of the intent to publish such information must be given so that students with unlisted telephone numbers, for example, can indicate their wish that they not be published.

6. Students do not have the right to see parents’ financial records submitted to the institution.

7. The right of access to records accrues solely to those who are or have been in attendance at the institution, not to rejected applicants.

See, in general, the University policy on the Privacy of Student Records in the *Stanford Bulletin*. 


REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MD DEGREE

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COMPETENCIES AND OBJECTIVES FOR MEDICAL STUDENT EDUCATION

The following competencies and their associated educational objectives serve as a guide for curriculum development and evaluation of the success of the training program and its graduates:

1. **Knowledge of the Basic Medical Sciences and Organ Systems**

   A graduate is expected to:

   - Know the normal structure and function of the body (as an intact organism) and of each of its major organ systems
   - Know the molecular, biochemical, and cellular mechanisms that are important in maintaining the body’s homeostasis
   - Know the various causes (genetic, developmental, metabolic, toxic, microbiologic, autoimmune, neoplastic, degenerative, and traumatic) of maladies and the ways which they operate on the body (pathogenesis)
   - Know the altered structure and function (pathology and pathophysiology) of the body and its major organ systems that are seen in various diseases and conditions
   - Know the principles of pharmacology, therapeutics, and therapeutic decision-making

2. **Ability to Apply Clinical Skills in the Care of Patients**

   A graduate is expected to:

   - Obtain an accurate medical history that covers all essential aspects of the history, including issues related to age, gender, sexuality, and socio-economic status
   - Communicate with patients and their families in culturally appropriate ways regarding: sexuality and sexual function, domestic violence, substance abuse, financial obstacles to health, end-of-life issues, and other topics that materially affect patient well-being
   - Communicate clearly, both orally and in writing, with patients, patients’ families, colleagues, and others with whom physicians must exchange information in carrying out their responsibilities
   - Conduct a thorough and accurate physical exam, including psychiatric, neurologic, genital, and orthopedic examinations in adults and children
   - Perform routine technical procedures used in medicine and surgery
   - Interpret the most frequent clinical, laboratory, roentgenologic, and pathologic manifestations of common maladies
   - Reason deductively in solving clinical problems
• Construct appropriate management strategies (both diagnostic and therapeutic) for patients with common conditions, both acute and chronic, including medical, psychiatric, and surgical conditions, and those requiring short- and long-term rehabilitation

• Recognize and outline an initial course of management for patients with serious conditions requiring critical care

• Appropriately relieve pain and ameliorate the suffering of patients

3. **Promotion of health care that appropriately responds to social, cultural, and health system contexts within which the care is delivered**

A graduate is expected to:

• Demonstrate a commitment to advocate at all times for the interests of one’s patients over one’s own interests

• Demonstrate an understanding of the manner in which people of diverse cultures and belief systems perceive health and illness and respond to various symptoms, diseases, and treatments

• Demonstrate respect for the roles of other health care professionals and a willingness/commitment to collaborate with others in caring for individual patients and in promoting the health of defined populations

• Demonstrate a commitment to provide care to patients who are unable to pay and to advocate for access to health care for members of traditionally underserved populations

• Understand and work within existing healthcare systems, including the public health system, to provide optimal care for patients and communities

• Understand the various approaches to the organization, financing and delivery of health care

4. **Knowledge of the Foundations of Population and Evidence-based Medicine**

A graduate is expected to:

• Understand the important non-biological determinants of poor health and the economic, psychological, social, and cultural factors that contribute to the development and/or continuation of maladies

• Know the epidemiology of common maladies and the systematic approaches useful in reducing the incidence and prevalence of those maladies

• Understand the economic cost of health care and balance the obligation to fulfill the needs and wishes of individual patients with a societal obligation to practice efficient, evidence-based, and cost-effective medicine

• Understand the power of the scientific method in establishing the causation of disease and efficacy of traditional and non-traditional therapies
5. **Commitment to Ethics and Professionalism**

A graduate is expected to:

- Know the theories and principles that govern ethical decision making, and of the major ethical dilemmas in medicine, particularly those that rise at the beginning and end of life and those that arise from the rapid expansion of knowledge of genetics
- Demonstrate compassionate treatment of patients, and respect for their privacy and dignity
- Demonstrate honesty and integrity in all interactions with patients’ families, colleagues, and others with whom physicians must interact in their professional lives
- Understand the positive and negative consequences resulting from the involvement of corporations in health care delivery, scientific research, and medical products

6. **Commitment to Personal and Professional Development**

A graduate is expected to:

- Demonstrate the capacity to recognize and accept limitations in one’s knowledge and clinical skills and a commitment to continuously improve one’s knowledge and ability
- Demonstrate a commitment to engage in lifelong learning to stay abreast of relevant scientific, health care, and public health advances
- Demonstrate the ability to retrieve (from electronic databases and other resources), manage, and utilize biomedical information for solving problems and making decisions that are relevant to the care of individuals and populations
- Demonstrate a commitment to work collaboratively with colleagues in healthcare, research and leadership teams
- Demonstrate a commitment to optimize patient safety by thoughtful selection and timing of interventions and collaborations with all members of the health care team
- Demonstrate knowledge and proficiency in effective techniques for practice-based learning by individuals and system-wide improvements across the continuum of care
- Demonstrate leadership in the various branches of medicine and the health sciences

7. **Commitment to an Area of Scientific and/or Clinical Inquiry**

A graduate is expected to:

- Recognize unresolved clinical or scientific questions, formulate an hypothesis, and identify methods and resources to address this hypothesis
• Conduct investigation in an area of interest related to patient care or scientific endeavor

• Understand the scientific theory and methodology that form the basis of medical discoveries

• Understand the ethical requirements for laboratory, animal-based and patient-oriented scientific inquiry

• Communicate new knowledge obtained from scientific inquiry responsibly and clearly

**SPECIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS**

The requirements for the MD degree from the School of Medicine are established by the Medical School Faculty Senate and allow no exceptions. All MD degree candidates must be registered either for the quarter during which the degree is conferred or the previous quarter. Satisfactory payment of 13 quarters of full medical school tuition is required for graduation. Students must petition to graduate on Axess in order to have their degrees conferred. Students may graduate in any quarter by completing their degree requirements and petitioning by the deadline date for that quarter.

Students cannot graduate with any uncorrected failing grades in a pre-clerkship course or any uncorrected failing or marginal performance grades in clinical clerkships. Students can may graduate with one uncorrected marginal pass in a pre-clerkship course having fewer than eight units.

NOTE: These requirements may be changed at any time.


• Completion of a minimum total of 239 required academic units as specified in the table *Courses and Units for Students Matriculating 2006-07*:

  • 140 units in Q1-Q6 (quarters one through six)
  • 93 units (fifteen and one-half months) in clinical clerkships (see table page 62)
  • 2 units in MED 295 – Certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) prior to graduation
  • 4 units in INDE 297 – Applied Biomedical Sciences

• Completion of the requirements of a Scholarly Concentration

• Demonstration of minimum competence on the Clinical Performance Examination (CPX)

• Overall pass on Step 1 and Step 2 CK of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), and sit for Step 2 CS

* For details, visit [http://med.stanford.edu/md/curriculum/requirements.html](http://med.stanford.edu/md/curriculum/requirements.html) or consult with the School of Medicine Registrar.
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING IN 2002-03 OR PRIOR*

- Completion of a minimum total of 236 required academic units (see table Units and Courses Required for Graduation – 2002-03 and Earlier on the website, or consult with the School of Medicine Registrar):
  - 140 units in pre-clerkship coursework
  - 93 units (fifteen and a half months) in clinical clerkships
  - 1 unit in PEDS 209 – Clinical Nutrition online course
  - 2 units in MED 295 – Certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) prior to graduation
  - Demonstration of minimum competence on the Clinical Performance Examination (CPX)
  - Overall pass on Step 1 and Step 2 CK of the USMLE, and sit for Step 2 CS

*Students beginning clerkships in Period 11 of the 2004-05 academic year or later are also required to complete MED 313A and INDE 297.*
### COURSES AND UNITS FOR STUDENTS MATRICULATING 2006-07 AND LATER

**Autumn Year 1 (Q1)**
- INDE 201: Practice of Medicine I (C. Braddock) 11
- SURG 203A: Human Anatomy I (L. Mathers) 11
- INDE 204: Practice of Medicine IV (C. Braddock) 10
- INDE 222: HHD III 15
  - Respiratory System II (D. Regula)
  - Renal/Genitourinary System (T. Meyer)
  - Gastrointestinal/Hepatic System (A. Lowe)
  - Endocrine/Reproductive System (N. Gesundheit)

**Total:** 25

**Weeks 1-4**
- BIOC 205: Molecular Foundations of Medicine (P. Brown) 3
- INDE 216: Cells to Tissues (J. Theriot/P. Cross) 1
  - Basic Cardiac Life Support (R. Smith-Coggins)

**Weeks 5-13**
- BIOC 202 3
- DBIO 201 4
  - Biochemistry Review Course (D. Brutlag)
  - (D. Kingsley/S. Kim/M. Scott)
- GENE 202 4
  - Human Genetics (J. Ford)

**Total:** 40

**Winter Year 2 (Q5)**
- INDE 205: Practice of Medicine V (C. Braddock) 8
- INDE 223: HHD IV 11
  - Brain and Behavior (C. DeBattista)
  - Hematologic System (B. Glader)

**Total:** 19

**Spring Year 1 (Q3)**
- INDE 203: Practice of Medicine III (C. Braddock) 8
- INDE 221: HHD II 12
  - Cardiovascular System (B. Kobilka)
  - Respiratory System I (P. Kao)

**Total:** 20

**Spring Year 2 (Q6)**
- INDE 206 9
  - Practice of Medicine VI (C. Braddock)

**Total:** 9

**Total pre-clerkship units:** 140

**Clinical clerkships:**
- ANES 306A,N,P (J. Barr) 6
- INDE 301A (E. Schillinger) 6
- MED 300A (R. Chiu) 12
- MED 313A (P. Rudd) 6
- NENS 301A (P. Fisher) 6
- OB/GYN 300A (C. DeTata, K. Harney) 9
- Peds 300A (E. Stuart) 12
- PSYC 300A (C. DeBattista) 6
- SURG 300A (S. Wren) 12
- Selectives 12
- Electives 6

**Total clerkship units:** 93

**Other Clinical requirements:**
- MED 295 (ACLS) 2
- INDE 297 (Applied Biomedical Sciences) 4

**Total for graduation:** 239

*updated August 11, 2006*
## MD Program Curriculum – Years One and Two

### Year One

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See week-by-week grid for details.
UNITED STATES MEDICAL LICENSING EXAMINATIONS (USMLE) REQUIREMENT:
STEP 1, STEP 2 CK AND STEP 2 CS

To graduate, students must pass USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge), and must have taken the Step 2 CS (Clinical Skills).

Students must receive an overall pass on Step 1 of the USMLE at the level set for passing by the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME). The examination must be taken no later than one year prior to graduation. Students who have appeared on the agenda of a CSP meeting as a result of academic deficiencies in pre-clerkship courses must sit for the USMLE Step 1 prior to beginning clerkships.

Students must receive an overall pass on Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge) of the USMLE at the level set for passing by the NBME. Students should apply for Step 2 by November 1 of their last year and sit for the examination no later than March 1 in order to ensure that test scores are received in time to clear students for graduation.

Failure to meet these requirements will result in review by the Committee on Student Performance. An institutionally-administered USMLE equivalency exam may, under certain circumstances, serve to meet Step 2 requirements for the MD degree. Such institutionally-administered USMLE equivalency exams do not, however, meet requirements for licensure to practice medicine.

Students must take the USMLE Step 2 CS (Clinical Skills) examination prior to graduation. A passing score is not required for graduation, but is required to sit for Step 3 which is required for licensure in California and virtually every other state. Note: Students not intending to enter the residency match may qualify for an exemption. A letter co-signed by the student and advisor must be submitted to the CSP for approval. The student must have passed the school’s CPX exam before requesting the Step 2 CS exemption.

The USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 CK are administered by computer at Prometric Test Centers. Testing occurs throughout the year, except for the first two weeks in January.

Up-to-date information on the availability of testing times at Prometric is posted at:

http://www.prometric.com

Scheduling permits for a practice test session may be obtained at:

http://www.usmle.org

Testing for Step 2 CS is currently offered at five centers in different areas of the country. Information on the location of the testing centers is available in the USMLE Bulletin of Information.

CLINICAL PERFORMANCE EXAMINATION (CPX) REQUIREMENT

Demonstration of competency on the Clinical Performance Examination (CPX), taken in the final clinical year, is a requirement for graduation. The CPX is conducted in the afternoons over a 10-day period in August and can accommodate about eight students each afternoon. Students will be given the opportunity
to schedule themselves into the examination on a first-come, first served basis. Students who do not schedule themselves into the examination before the deadline will be placed in remaining open slots.

The CPX is an eight-station standardized patient examination lasting from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. The examination assesses students in five skill areas:

- History taking
- Physical examination
- Information sharing
- Clinical courtesy
- Patient/physician interaction

Each student’s exercise is videotaped and made available to the student for review. Following the exam, students watch the recording of their performances and complete a self-assessment exercise. Once the self-assessment has been submitted, the student receives access to their CPX score report.

Students who do not demonstrate minimum competency in each skill area, or who do not meet the passing mark for overall score, will receive mentoring from a faculty member. Mentoring sessions will be confidential one-on-one tutorials with a supportive faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in clinical teaching. The student will be expected to work with the faculty member to improve their skills until the faculty member certifies that the student has met the standards.

The examination is meant to ensure that all students receiving the MD degree from Stanford have demonstrated competency in fundamental clinical skills. It identifies students who are struggling so they can get the help they need in a discreet, positive learning environment.

ADVANCED CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT (ACLS) REQUIREMENT (MED 295)

Certification in ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) is a requirement for graduation. Students may register for ACLS in the first or second clinical year. Training courses are offered at the Palo Alto VA Medical Center under the direction of Dr. John Giacomini. All training sessions (up to four) will be held on Friday/Saturday. Each session can accommodate a maximum of 25 students. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Because advance planning is necessary to arrange instructors, registration is closed two weeks before each session. When the training is completed, students receive a certification card valid for two years.

To enroll, register for MED 295 on Axess. An information packet with training materials will be mailed to your home address two weeks before the course begins. Be prepared to do some reading before the first session.

Contact person: Gay Wittenberg, VA Medical Center, 650-493-5000, ext. 65153

NOTE: Occasionally a student who is preparing to graduate is unable to attend one of the ACLS training sessions offered at the Palo Alto VA Medical Center because he or she is out of town interviewing for residency, or for other legitimate reasons. If this is the case, the student may make arrangements to complete ACLS training at another facility. The student would then need to bring his/her certificate of completion to the School of Medicine Registrar’s Office to verify completion of the course. For ACLS training outside Stanford, contact Kathy Dyble, Hoover Pavilion (650-723-3450), or the American Heart Association. There will be a charge to take this training outside the medical school.
APPLIED BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (ABS) REQUIREMENT (INDE 297)

The curriculum in Applied Biomedical Sciences consists of two parts designed within the new Stanford curriculum to achieve the following goals:

1. To provide continuity of instruction in basic or applied science topics across the curriculum;

2. To expose students to the latest advances in biomedical sciences, emphasizing their application to medical practice (translational medicine);

3. To provide students with cutting-edge knowledge and clinical applications relevant to their scholarly concentration;

4. To reinforce and extend the study of behavioral, cultural, and socioeconomic topics introduced in the Practice of Medicine course sequence.

Part One: Applied Biomedical Sciences in the Clinical Clerkships

An important objective of the Applied Biomedical Sciences curriculum is to extend the student’s acquisition of basic science knowledge throughout medical school. To meet this objective, several basic science courses have been linked with clinical clerkships to reinforce and continue basic science instruction in the didactic time of the required clerkships.

Examples of these linkages include:

- use of epidemiological and biostatistical concepts to critically appraise literature (e.g., study design and interpretation) in the internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, and obstetrics/gynecology clerkships

- use of case studies in microbiology/infectious diseases to examine host/microbe interactions in the internal medicine, surgery, and pediatrics clerkships

- application of principles of reproductive physiology in the obstetrics/gynecology clerkship

- application of principles of neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, and neurobiology in the neurology clerkship

The goal is to match each basic science course and its faculty to one or more clinical clerkships to reinforce that lifelong learning in the basic sciences is critical to the contemporary practice of medicine.

Part Two: Applied Biomedical Sciences Lecture/Seminar Series – INDE 297

The program features invited speakers on cutting-edge topics, clinical-pathologic-correlations, sessions on preventive medicine, and discussion groups related to the Scholarly Concentrations. A refreshment break at the mid-point of each session provides students a chance to socialize with classmates.
Applied Biomedical Sciences sessions are held in even numbered clerkship periods on the third Friday afternoon of the period from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.:

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Locations vary, so be sure to watch for e-mail notification prior to the event. All students and faculty are invited to attend.

**Graduation Requirement for INDE 297:**

Students who began clinical clerkships in Period 11 of 2004-05 or later must attend at least 8 out of 12 sessions offered over two years. Students on required clerkships are expected to attend all sessions that occur within the clerkship. Students on elective clerkships may choose to attend, depending on their interest, and their need to meet the requirement of eight sessions.

**Receiving Credit for INDE 297:**

To receive credit for the course, students must sign in and submit an evaluation, including a summary paragraph, for each session they attend. Students are enrolled in INDE 297 for four units for the quarter in which the eighth evaluation exercise is completed.

**NOTE:** Because of the variable length and scheduling of clerkships, it is likely that students will wish to attend one or more of the sessions that fall within an elective clerkship. All Clerkship Directors have been notified of the requirement and should release students who wish to attend the sessions on the designated Friday afternoons.

**NOTE ON LICENSURE**

Meeting the graduation requirements for the MD degree at Stanford University School of Medicine does not guarantee eligibility for state licensure. Some states have peculiar curricular requirements for licensure, and students are advised to check with the Medical Board in states of possible residency for licensure requirements.
REQUIRED PRE-CLERKSHIP CURRICULUM

- QUARTER 1 (Q1) THROUGH QUARTER 6 (Q6) WEEK-BY-WEEK GRIDS
- REQUIRED COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
- STUDENT PATHWAYS THROUGH HUMAN HEALTH AND DISEASE AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE
- SCHOLARLY CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENT
### Quarter 1 (Q1) / Autumn, Year One: Week-by-Week Grid

#### Week 1
- **Monday, 8/28**: New Student Orientation
- **Tuesday, 8/29**: Molecular Bio (Inde205)
- **Wednesday, 8/30**: Cell Bio
- **Thursday, 8/31**: Molecular Bio (2:35-5:30)
- **Friday, 9/1**: Cell Bio

#### Week 2
- **Monday, 9/4**: Molecular Bio
- **Tuesday, 9/5**: Molecular Bio
- **Wednesday, 9/6**: Molecular Bio
- **Thursday, 9/7**: Cell Bio
- **Friday, 9/8**: Cell Bio

#### Week 3 and Week 4
- **Monday, 9/11**: New Student Orientation
- **Tuesday, 9/12**: Advanced Genetics (Gene203)
- **Wednesday, 9/13**: Genetics [Inde-216]
- **Thursday, 9/14**: Genetics
- **Friday, 9/15**: Developmental Biology

#### Week 5
- **Monday, 9/25**: Advanced Genetics (Gene203)
- **Tuesday, 9/26**: Advanced Genetics (Tue & Thu)
- **Wednesday, 9/27**: Genetics
- **Thursday, 9/28**: Genetics
- **Friday, 9/29**: Developmental Biology

#### Week 6
- **Monday, 10/2**: Yom Kippur - plan for some student absence on this day
- **Tuesday, 10/3**: Genetics [DBio-201]
- **Wednesday, 10/4**: Developmental Biology
- **Thursday, 10/5**: Developmental Biology
- **Friday, 10/6**: Developmental Biology

#### Week 7
- **Monday, 10/9**: Yom Kippur - plan for some student absence on this day
- **Tuesday, 10/10**: Genetics
- **Wednesday, 10/11**: Genetics
- **Thursday, 10/12**: Genetics
- **Friday, 10/13**: Developmental Biology

#### Weeks 8 - 12
- **Monday, 10/16**: Thanksgiving Break
- **Tuesday, 10/17**: Thanksgiving Break
- **Wednesday, 10/18**: Thanksgiving Break
- **Thursday, 10/19**: Thanksgiving Break
- **Friday, 10/20**: Thanksgiving Break

#### Week 13
- **Monday, 11/27**: Thanksgiving Break
- **Tuesday, 11/28**: Thanksgiving Break
- **Wednesday, 11/29**: Thanksgiving Break
- **Thursday, 11/30**: Thanksgiving Break
- **Friday, 12/1**: Thanksgiving Break

#### Week 14
- **Monday, 12/4**: POM SP Exam
- **Tuesday, 12/5**: POM SP Exam
- **Wednesday, 12/6**: POM SP Exam
- **Thursday, 12/7**: POM SP Exam
- **Friday, 12/8**: POM SP Exam

#### Week 15
- **Monday, 12/11**: POM SP Exam
- **Tuesday, 12/12**: POM SP Exam
- **Wednesday, 12/13**: POM SP Exam
- **Thursday, 12/14**: POM SP Exam
- **Friday, 12/15**: POM SP Exam

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*First day of University quarter - instruction begins; Scholarly Concentration electives begin*

**Week 16 (Finals Week): Mon. 12/11, 8:30-11:30am - DBio201 Exam; Wed. 12/13, 8:30-11:30am - Gene202 Exam; Thu. 12/14, 8:30-11:30am - Surg203A Exam."
**QUARTER 2 (Q2) / WINTER, YEAR ONE: WEEK-BY-WEEK GRID**

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* Week 11 (Finals Week): Mon, 3/19, 8:30-11:30am - Nervous System Exam; Wed, 3/21, 8:30-11:30am - Immunology Exam; Fri, 3/23, 8:30-11:30am - Anatomy Exam.
## Quarter 3 (Q3) / Spring, Year One: Week-by-Week Grid

### Week 1
- **Monday**: Human Health & Disease (Inde 221)
- **Tuesday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Wednesday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Thursday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Friday**: Practice of Medicine

### Week 2 and Week 3
- **Monday**: Human Health & Disease: Pulmonary Block
- **Tuesday**: Human Health & Disease: Pulmonary Block
- **Wednesday**: Human Health & Disease: Pulmonary Block
- **Thursday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Friday**: Practice of Medicine

### Week 4
- **Monday**: Human Health & Disease: Pulmonary Block
- **Tuesday**: Human Health & Disease: Pulmonary Block
- **Wednesday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Thursday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Friday**: Practice of Medicine

### Week 5
- **Monday**: Human Health & Disease: Cardiovascular Block Begins
- **Tuesday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Wednesday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Thursday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Friday**: Practice of Medicine

### Week 6 and Week 7
- **Monday**: Human Health & Disease: Cardiovascular Block
- **Tuesday**: Human Health & Disease: Cardiovascular Block
- **Wednesday**: Human Health & Disease: Cardiovascular Block
- **Thursday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Friday**: Practice of Medicine

### Week 8
- **Monday**: Human Health & Disease: Cardiovascular Block
- **Tuesday**: Human Health & Disease: Cardiovascular Block
- **Wednesday**: Human Health & Disease: Cardiovascular Block
- **Thursday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Friday**: Practice of Medicine

### Week 9
- **Monday**: Memorial Day
- **Tuesday**: Human Health & Disease: Cardiovascular Block
- **Wednesday**: Human Health & Disease: Cardiovascular Block
- **Thursday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Friday**: Practice of Medicine

### Week 10
- **Monday**: Human Health & Disease: Cardiovascular Block
- **Tuesday**: Human Health & Disease: Cardiovascular Block
- **Wednesday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Thursday**: Practice of Medicine
- **Friday**: Practice of Medicine

### Week 11
- **Monday**: HHD Final Exam
- **Tuesday**: HHD Final Exam
- **Wednesday**: HHD Final Exam
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- **Friday**: HHD Final Exam
### Quarter 4 (Q4) / Autumn, Year Two: Week-by-Week Grid

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- **Human Health & Disease III** [Inde 222]

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- **Labor Day**
- **HHD Renal Block**
- **Human Health & Disease Renal Block**

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- **Human Health & Disease Renal Block Ends 9/18; GI Block Begins 9/19**
- **Human Health & Disease GI Block**

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- **Human Health & Disease GI Block**
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- **Plan for some student absence on this day**
- **HHD GI Block**
- **Human Health & Disease GI Block**

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- **Human Health & Disease GI Block**
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- **Human Health & Disease GI Block**
- **Human Health & Disease Derm/Endocrine/Women’s Health Block**

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- **Thanksgiving Break**
- **Practice of Medicine**
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#### Week 14 and Week 15

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- **Practice of Medicine**
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* Week 16 (Finals Week): Tues 12/12, 1:15-5:15pm - POM Exam 1; Thu 12/14, 1:15-4:15pm - POM Exam 2; Fri 12/15, 9am-12pm - HHD Exam.
# Quarter 5 (Q5) / Winter, Year Two: Week-by-Week Grid

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REQUIRED COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

YEAR ONE, Q1: Autumn – 13 Weeks

- INDE 201 – Practice of Medicine I  
  11 units, Aut (Clarence Braddock)

The Practice of Medicine is a six-quarter series that extends throughout the first two years of medical school, interweaving core skills training in medical interviewing and the physical examination with other major threads addressing the context of medical practice: computers in the medical environment, nutrition principles, clinical epidemiology and biostatistics, evidence-based practice, psychiatry, biomedical ethics, health policy, population health. Throughout the curriculum, clinical correlations map directly back to the basic science content.

A major goal of this quarter is to develop basic patient-physician communication and medical interviewing skills, as well as understand basic concepts in ethics, epidemiology and biostatistics, nutrition, computer applications in health care, and population health.

**History-taking and physical examination** training begins in the first quarter, using small groups with physician preceptors to teach, serve as role models, and reinforce principles and techniques. The core clinical skills are acquired through hand-on practice, and evaluated through an extensive program of simulated medical encounters, in which students interview, examine, and “manage” patients in a mock clinic. Large group sessions cover a range of topics from cross-cultural issues to domestic violence and death and dying. Small group meetings provide an environment for interactive learning. Standardized patients with videotaping coupled with feedback are used to improve student skills.

**Computers in the medical environment** introduces students to informatics and knowledge management, biomedical informatics, and evidence based medicine searching and is designed to support research in the Scholarly Concentrations.

**Nutrition principles** are acquired through interactive, web-based instruction, reinforced through problem-based learning cases, and runs in parallel to the basic science components over the first year.

**Epidemiology and Biostatistics** covers the taxonomy of epidemiological studies, how to critically read a journal article, and how to recognize and understand the concepts behind different clinical study designs. Topics include bias, confounding, diagnostic testing and screening, and “how statistics can lie.”

**Psychiatry** introduces students to the unique role of medical students in talking with patients, the difference between process and content in patient communication, how to respond to breaks in the patient-physician relationship, and the relationship between the quality of the patient-physician interaction and health outcomes.

**Bioethics** includes important ethical issues in medical practice, such as confidentiality, informed consent, rationing of care, research ethics.

**Population health** exposes students to concepts of public health, community action, and advocacy. In addition to classroom instruction, this component includes a year-long, community-based project, in which students work with community partners in actions to promote health.
YEAR ONE, Q1: Autumn – 13 Weeks (continued)

- **SURG 201 – Basic Cardiac Life Support**  
  1 unit. *(Rebecca Smith-Coggins)*  
  Certification must be achieved by all medical students before the end of the first (autumn) quarter. Students who provide documentation of certification received within six months prior to the date of matriculation will be exempted from the requirement. The course teaches one- and two-rescuer CPR, management of an obstructed airway, and CPR for infants and children. Upon completion of the course, students will receive an American Heart Association certificate in BLS.

- **SURG 203A – Human Anatomy**  
  11 units, Aut *(Lawrence Mathers)*  
  Surgery 203A represents an introduction to human structure and function. Information is presented from a medical perspective and is meant to prepare students to move onward in the medical curriculum. The course includes an introduction to the physical examination and information on frequently-used medical imaging techniques. Students are required to attend lectures, actively participate in seminar groups, and engage in dissection of the human body in the anatomy laboratory. Surgery 203A presents structure of the thorax, abdomen, pelvis and limbs.

YEAR ONE, Q1: Autumn – Weeks 1-4

- **BIOC 205 – Molecular Foundations of Medicine**  
  3 units, Aut *(Patrick Brown)*  
  Topics include: DNA structure, replication, repair, and recombination; chromosome structure and function; gene expression including mechanisms for regulating transcription and translation; and methods for manipulating DNA, RNA, and proteins. Patient presentations illustrate how molecular biology affects the practice of medicine. (Enrollment limited to MD candidates.)

- **INDE 216 – Cells to Tissues**  
  3 units, Aut *(Julie Theriot, Pat Cross)*  
  Focuses on the cell biology and structural organization of human tissues as self-renewing systems. Topics include identification and differentiation of stem cells, regulation of the cell cycle and apoptosis in normal and cancerous cells, cell adhesion and polarity in epithelial tissues, intracellular transport, and cell migration. Histology laboratory sessions examine normal and abnormal samples of blood, epithelia, skin, connective tissue, muscle, bone and cartilage. Patient presentations and small group discussions of current medical literature illustrate how cell biology influences medical practice.

YEAR ONE, Q1: Autumn – Weeks 5-13

- **DBIO 201 – Development and Disease Mechanisms**  
  4 units, Aut *(David Kingsley, Seung Kim)*  
  This course focuses on the mechanisms that direct human development, from conception to birth. Conserved molecular and cellular pathways regulate tissue and organ development in humans and other species. Errors in these pathways result in congenital anomalies, and common human diseases. Topics include: molecules regulating development, cell induction, developmental gene regulation, cell
YEAR ONE, Q1: Autumn – Weeks 5-13 (continued)

migration, programmed cell death, pattern formation, stem cells, cell lineage, and development of major organ systems. Emphasis is devoted to links between development and clinically significant topics, including infertility, assisted reproductive technologies, contraception, pre-natal diagnosis, multiparity, teratogenesis, inherited birth defects, and fetal therapy. Lectures connect fundamental discoveries in developmental biology to advances in disease diagnosis, therapy, and prevention in clinical medicine. Open to undergraduates by consent of instructor.

- GENE 202 – Human Genetics
  4 units, Aut (James Ford)

The theoretical and experimental basis for the genetics of human health and disease. Lectures and clinical case discussions in molecular, chromosomal, biochemical, developmental, cancer and medical genetics, emphasizing the latter. Prerequisites: knowledge of biochemistry and basic genetics.

YEAR ONE, Q2: Winter – 9 Weeks

- INDE 202 – Practice of Medicine II
  8 units, Win (Clarence Braddock)

History taking and physical examination, computers in the medical environment, nutrition principles, psychiatry, health care policy, and population health are covered. See INDE 201 for additional information about the Practice of Medicine course series.

A major goal of this quarter is to develop basic physical examination skills, as well as understand basic concepts in nutrition, computer applications in health care, psychiatry, health policy and population health. Health care policy covers such topics as costs, access, measurement and improvement of quality, regulation and health care reform.

- INDE 220 – Human Health and Disease I
  3 units, Win (Don Regula, Pat Cross, Robert Siegel, James Whitlock)

Basic principles of pharmacology, introductory infectious disease and neoplasia, and an introduction to the respiratory system are covered in the first of four integrated organ-system based courses. This course establishes the foundation for the Human Health and Disease block which spans Q3 (Spring quarter Year One) through Q5 (Winter quarter Year Two or Three). The Human Health and Disease block presents organ system-based histology, pathology, physiology, pharmacology, and infectious disease in a sequence of interdisciplinary courses. Each organ-specific integrated course includes a review of the anatomy and related histology, normal function of that organ system, how the organ system is affected by and responds to disease including infection, and how diseases of that organ system are treated (therapeutics). Clinical correlates and clinical skills related to that organ system are presented in special afternoon sessions in the Practice of Medicine block.

- IMMUNOL 205 – Immunology in Health and Disease
  4 units, Win (David Lewis)

The basic concepts of adaptive and innate immunology and the role of the immune system in a variety of diseases, utilizing case presentations of diseases including autoimmune diseases, infectious disease, transplantation, genetic and acquired immunodeficiencies, hypersensitivity reactions, and allergic diseases. Weekly problem sets are mainly based on case reports and publications drawn from the
YEAR ONE, Q2: Winter – 9 Weeks (continued)

current clinical literature. Emphasis is on application of the fundamental concepts of human immunology.

- **NBIO 206 – The Nervous System**  
  *8 units, Win (Thomas Clandinin)*  
  Focus on the principles of neuroanatomy and neurobiology. Course material is covered in five course sections and includes transmission of electrical signals, anatomic organization of the human nervous system, neural systems, and higher brain functions. Human brains are dissected and examined in weekly laboratory sessions. In both lectures and laboratories, the application of the course material to localizing and diagnosing neurological dysfunction is emphasized throughout the course.

- **SURG 203B – Human Anatomy**  
  *4 units, Win (Lawrence Mathers)*  
  Surgery 203B continues the introduction to human structure and function, focusing on structure of the head, neck and back.

YEAR ONE, Q3: Spring – 9 Weeks

- **INDE 203 – Practice of Medicine III**  
  *8 units, Spr (Clarence Braddock)*  
  History taking and physical examination, computers in the medical environment, nutrition principles, psychiatry, and population health are covered. See INDE 201 for additional information about the Practice of Medicine course series.

  A major goal of this quarter is to further develop core clinical skills, including history taking and the physical examination, as well as understand basic concepts in nutrition, computer applications in health care, psychiatry, and population health. Students also begin develop clinical reasoning skills in through clinical problem-solving sessions. It also includes training in working with diverse patient populations, including children, geriatric patients, and patients with dementia or psychiatric symptoms. Students rotate through the following sessions: hospitalized patient encounter, physical exam skills review, cardiac exam tutorial, psychiatric patient interview, “standardized family” simulation exercise, pediatrics, computer principles, and caring for the older patient. Students also complete a free clinic assignment; their population health project, which culminates in a poster symposium followed by presentations of two selected projects during Grand Rounds; clinical ophthalmology skills sessions; and G/U-breast exam sessions.

- **INDE 221 – Human Health and Disease II**  
  *12 units, Aut (Don Regula, Brian Kobilka, Peter Kao, Pat Cross, Robert Siegel, James Whitlock)*

  Structure, function, disease, and therapeutics of the Respiratory System and the Cardiovascular System.
YEAR TWO, Q4: Autumn – 13 Weeks

- INDE 204 – Practice of Medicine IV  
  10 units, Aut (C. Braddock, staff)

  In the second year of the Practice of Medicine series, small-group team-based learning exercises allow students to apply the anatomy, biochemistry, pharmacology, pathology, microbiology, physiology, and other basic science knowledge to common and important clinical scenarios. Students also learn essential procedures in clinical medicine. In addition, half of the students participate in a three-month “Clinical Practicum,” in which they enter the real clinical world, participating in patient care one half-day per week under the watchful eye of a clinical mentor. The Practice of Medicine course emphasizes “adult learning,” through small-group, learner-centered approaches in which students apply what they’ve learned in an active way. See INDE 201 for additional information about the Practice of Medicine course series.

- INDE 222 – Human Health and Disease III  
  15 units, Aut (Don Regula, Pat Cross, Robert Siegel, Anson Lowe, Tim Meyer, Neil Gesundheit, James Whitlock)

  Structure, function, disease, and therapeutics of the Renal/Genito-urinary System, the Gastrointestinal system, the Endocrine/Reproductive system, and the Women’s Health system.

YEAR TWO, Q5: Winter – 9 Weeks

- INDE 205 – Practice of Medicine V  
  8 units, Win (C. Braddock, staff)

  Small-group, team-based learning exercises allow students to apply the anatomy, biochemistry, pharmacology, pathology, microbiology, physiology, and other basic science knowledge to common and important clinical scenarios. Sessions continue on essential procedures in clinical medicine. Clinical syndromes in psychiatry are also covered. In addition, the second half of students begin their three-month “Clinical Practicum” experience. See INDE 204 for additional details about the Practice of Medicine course components.

- INDE 223 – Human Health and Disease IV  
  11 units, Win (Don Regula, Pat Cross, James Whitlock, Bertil Glader, Robert Siegel, Robert Fisher)

  Structure, function, disease, and therapeutics of the hematologic system, systemic infectious diseases, and the neurologic system.

YEAR TWO, Q6: Spring – 4 Weeks

- INDE 206 – Practice of Medicine VI  
  9 units, Spr (C. Braddock, staff)

  This is the last, capstone segment of the Practice of Medicine, a two-year interdisciplinary course series that integrates clinical skills with basic science knowledge, technology and public health issues through a variety of teaching methods. Students spend seven hours per day, four days a week, in an intensive, one-month learning experience designed to prepare students for successful entry into clerkships. Complex problem-based cases are developed and standardized patient simulation experiences are provided to maximize student opportunity to incorporate previous instruction in the basic sciences and
clinical components in a dynamic setting prior to beginning clinical clerkship experiences. Topics offered in this course include: essentials in clinical dermatology, clinical skills review, and completion of the clinical practicum and clinical psychiatry segments. Students participate in the “clinical essentials” series, which includes EKG interpretation, basic fluid and electrolyte management, clinical write-ups, oral presentations, personality profiles, palliative care principles and practices/end of life care: pain management, and information seeking on the wards. The clinical procedures series finishes with a cadaver lab and procedural skills labs to consolidate procedural skills. Other clinical essentials include ophthalmology, neurology, introduction to management of the ill patient (with a multi-modal clinical simulation in our world-renowned simulation center), sexual dysfunction and sexual history, and radiology.

**STUDENT PATHWAYS THROUGH HUMAN HEALTH AND DISEASE (HHD) AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE (POM)**

1. All quarters of HHD and POM must be done in the established curricular sequence:

   **HHD (Human Health and Disease)**
   - Q2 – INDE 220
   - Q3 – INDE 221
   - Q4 – INDE 222
   - Q5 – INDE 223

   **POM (Practice of Medicine)**
   - Q1 – INDE 201
   - Q2 – INDE 202
   - Q3 – INDE 203
   - Q4 – INDE 204
   - Q5 – INDE 205
   - Q6 – INDE 206 (four weeks)

- Students wishing to take a quarter (or more) off will be expected to reenter the curriculum sequence one year later where he/she left off.

- Students with compelling reasons for taking courses out of order may submit a petition to the Committee on Courses and Curriculum.

- Students should understand that such approval will be rare and granted only under very unusual circumstances.
2. Taking a year (or more) out for full-time research

Students can step out of the curriculum following any quarter to do full-time research, picking up the curriculum at the point they left off except after Q6, as stipulated below.

Students wishing to take a year out after completing the entire basic science curriculum and before beginning clerkships will do so by completing Q1 – Q5, completing the clinical practicum, essential procedures in emergency medicine, and psychiatry threads in Q6 of POM, and then re-entering to complete the remaining components of Q6 (one month of POM) prior to beginning clerkships.

3. Splitting the two-year curriculum over three years

- The course directors support the principle that splitting the two-year curriculum over three years may be desirable for some students, such as for Scholarly Concentrations that would lend themselves better to part-time research over two years rather than full-time research for one year.

- Students wishing to split the two-year curriculum over three years must do so by splitting the morning HHD and the afternoon POM curriculum in one of two ways:

  Option #1 – Split curriculum begins following Q2:

  HHD (mornings) only: Q3 (Spr) → Q4 (Aut) → Q5 (Win)

  followed by

  POM (afternoons) only: Q3 (Spr) → Q4 (Aut) → Q5 (Win) → Q6 (Spr)

  Option #2 – Split curriculum begins following completion of Q3:

  HHD (mornings) only: Q4 (Aut) → Q5 (Win) → [Q3 Spring quarter no classes]

  followed by

  POM (afternoons) only: Q4 (Aut) → Q5 (Win) → Q6 (Spr)

4. Afternoon integrative Clinical Correlates exercises

Weekly afternoon clinical correlates exercises have been designed to integrate the basic science knowledge of the HHD course with the clinical skills of the POM course. Students splitting the curriculum participate in these exercises as part of the POM course (with POM taking responsibility for the assessment of student learning in these exercises).
Scholarly Concentrations (SC) – a feature introduced in 2003 to the Stanford medical school curriculum – provide medical students with faculty-mentored scholarly experiences and structured curricula in areas of individual interest. This required component of the curriculum develops critical thinking, skills in evaluation of new data, and hands-on experience with the methods by which new scholarly information is generated. These are considered essential elements for the future leaders of medicine.

Seven concentrations, as well as independently created concentrations, are currently available. These are expected to evolve with changes in science and the practice of medicine.

Within each SC, students choose from one of two tracks:

- Scholars Track
- Original Research Track

Initially all students are in the Scholars Track. Students who select to remain in this track carry out scholarship in the form of a paper, project or other approved endeavor within the concentration area. Scholars Track students do not have to conduct a full-time research quarter. If they would like to do so, however, they can apply for Med Scholars funding to conduct research in three different areas during their tenure at Stanford (which includes projects outside the SC area).

Students who want to investigate SC areas using more in-depth “hands on” involvement will decide to enter the Original Research Track. They must define substantive original research project with their faculty mentors. Typically, the OR track requires a year of full-time research and five total years of medical school. Consult the Guide to the Scholarly Concentrations for more details.
Students must choose one of the following Scholarly Concentrations:

- Bioengineering
- Biomedical Ethics and Medical Humanities
- Biomedical Informatics
- Clinical Research
- Community Health
- Health Services and Policy Research
- Molecular Basis of Medicine
- Independent Design

In addition students may choose to do their scholarly concentration within one of the following Academies.

- Cancer Biology
- Cardiovascular-Pulmonary Sciences
- Immunology
- Neuroscience, Behavior and Cognition
- Women's Health

**Scholarly Concentrations**

Each Scholarly Concentration offers a distinct methodological approach to exploring scholarship in science and medicine. Required courses in each SC complement the individual scholarship.

- **Bioengineering** SC exposes students to the intersection between engineering and medicine – from molecular to systems bioengineering – and includes technologies such as computer methods, medical imaging, biosensors, and minimally invasive therapeutic devices.

- **Biomedical Ethics and Medical Humanities** SC explores the moral, social, and humanistic dimensions of medicine and biomedical science. Using cross-disciplinary methods such as those from philosophy, social science, film, literature, art, and law, students examine the meaning and implications of medicine and medical research.

- **Biomedical Informatics** SC explores information management and analysis along the biomedical research pipeline, from the analysis and interpretation of new biological datasets to the integration and management of this information in the context of clinical care.

- **Clinical Research** SC introduces students to the critical concepts that underpin clinical research - both observational and interventional. Students participate in the design and conduct of hypothesis-driven research projects in disease -diagnosis and screening, frequency, prognosis, treatment, or prevention.

- **Community Health** SC empowers future physicians to improve the health of diverse communities and reduce health inequities through innovative scholarship and direct community engagement. Students learn the means to effect change through reflective service-learning, rigorous community-responsive scholarship, advocacy, and civic leadership.

- **Health Services and Policy Research** SC explores the ways that health care systems, governments, doctors, and patients interact to deliver health care. From regulatory policy and market forces to financial incentives and the costs and benefits of new technologies, students study ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of health care systems at delivering high quality care in the U.S. and abroad.
• **Molecular Basis of Medicine** SC serves future practicing physicians by training them in how scientific data are generated and evaluated in the research laboratory, with a focus on the molecular mechanisms that underlie fundamental biological processes. Medical students participate in coursework and laboratory research side-by-side with graduate students and MSTP students pursuing the PhD and are exposed to the rigor and structure that support first-rate scientific investigation.

• **Independent Design** scholarly concentration allows students to work with a mentor to design their own Scholarly Concentration if they are interested in a methodological approach not available in the existing SCs.

**Academies**

Each Academy offers the opportunity for students to tie their scholarship into the broader context of a medical field of interest. Required courses and a practicum in each Academy highlight its content area.

• **Cancer Biology** Academy *(in the process of being developed for the 2006-2007 academic year)* aims to educate medical students in the complex nature of cancer from the molecular mechanism of cancer etiology, to evaluation of the efficacies of various cancer treatments. Through this extension of the Stanford Comprehensive Cancer Center students will have access to faculty, fellows, and residents who represent molecular, cellular, genetic and pathological approaches used to develop effective medical tools for cancer diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.

• **Cardiovascular-Pulmonary Sciences** Academy provides an opportunity to understand the heart and the lungs as an integrated system, and utilize this system to develop a multidisciplinary approach to design more effective diagnostic tools and more selective treatments. Through the Stanford Cardiovascular Institute medical students have access to an educational structure provided by key faculty in this area. It is training a new generation of basic and clinician investigators who will have a broad understanding of CVP Medicine and Biology and who will be able to apply cutting-edge technology to clinically relevant questions.

• **Immunology** Academy includes various areas of immunology such as vaccination against microbial diseases, transplantation immunology, allergy, and autoimmunity. In conjunction with the Stanford Institute for Immunology, Transplantation and Infection, it brings together faculty who are engaged in basic research in immunology; host-parasite interactions and pathogenesis; transplantation, regenerative medicine, and their touch-points to clinical immunology (including many chronic diseases); organ transplantation; clinical infectious diseases; and emerging global infections.

• **Neuroscience, Behavior and Cognition** Academy promotes investigation in all areas of neuroscience: systems and behavioral, molecular and cellular, developmental, clinical, and computational. This field seeks to understand both neurological disease and the normal functioning of the central nervous system, from individual molecules to the circuits and computational aspects involved in generating behavior. In conjunction with the Neuroscience Institute at Stanford, a broad range of faculty interests support students in research in any of these areas of neuroscience. The ultimate purpose of this work is to improve care of the patient with neurological disease.
• **Women’s Health** Academy addresses the wide scope of women's health issues and sex-based medicine and biology. The differing health needs and risks of women and men extend beyond their reproductive systems and hormonal profiles, to include conditions that are unique to, more prevalent or serious in, and/or inadequately addressed in women. This Academy, in conjunction with the Women's Health @ Stanford program, integrates the student's scholarship in basic, translational, or clinical research into the broader context of women's health as a whole, focusing on diseases that are unique to or more prevalent in women.

**Exploration**

During the first year of medical school students explore the SCs and Academies individually by meeting with Directors, taking introductory courses, attending seminars, and examining web sites. In addition each SC and Academy will hold events for all students interested. Further, each quarter there are Applied Basic Science Sessions (October 13, December 8, February 23 and April 20) that bring together all students – across years – with their SC Director.

**Declaration**

All students must formally declare a Scholarly Concentration by October 1 of their second year. It is recommended, however, that students planning a four-year curriculum declare by April 1 of their first year.

1. Explore opportunities in the Scholarly Concentrations and Academies. We encourage you to meet with a variety of SC and Academy directors to discuss your ideas. Some students will be primarily attracted by the SC methodology. Such students would meet first with the SC director who can then help you shape a program; such a program may or may not include an Academy depending on the best fit for the student’s interests. Some students may be primarily interested in a content area defined by an Academy. Such students may wish to meet first with an Academy director to help choose the SC that best fits their interests in the Academy. Shopping thoroughly is often the best way to find a great fit.

2. Declare your scholarly concentration with or without an Academy. Once you have decided on a plan, you should again meet with the SC Director (and Academy Director *if applicable*) to discuss your plans, define learning objectives and a general course and scholarship plan over a four to five year period. You will also designate a Faculty Research/Project Advisor.

3. Attach your documents (e.g., learning objectives, course plan, etc.) to this form and obtain the signature of the SC director (and Academy director *if applicable*).

4. Turn in this signed form, with attached course plan, and scholarship description to Mara Violanti (MSOB X3C11) for final signature by Associate Dean Cross

For more information or questions, please contact Mara Violanti at marav@stanford.edu or Dr. Pat Cross at pcross@stanford.edu. For more information, we strongly suggest that you review the *Guide to the Scholarly Concentrations* or visit the SC web site:

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Any questions regarding clerkship policies may be directed to the Assistant Director of Clerkship Administration, Caroline Cheang, at cheang@stanford.edu or (650) 498-7619.
REQUIRED CLERKSHIPS

NOTE: The Faculty Senate is in the process of revising the clinical curriculum. Graduation requirements for clinical training are under review and are subject to change.

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* Because passing of the NBME subject examination is a requirement in these clerkships, students must enroll in (i.e., begin) these clerkships at the latest by Period 7 of the final clinical year to allow time for remediation of failing scores prior to graduation.

REQUIRED CLERKSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

Clerkships to be completed within the student’s first 12 clinical months (must be completed at Stanford):

- MED 300A – General Medicine Core Clerkship (SUMC, PAVAMC, SCVMC, KPMC)
  Teaches the natural history, pathophysiology, diagnosis, and treatment of disease. Emphasis is placed on acquiring the understanding, skills, and attitudes desirable in a scientific and compassionate physician. Students record histories, physical examinations, and laboratory data for patients for whom they are responsible and present their findings, together with their diagnoses and treatment plans, at rounds and conferences. Developing sound clinical reasoning skills is continuously emphasized. An essential aspect of the clerkship is the students’ gradual assumption of direct responsibility for, and full-time involvement in, patient care with the house staff and faculty team. To take advantage of the differences in patient populations and teaching staffs of the four hospitals, students spend four weeks at either SUMC or PAVAMC, and four weeks at either SCVMC in San Jose or KPMC in Santa Clara. The resulting eight week experience is an integrated curriculum designed to cover the essentials of internal medicine. Students enroll in Medicine 300, and the Department of Medicine supervises a random draw-based assignment to two of the four locations shortly before the beginning of each odd-numbered clerkship period. Director: Rex Chiu
• **SURG 300A – General Surgery Clerkship (SUMC, PAVAMC, SCVMC, KPMC)**
  Provides students with clinical experience in the evaluation and treatment of a wide variety of surgical diseases. Emphasis is placed on teaching students to recognize and manage basic clinical problems. Students function as active members of the surgical team, and are encouraged to follow patients throughout their in-patient course. Outpatient clinics provide the student with the ability to participate in the initial work-up and care plan of pre-op patients. Didactic lectures are given by faculty during the clerkship, which cover pathophysiology of various diseases and principles of surgical management. Basic surgical skills are taught in the operating room and in the emergency department setting. The clerkship offers an opportunity for students to integrate their knowledge of anatomy, physiology and physical diagnosis into a treatment plan for patients with surgical diseases. Each student spends one four-week rotation at SHS or the PAVAMC and one four-week period at SCVMC or KPMC, Santa Clara. Rotation assignments are made on the first day of the clerkship. A one day orientation is held at the beginning of the eight week period. Director: Sherry Wren

Two of the following clerkships must be completed within the student’s first 12 clinical months (must be completed at Stanford, to be assigned by lottery):

• **ANES 306A, P or N – Critical Care Clerkship**
  Provides experience managing patients in a critical care unit. Students learn how to optimize care for the acutely ill patient and the multidisciplinary approach to complex patients. Teaching emphasizes the review of basic organ physiology, the ability to determine the pathophysiologic mechanisms involved in critical illness, and the formulation of a physiologic based treatment plan. Students gain experience with the implementation of monitoring and therapeutic devices used in the intensive care units and begin to become adept at the evaluation, stabilization and management of the most critically ill patients expected to be encountered in today's acute care hospitals. Educational experiences include ward rounds, bedside evaluation and treatment, didactic lectures and individual interactions with attending, fellows and residents. Director: Juli Barr

• **INDE 301A – Family Medicine Core Clerkship (SUMC, Community sites)**
  Teaches the assessment and management of diseases commonly encountered in the ambulatory care setting. Emphasis is placed on efficient, cost-effective medical care in a variety of settings. Prevention, behavioral aspects of care, and cultural competence will be stressed. Students will visit a variety of sites for alternative delivery of health care. Morning education sessions will also be conducted at SUMC and afternoons will be spent attending patients in a family practice office in the Bay Area. Director: Erika Schillinger

• **MED 313A – Ambulatory Medicine Clerkship**
  The new Ambulatory Medicine clerkship combines clinic sessions in both general internal medicine and subspecialty medicine. It includes assigned readings, small group discussions, computer-assisted drills, posing and answering clinical questions with critical appraisal of the literature, and problem-based cases to reinforce principles and complexities of diagnosis and management. The didactics emphasize preventive medicine, cardiovascular, respiratory, and endocrinological disorders, and common clinical presentations in outpatient practice. Effective Period 1 (2005-06), the clerkship is a required clerkship for all students by the time of graduation. Director: Peter Rudd

• **NENS 301A – General Neurology Core Clerkship**
  A four-week experience in both inpatient and outpatient neurology. The clerkship emphasizes the recognition and treatment of common neurological disorders. Sites will include Stanford, the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Medical Center, and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. Director: Paul Fisher
• **OB/GYN 300A – Basic Gynecology and Obstetrics Clerkship (SUMC, SCVMC, KPMC)**
Involves the care of gynecologic and obstetric inpatients and outpatients (with wide exposure to the different subspecialties at the Stanford University Medical Center). Director: Kimberly Harney and Cynthia DeTata

• **PEDS 300A – Child Health Clerkship (SUMC, SCVMC)**
Clerkship consists of an eight-week period divided into four weeks on an inpatient service and four weeks in an ambulatory pediatric setting. Students spend four weeks at the LPCH and four weeks at the SCVMC. In each setting, students learn the skills of history-taking, physical examination, and problem-solving appropriate for children of various ages. Students also learn assessment, become familiar with health maintenance as it applies to children, develop sensitivity to the interrelationships of children with their families and environment, and learn diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to common pediatric problems. Students also participate in diagnosis and treatment of pediatric and adolescent problems.
Director: Elizabeth Stuart

• **PSYC 300A – Psychiatry Core Clerkship**
Designed to solidify the knowledge students have acquired in PSYC 201 and PSYC 204 courses, while helping students gain practical skills in the application of this knowledge to clinical situations. The core clerkship experience will focus on interviewing skills, psychiatric evaluation, on refining diagnostic skills, and give an overview of psychosocial and psychopharmacological treatment modalities for the major psychiatric disorders. The clerkship consists of work on inpatient units or in outpatient clinics under the supervision of academic and clinical faculty, a weekly lecture series by academic faculty, interviewing seminars taught by voluntary clinical faculty, and attendance at Grand Rounds. Students will be assigned to patient care settings at one of the seven affiliated sites: a comprehensive medical psychiatry unit (G2), an inpatient general psychiatry ward (H2) at SUH, an inpatient research psychiatric ward specializing in the study of schizophrenia (4B2) at the VA, an inpatient general psychiatry ward (5B3) at the VA, consult-liaison service at SUH or the VA. Although students will be given the opportunity to express their preferences regarding assignment, the final rotation assignment will be determined by the department based on availability of sites. Students will be advised of the specific clerkship requirements at the orientation offered at the start of each clerkship period. Requirements include mandatory attendance at seminars, weekly inpatient case history presentations and night-call experiences with residents/attending psychiatrists.
Director: Charles DeBattista

**SELECTIVE CLERKSHIP REQUIREMENT**

Students will complete one month of clerkships in two categories chosen from a designated list. Qualifying clerkships are approved by the Committee on Courses and Curriculum (CCC) and may be removed from the list of approved clerkships at any time. Additions to the approved lists of clerkships take effect immediately for all students; deletions from the lists take affect for the students who begin clerkships in the next clerkship year.

Students wishing to substitute another clerkship not on the list may petition the CCC for approval prior to enrolling in the clerkship. Students should know that approval of substitutions for selective clerkships is rarely given. Retroactive approval of selective clerkship substitutions will not be granted.

Selective clerkships may be completed at another medical school through the “away” clerkship process. This means that the Stanford clerkship director must certify that a clerkship experience at another medical school is equivalent to the designated clerkship at Stanford. The student then enrolls in the clerkship with the Stanford number and the letter “W” following to indicate it was done at another location.
SELECTIVE I: FUNDAMENTALS OF CLINICAL CARE

This requirement assures that all students receive a firm grounding in general principles and practice of primary care medicine or ambulatory care medicine, according to specified goals and requisites. Students complete one month (four weeks) of clerkships chosen from the list of qualifying clerkships (see list of Selective I clerkships on following page).

Goals:

Through experiences that broaden their general professional education in areas not covered in a core clerkship, students will:

- Achieve excellence in command of the fundamentals of clinical medicine with emphasis on skills required of all physicians
- Gain a solid foundation in general medicine as a basis for understanding and treating disease

Requisites:

- Emphasizes common problems in an area essential for a generalist
- Provides knowledge, skills and attitudes that will enhance development as a well-rounded physician

OR

Goals:

Through an intensive ambulatory experience, students will:

- become competent at managing problems in an ambulatory setting
- strengthen ability to perform a directed history and physical examination
- appreciate longitudinal management of chronic disease
- develop time management skills during patient encounters
- develop a sense of obligation to the health of the public

Requisites:

- At least 75% of experience should be in an ambulatory/outpatient setting
- Student accepts direct responsibility for patients including first to encounter patient, performs procedures, counsels patients, writes notes and orders
- Provides opportunities for patient follow-up
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* Two-week rotation; students must complete an additional two-week rotation to receive credit as a selective.
** May be taken as two-week or four-week rotation.
SELECTIVE II: SUBINTERNSHIP

Subinternship is an advanced clinical experience in which students assume the responsibility of and function as interns. All students must participate in at least one qualifying experience chosen from the subinternship list. Qualifying clerkships are approved by the Committee on Courses and Curriculum and may be removed from the list at any time (see list of Selective II Subinternships on following page).

Goals:

Through an intensive inpatient experience, students will:

- Assume a high level of patient care responsibility in preparation for residency.
- Strengthen their clinical and procedural skills.
- Improve their ability to manage complex, acutely ill patients.
- Learn to work as a team member.

Requisites:

- Student is responsible for direct management and care of patients with significantly higher level of responsibility than the core clerkship.
- Builds upon knowledge and skills learned during the core clerkship.
- Internship-like responsibilities, e.g., primary workup of new patients, writes orders, performs procedures, participates in daily care, takes night call, writes notes and dictates discharge summary.
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*Must be taken for four weeks.*
NBME SUBJECT EXAMINATIONS IN REQUIRED CLERKSHIPS

Standards for performance on NBME subject examinations apply in the following required clerkships:

- Internal Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Surgery

1. Examination must be passed with minimum score in the 23rd percentile
2. Students who do not pass receive “N” (continuing grade) in the clerkship and must retake exam (does not result in any statement in Summative section of evaluation)
3. Third attempt is oral examination – “N” grade is converted to either a “pass” or “fail”
4. Failure results in focused remediation

To assure that remediation is accomplished prior to graduation, students must enroll in (i.e., begin) all of the above clerkships at the latest by Period 7 of the student’s final clinical year.

Students with documented disabilities may require special examination accommodations. The Office of Accessible Education determines if and what accommodations to recommend. The MD Advising Office receives the recommendation and conveys the request to the Clerkship Director prior to the examination. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the Advising Office at least one week in advance of his/her scheduled exam.

POLICY ON DROPPING CLERKSHIPS LESS THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE START OF THE PERIOD

There have been occasions when a Stanford medical student enrolled in a clerkship fails to report for the first day of that clerkship, or provides late notification to the clerkship director that they plan to drop the clerkship. The Office of Student Affairs requires students to make clerkship scheduling changes a minimum of two weeks prior to the beginning of the clerkship period. This ensures that students on the waitlist for that period can be accommodated and that clerkship directors can plan patient care and educational activities. Failure to adhere to this policy raises concerns about the professional conduct of a student.

Students who have a valid reason for wishing to drop a clerkship within two weeks of the beginning of the clerkship period may do so only by contacting their academic advisor. The advisor will review the reason and, if permission to drop is granted, will contact the clerkship director and the Assistant Director of Clerkship Administration in the Office of Student Affairs to finalize the request.

Students who fail to report for the first day of a clerkship, or drop a clerkship within two weeks prior to the start date without permission, will be asked to appear before the Committee on Student Performance to
explain their reason for this action. If there is a second occurrence of a late drop or other evidence of unprofessional conduct, a notation to that effect will be included in the student’s Medical School Performance Evaluation (MSPE, or Dean’s Letter).

**DEFINITION OF MEDICAL STUDENT PRACTICE ROLE**

The Medical Board of California requests that medical students be carefully instructed about what they may and may not do in terms of writing orders or prescriptions for patients. Thus, the Office of Student Affairs, in collaboration with clinical department chairs, the Stanford-affiliated hospitals, and the nursing offices, has prepared the following description of the appropriate role of the Stanford medical student on a patient care team:

California state law allows specific exceptions for medical students to the general code, which requires that all medical acts must be performed by licensed physicians. The exception specifies that a student may do all things that a physician may do with the following two provisos:

1. That any medically-related activity performed by students be part of the course of study of an approved medical school.

2. That any medically-related activity performed by students be under the proper direction and supervision of the faculty of an approved medical school.

Medical students may write orders for drugs, treatments, etc., providing:

- The provisions of number 2 above are observed.

- The students are assigned to or are consultants to the service on which the order pertains.

- A licensed physician countersigns all orders before the orders are executed. Telephone orders of counter-signatures will be accepted from licensed physicians (including licensed housestaff). Medical students may locate and solicit the licensed physician’s verification by telephone, but the licensed physician must speak directly to the registered nurse and must actually sign the order before going off duty. The counter-signature is recorded as a telephone order. Routine admission orders are not exempted from the above provisions.

Medical students may act as subinterns, but they are still subject to the above provisions.

Medical students will identify their signatures with CC (Clinical Clerk), just as licensed physicians identify their signatures with MD. Medical students will also wear badges identifying them as medical students.

Students functioning in a preceptorship away from the Stanford University Hospital and its affiliates are subject to the above limitations. If a preceptorship is an out-of-state one, other state regulations may govern the role of the student in the preceptorship, and students should ascertain the provisions of these regulations.
MALPRACTICE LIABILITY FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

Stanford assumes the financial responsibility for medical malpractice liability incurred by registered medical students when participating in any clinical activities as part of their formal educational program at the Stanford University Medical Center, or at other Stanford-approved medical facilities. However, it is very important that Stanford medical students be certain they are protected when participating in clinical work in special situations. Therefore, students should consult the Medical School Registrar’s Office if they will be:

1. taking a clinical clerkship at another hospital or medical school in the United States while not paying tuition and not registered as a medical student at Stanford.
2. taking a clinical experience in a foreign country while not paying tuition and not registered at Stanford.
3. participating in any volunteer clinical work away from Stanford.
4. working in a private physician’s office.
5. participating in any clinical activities not at Stanford that are not covered in (1) through (4) above.

Stanford reserves the right without prior notice to modify its practices with regard to financial responsibility for medical malpractice liability.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN CLINICAL ACTIVITIES INVOLVING PERSONAL RISK

(endorsed by the Medical School Faculty Senate on May 17, 2000)

The Stanford University School of Medicine has long had the policy that medical students learn to be physicians by participating in the care of patients under faculty supervision. Some of these patients may have an infectious or other disease that provides some risk to caretakers, including students. While every effort will be made to provide appropriate training and safeguards for students so that these risks are minimized, they cannot be totally eliminated.

Students are required to participate in patient care as one of their fundamental responsibilities during a clinical clerkship. Students are expected at all times to follow universal safety precautions in order to safeguard their own health. Under certain rare and extenuating circumstances where the risk to the student significantly outweighs either the educational benefit to the student or the health-care benefit to the patient, a supervising physician may suggest that a student be exempted from, or a student may ask permission from the supervising physician to be excused from, participation in certain aspects of patient care.

The clerkship director is responsible for providing clarification of this statement and resolving any disputes. In the event a dispute is unsatisfactorily resolved from the standpoint of either the student or the supervising physician, the matter may be referred to an Associate or Assistant Dean of Medical Student Advising for final review.
STUDENT DUTY HOURS AND THE WORK ENVIRONMENT

Providing students with a sound academic and clinical education must be carefully planned and balanced with concerns for patient safety and student well-being.

1. Supervision of students
   a. All patient care must be supervised by qualified residents or faculty.
   b. Faculty, residents and students must be educated to recognize the signs of fatigue and adopt and apply policies to prevent and counteract the potential negative effects.

2. Duty hours
   a. Duty hours are defined as all clinical and academic activities related to the students, i.e., patient care (both inpatient and outpatient), administrative duties related to patient care, the provision for transfer of patient care, time spent in-house during call activities, and scheduled academic activities such as conferences. Duty hours do not include reading and preparation time spent away from the duty site.
   b. Duty hours must be limited to 80 hours per week, averaged over a four-week period, inclusive of all in-house call activities.
   c. Students must be provided with one day in seven free from all educational and clinical responsibilities, averaged over a four-week period, inclusive of call. One day is defined as one continuous 24 hour period free from all clinical, educational, and administrative activities.

3. In-house call activities
   The objective of all call activities is to provide students with continuity of patient care experiences throughout a 24-hour period. In-house call is defined as those duty hours beyond the normal workday when students are required to be immediately available in the assigned institution.
   a. In-house call must occur no more frequently than every third night, averaged over a four-week period.
   b. Continuous on-site duty, including in-house call, must not exceed 30 consecutive hours.
HOW TO TAKE CLERKSHIPS AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Students wishing to take clerkships in the United States or Canada should apply about six months in advance. Students who wish to take clinical clerkships abroad should apply to the international hospital or medical school one year in advance. Catalogues of elective clerkships available at U.S. medical schools and information about electives in International Health are located in the Lane Library. Additional information is available from individual departments at Stanford. Correspondence should include the following information:

1. Your name and address
2. Expected graduation date from Stanford University School of Medicine
3. The clerkships you are interested in taking, including alternates if possible
4. Approximate dates available (be as flexible as possible)
5. A statement that the Associate Dean for Academic Advising will be pleased to write a letter of recommendation if required
6. A request for housing information

If the away institution requires a letter of good standing, with proof of malpractice coverage, the student should see the Assistant Director of Clerkship Administration (Caroline Cheang) in the Office of Student Affairs. She will provide the letter, have the application signed, and return these documents to the student for mailing to the away institution along with any application fees, transcripts, or proof of immunization.

It is recommended that away clerkships be taken for credit. When the elective with the away institution is confirmed, credits can be requested by filling out a Faculty Authorization Form, which can be obtained from Caroline Cheang. When Caroline receives from Dr. Terrance Blaschke both the approved Faculty Authorization Form and an acceptance notification from the other institution, the away clerkship will be added to the student’s Fishbowl schedule. The student should register the away clerkship on Axess with the suffix “W.” An evaluation of clerkship work done at the away institution is required. The student should take to the away institution a Clerkship Evaluation Form to be filled out by the attending at the end of the clerkship and mailed back to the Medical School Registrar.

Students who choose to take the away clerkship for no credit should check with the Medical School Registrar to ensure malpractice insurance coverage.

Students who wish to take a core or required clerkship away from Stanford and use it to satisfy the core or the required clerkship graduation requirement (a request which is not encouraged) must get approval from Dr. Terrence Blaschke, Associate Dean for Medical Student Advising.
ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

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EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE IN COURSES

All medical school courses are taken pass/fail. It is the prerogative of each course director to determine the best method for assessing student performance for his or her course. Learning activities such as quizzes, short papers, laboratory exercises, problem sets, presentations, and group discussions, may be offered on a graded or ungraded basis at the discretion of the course director. Attendance and participation may be required where small group interaction is essential to mastery of material in the course. Course directors are expected to announce criteria for passing a course by the end of the second week of the quarter, with any subsequent modification only upon approval of a majority of students in the class.

GRADING SYSTEM

The following grading system is used to report the performance of students in all courses and clerkships taken while an MD degree candidate:

• Pass (+) indicates that a student has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the responsible department or teaching group that he/she has mastered the material taught in the course. A marginal passing grade (M+) in pre-clerkship or clerkship courses is reported by the faculty to the student and the Medical School Registrar’s Office.

• Fail (-) indicates that a student has not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the responsible department or teaching group that he/she has mastered the material taught in the course.

• Incomplete (I) grades are given by Advising Deans. An incomplete indicates that extenuating medical or personal circumstances beyond the student’s control have prevented completion of course requirements. Following approval by an Advising Dean, the Course Director is notified prior to the final examination. An incomplete can be corrected in a manner specified by the department or teaching group and must be corrected within one year (unless the Committee on Student Performance specifies otherwise). When a student takes a final or makeup examination following an incomplete, it becomes a pass, marginal pass or fail. If the student does not attempt to correct the incomplete within the agreed upon time, it becomes a fail.

• Continuing (N) indicates that the course has not concluded, and that the student is continuing the course, or that a required NBME Subject Exam in a clerkship has not yet been passed.

• Exempt (EX) indicates that a course has been exempted by a placement examination. No units are granted. The student should register for “0” units so that the course appears on the transcript.

A student may not receive credit for repeating a course unless the content has changed significantly, as determined by the course director.

END-QUARTER POLICY STATEMENT

The End-Quarter Period is a time of reduced social and extracurricular activity preceding final examinations. Its purpose is to permit students to concentrate on academic work and to prepare for final examinations. In Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters, End-Quarter starts seven full days (to begin at
12:01 a.m.) prior to the first day of final exams. In Spring Quarter, final examinations begin on Friday; no classes are held on Thursday, the day before. In Summer Quarter, this consists of the weekend and the four class days preceding the final examinations, which take place on Friday and Saturday of the eighth week. (See the Time Schedule for dates.)

During the End-Quarter Period, classes are regularly scheduled and assignments made; this regular class time is used by instructors in whatever way seems best suited to the completion and summation of course material. Instructors should neither make extraordinary assignments nor announce additional course meetings in order to “catch up” in course presentations that have fallen behind. They are free, however, and even encouraged to conduct optional review sessions and to suggest other activities that might seem appropriate for students preparing for final examinations.

No graded homework assignments, mandatory quizzes, or examinations should be given during the End-Quarter Period except:

1. In classes where graded homework assignments or quizzes are routine parts of the instruction process.

2. In classes with laboratories where the final examination will not test the laboratory component. In such a case, the laboratory session(s) during the End-Quarter Period may be used to examine students on that aspect of the course.

Major papers or projects about which the student has had reasonable notice may be called due in the End-Quarter Period. Take-home final examinations, given in place of the officially scheduled in-class examination, may be distributed in the End-Quarter Period. Although the instructor may ask students to return take-home examinations early in the final examination period, the instructor may not call them due until the end of the regularly scheduled examination time for that course. Such a policy respects the principle that students’ final examinations are to be scheduled over a period of several days. End-quarter examinations may not be held during this period. This policy preserves the instruction time for courses and protects the students’ opportunities for extensive review and synthesis of their courses.

**FINAL EXAMINATIONS**

Final examinations are scheduled by the Medical School Registrar’s Office, which posts tentative dates and times by the end of the previous quarter and final schedules by the end of the second week of the quarter. Students anticipating conflicts in examination schedules should seek to resolve them with course instructors.

Final examinations are governed by the regulations below:

1. Students are expected to take the final examination unless at least 24 hours prior to the examination they have received formal written approval for either dropping the course from the course director or for obtaining an incomplete from an Advising Dean. Incompletes are given for significant personal or medical reasons beyond the student’s control. If a student does not appear for the examination and has not been granted a drop or an incomplete, the student will receive a fail.

2. Students are expected to report for their examinations at the time and place designated by the School of Medicine Registrar’s Office or the course director, unless the course director has made alternative arrangements. While examinations are not “proctored” as such, students must take the examination in
the designated location within the prescribed examination time. Students are expected to adhere to the Honor Code at all times during examinations.

3. When the final examination or its appropriate substitute is not an in-class examination (e.g., when an instructor assigns a take-home examination, paper, or project in lieu of an in-class examination), the schedule and format of the final examination, or its substitute, will be determined no later than the end of the second week of the quarter and, if changed subsequently, may be only a modification approved by the students.

4. Students with documented disabilities may require special examination accommodations. The Office of Accessible Education determines if and what accommodations to recommend. The MD Advising Office receives the recommendation and conveys the request to the course directors prior to the examination. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the Advising Office at least one week in advance of his/her exam schedule.

5. Feedback on written examinations is to be as complete as possible, correct answers distributed or posted promptly after the examination at a previously announced place, and students should receive their numerical score and its relationship to the class distribution curve in a manner that ensures student privacy. Students have the right to see their final examination and discuss it with a faculty member.

CORRECTION OF DEFICIENCIES IN PRE-CLERKSHIP COURSES

Pre-clerkship courses are graded as pass, marginal performance, fail.

The faculty of every course must identify those students whose performance is marginal. A letter of marginal performance is sent to each student so identified and to the Medical School Registrar’s Office. Students receiving such notification may meet with the appropriate faculty and discuss the requirements for achieving an unqualified passing grade. Once a student achieves a “pass,” the performance will no longer be recorded as “marginal” in the student’s record. Students with more than one uncorrected marginal performance, or marginal performance in any course of eight units or more, will be counseled by an Advising Dean and reviewed by the Committee on Student Performance.

Students who fail a pre-clerkship course must achieve a passing grade within one year of the failure and pass that course prior to undertaking clerkships if less than one year remains. Only the Committee on Student Performance has the power to change this requirement. The requirements for achieving a passing grade are determined by the responsible faculty. Students with a failing grade will be counseled by an Advising Dean and reviewed by the Committee on Student Performance.

Academic deficiencies in pre-clerkship courses must be rectified prior to the beginning of clerkships or by a date specified by the Committee on Student Performance (which has the power in an appropriate case to modify any of the requirements in this paragraph). It is the prerogative of the department to determine the methods of correcting an academic deficiency and reassessing the student. The Committee on Courses and Curriculum is of the view that, as a general proposition, students should be given the opportunity to correct the deficiency in a timely fashion in order to prevent undue penalties (e.g., substantial financial and logistical difficulties) and to permit academic advancement when warranted.

Departments are encouraged to provide educational assistance to students failing required courses on the first-year grid, preferably during the first summer quarter following receipt of a failing grade, and to
reexamine them prior to autumn quarter registration. Students failing courses on the autumn and winter quarter grids for the second year should, as a general proposition, be given the opportunity to correct these deficiencies prior to July 1 of that academic year. Students who receive an incomplete grade because of extenuating medical or personal circumstances should, once again as a general rule, be given the opportunity to correct the incomplete grade within a reasonable period of time in a manner specified by the department or responsible teaching group. Courses such as those in the Practice of Medicine sequence, where hands-on activities and small group interactions constitute a significant portion of the course, may require retaking of the course the following year.

**EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE IN HUMAN HEALTH AND DISEASE (Q3-5): STATEMENT ON FEEDBACK, GRADING AND EXAMINATIONS**

**Grading**

Students receive a Pass or Fail assessment (Axess) after each quarter. The grade is based on the individual scores in the scheduled end-block examinations and the integrated final exam. Students must achieve an overall equally-weighted-average passing score of at least 70% on all exams (all block exams plus the integrated final exam). In addition, students must achieve a passing score of at least 65% on the integrated final exam in order to pass the course.

A student with an average block and final exam combined score less than 70% and an integrated final exam score less than 65% must take the scheduled course remedial examination. A failing score on this remedial examination will earn a grade of “fail” for the course. The “marginal pass” grade is no longer used in the HHD course.

**Policy for missed exams**

Every student is expected to sit for each end-block examination and each end-quarter integrated examination in the Human Health and Disease course.

A formal Dean's excuse, from their medical school advisor, is required to make-up any missed course examination (the 2006-07 Advising Deans are Neil Gesundheit, Susan Knox, Denise Johnson, Oscar Salvatierra, and Terry Blaschke).

A Dean's excuse may be issued before a regularly scheduled exam to accommodate some essential extracurricular event or after an examination for illness.

A score of zero will be credited towards a student’s final score if an examination is missed without their Advising Dean's excuse.

If a Dean's excuse is issued before a regularly scheduled block exam to accommodate some essential extracurricular event, the student will be expected to take the scheduled makeup exam at Stanford which is offered once on the Wednesday after the regularly scheduled exam. If the Dean's excuse extends beyond the second date because of some essential activity away from Stanford, then the examination will be faxed to the student and must be completed and returned within 24 hours. No other block exam will be arranged for students with excuses granted before a scheduled exam. Failure to make such an arrangement will result in a score of zero on that exam. A student who misses an exam with a Dean's excuse for illness should contact the HHD course coordinator, Bill Alley, and appropriate arrangements will be made.
Every student is expected to sit for the integrative end-quarter examination. Any student who misses the final examination and has a Dean's excuse must take a special final examination three days later. A score of zero will be credited towards a student’s final score if the integrated final examination is missed without their Advising Dean's excuse.

**Policy for remediation of a Fail grade in an HHD course**

A student who receives a Fail in any quarter of the HHD series (INDE 220, INDE 221, INDE 222 or INDE 223) will be required to take a special remedial examination after the inter-quarter break, on the day before classes start in the next academic quarter. This examination will be offered ONCE. Vacation plans do not dictate when the exam will be taken. The course directors agree that a non-passing grade in HHD indicates a need for in-depth review of the entire quarter and have scheduled the remedial exam to allow such additional study. Correction of a Fail grade in HHD requires a full passing score (>70%).

A student who Fails a quarter of HHD will be required to re-take that quarter the following year, including all required exercises and examinations. Depending on the specific circumstances, such a student may be allowed to continue in the HHD sequence (please see various five-year “split” schedules from the Office of Medical Education).

**EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE IN CLINICAL CLERKSHIPS**

Evaluation of performance in required clinical clerkships is accomplished through a combination of direct observation, multiple choice examinations, and/or standardized patient examinations. A faculty member is responsible for each clerkship. This individual meets with the students at the beginning of the clerkship to provide orientation and to explain the goals. The faculty member is also responsible for providing a written evaluation of the student’s performance and signing this evaluation, although the data may be obtained from other faculty and house staff. Written evaluations of clerkship performance should be completed no later than four weeks after the end of the clerkship. If there is disagreement concerning a written clerkship evaluation, the student should first request a review by the department chair or his/her designate. If the disagreement remains unresolved, the student may request review by an Advising Dean. If the matter is not resolved, the student may request review by the Committee on Student Performance.

**EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE IN CLINICAL CLERKSHIPS**

Students are evaluated along several axes, including History and Physical, Clinical Decision-making, Fund of Knowledge, Compassion/Humanism, and Professionalism. Evaluation along these axes forms the basis for passing or failing the clerkship, and such evaluation should be based as objectively as possible on specific performance by the student, and should represent the views of several individuals. In order to pass, the student should consider the following:

1. **History Taking and Physical Examination**

   The student should be able to obtain a history from the patient or family, and perform an adequate physical examination of the patient. The student should be able to present the history and physical findings in a way as to demonstrate competence in these areas. Such a presentation should be based on independent student examination as well as review of the medical record. Presentations that are based on another examiner’s notes (e.g., for a patient who was previously able to present a history or provide a physical examination but subsequently became incapacitated) should be reported as such.
2. Clinical Decision-making

A student should be able to integrate history, physical examination, radiological and laboratory findings into a reasonable, ordered differential diagnosis. Students are not expected to identify in all cases the single correct diagnosis, but at least to have a logical approach. It will be necessary for students to be able to organize differential diagnoses into large categories, for example vascular, toxic-metabolic, developmental, infectious, neoplastic, degenerative, psychiatric, etc., and to provide some ranking according to likelihood and accuracy of the diagnosis. Ability to reason clinically should be evident in general rounds or clinic discussions, not only on primary patients for whom advance preparation is available.

3. Fund of Knowledge

The student must demonstrate an adequate fund of knowledge of the clerkship subject matter. This knowledge may be acquired in a variety of ways, including by reading basic textbook material, specific articles pertaining to disorders that occur in assigned patients, and by attending student teaching sessions. Faculty and residents will indicate on evaluation forms whether the student appeared to be knowledgeable about medical material during discussions of patients and medical subjects. Additionally, each core clerkship will provide an examination, either the Shelf exam or a customized exam, with minimum passing criteria. Both the exam and resident/attending observation may be included in evaluating the “Fund of Knowledge” component of a clerkship.

4. Compassion/Humanism

It is imperative that the student demonstrate compassionate understanding of the patient and family as individuals with special needs and concerns during the time of illness. Communication should be clear, with evidence of caring, listening and explaining. The student should demonstrate sensitivity to the particular cultural and special needs of patients.

5. Professionalism

Professionalism is the basis of a physician’s contract with society. It demands placing the interest of patients above those of the physician, setting and maintaining standards of competence and integrity, and maintaining patient confidentiality. Helpful performance of medical tasks to lighten the load of the team generally is encouraged. The student should expect, however, that requests to perform such tasks should not be so excessive as to come at the expense of their learning. The student's attendance should be exemplary. Daily attendance is expected. Students are expected to communicate with clerkship directors about anticipated absences from required activities. Students should arrive at scheduled activities on time. The student should consistently present an attitude of eagerness to learn and commitment to improve skills and knowledge. They should maintain a log of patient care activities. Lack of integrity with respect to activities, knowledge or skills is considered a major failing in the area of professionalism. The student should also endeavor to improve the working of the clerkship by providing feedback to the clerkship director in a constructive manner and by completing the clerkship evaluation. Problems with team interactions, in particular, should be discussed in a forthright, open manner with the clerkship director in order to improve the student’s learning environment and the team’s function.
POSSIBLE REASONS FOR FAILURE:

While not an exclusive compilation, any behavior listed below may lead to a student failing a clerkship or receiving a marginal pass. Assessments are the responsibility of the Clerkship Directors, based upon input provided by those who have observed directly the performance of the student. Unanimous opinion is not required for a student to fail.

A student who is judged to be at risk for failure or marginal pass (for any reason other than failure to pass the clerkship final exam) will be counseled sometime prior to the end of the clerkship, in time to allow the student to remediate the deficiencies, where possible. If the deficiency is of a type that cannot be remediated, then this will be explained to the student before the end of the clerkship.

1. Inability by the end of the clerkship to obtain an accurate history.
2. Inability by the end of the clerkship to perform the physical examination of that discipline.
3. Repeated inability to generate a case summary and an appropriate differential diagnosis.
4. Repeated demonstration of inadequate knowledge of the clerkship subject matter during daily clinical activities.
5. Inability to pass the end-of-clerkship examination or sequence of examinations.
6. Repeated inability to apply knowledge to clinical situations and decision making.
7. Repeated incidents of insensitivity to patients and families, or evident lack of caring about the welfare of the patients.
8. Dishonesty in any aspect of medical care or professional conduct.
9. Repeated demonstration of, or failure to correct, unprofessional behaviors.
10. Repeated inability to work collegially with members of the healthcare team.
11. Putting patients seriously at risk due to student inexperience, without making reasonable efforts to ask for help from more experienced team members.
12. All absences must be excused by the clerkship director. Students are allowed two days of excused absences on 4-6 week rotations and three days of excused absences on eight-week rotations. Special consideration will be employed, however, for absences due to illness, family emergencies, or immovable academic activities.
# CLERKSHIP PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FORM, PAGE ONE

## STANFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE STUDENT CLERKSHIP EVALUATION

--- Evaluator’s Form ---

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Please indicate the number of hours or days you spent in contact with this student prior to undertaking this evaluation:

1. **HISTORY-TAKING AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**
   How often did you directly observe the student do a history and physical? Check One □ 0 □ 1-2 □ 3-5 □ 6+
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**SUMMATIVE COMMENTS** (including descriptive examples):

2. **CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING** -- Clinical Reasoning, Oral Case Presentations, Written Notes, Clinical Work
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<td>Consistently synthesizes and prioritizes patient information. Generates an accurate and comprehensive differential diagnosis. Presentations consistently clear, accurate, well organized and concise with thoughtful rationales and pertinent syntheses. Written notes consistently clear, complete, well organized, with concise formulations. Well-researched discussions using additional resources.</td>
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**SUMMATIVE COMMENTS** (including descriptive examples):

3. **FUND OF KNOWLEDGE** -- Demonstrate knowledge of core topics & resourcefulness in using current technologies to find information
   Please indicate the basis on which you arrived at your evaluation: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY
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<td>Usually responsible and reliable and committed to team of health care professionals; records usually clear and timely; usually motivated; usually reliable and able to be counted on to follow through on tasks, responsibilities, usually available when needed; usually able to handle stress and willing to work as part of a team.</td>
<td>Always responsible, reliable, committed, cooperative and respectful. Shows regard for professional colleagues; displays initiative and provides leadership; records always timely and legible. Enthusiastic, functions independently; self-motivated. Always does what is expected and more; available when needed; always follows through on responsibilities; excellent team player; reacts well to stress.</td>
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Evaluator Name:

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STANDARDIZED PATIENT TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

The Standardized Patient teaching and assessment activities are designed to provide a simulated setting for teaching and assessment of the clinical and interpersonal skills of medical students. Real patients or actors are trained to consistently recreate the same situation or problem each time they encounter a student. The program currently focuses on three areas: Practice of Medicine (POM), Family Medicine clerkship, and Internal Medicine clerkship. Family Medicine and Internal Medicine clerkship students are assessed once at the end of the clerkship. A typical examination consists of eight stations or cases and is administered over approximately four hours. Feedback is provided in two parts: numerical scores in the area of clinical and interpersonal skills, and narrative representing the standardized patient’s overall assessment of the student’s performance.

CORRECTION OF DEFICIENCIES IN CLINICAL CLERKSHIPS

Marginal Performance:

The faculty of every clerkship must identify students whose performance is marginal. A letter of marginal performance is sent to students so identified and to the Medical School Registrar’s Office. Students receiving such notification are required to meet with the appropriate faculty and discuss the requirements for achieving an unqualified passing grade. When a “pass” is achieved, the performance will no longer be recorded as “marginal” in the student’s record.

A student with a marginal performance will be counseled by one of the Advising Deans and reviewed by the Committee on Student Performance. All marginal performances in clerkships must be corrected prior to graduation.

Failing Performance:

Students who fail a clerkship must achieve a passing grade within one year of the failure. The requirements for achieving a passing grade are determined by the responsible faculty. Students with a failing grade will be counseled by one of the Advising Deans and reviewed by the Committee on Student Performance. Unless the failure is rectified, the student will not be permitted to graduate.

MEDICAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (MSPE)

Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE), also known as the Dean’s Letter, will be written by the Advising Deans and sent to residency program directors as part of the application to obtain positions for postgraduate training. The letter is written with the student’s input and submitted in the autumn of the student’s final year of medical school. This letter is a narrative evaluation of the student’s accomplishments in medical school. Achievements during clinical clerkships and attributes as potential house officers and physicians are major points of emphasis. Recognition of accomplishments in research, teaching, and community service is also included in the letter.

For more information about the MSPE, refer to the student resources section of the MD Advising Web site:

http://med.stanford.edu/md/advising.html
POLICIES ON STUDENT PERFORMANCE

• ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE POLICY AND
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ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE POLICY
AND THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT PERFORMANCE (CSP)

Approved by the Faculty Senate
April 20, 2005

Courses of action for students having academic difficulty are established by the Committee on Student Performance (CSP), a standing committee of the Medical School Faculty Senate. The policies under which it operates are set by the Committee on Performance Assessment and Advising (CPAA) and approved by the Faculty Senate. The CSP may also advise the CPAA and the Faculty Senate concerning criteria for students' standing and promotion.

A. Membership of the Committee on Student Performance (CSP)

The CSP is composed of five voting members, including its chair. Voting members are faculty of the School of Medicine who have been on the Academic Council or Medical Center Line for at least the previous three years. Department chairs are ineligible. An effort is made to have each department represented periodically. Three of the five members of the CSP are members of the Clinical Unit. All voting members of the CSP are required to be in attendance (either physically or via speaker phone) for the decision of terminating a candidate from the MD program; if a member cannot be in attendance, an alternate will be chosen by the Committee of Five.

B. General Policies of the CSP

1. The primary responsibilities of the CSP are to: 1) review the academic progress and deficiencies of students on its agenda; 2) make decisions concerning their standing, and 3) prescribe academic programs for students needing to correct deficiencies in order to achieve their goal of acquiring the MD degree.

   Note: The CSP strives for consistency in prescribing remedial programs to correct the academic deficiencies of students. With respect for the individuality of students and when circumstances warrant, the CSP may exercise its discretion to deviate from the usual prescription in order to take into consideration special circumstances.

2. The CSP considers requests for:
   a. an extension of medical education beyond six years as a registered student to complete the MD degree and beyond eight years to complete MD/PhD degrees.
   b. leaves of absence that either individually or cumulatively exceed a total of one year.
   c. reinstatement.

3. The CSP may reconsider prior decisions if requested by the chair of the CSP, the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, or the Dean of the School of Medicine.
C. General Operating Procedures

1. The CSP is required to meet a minimum of once quarterly.

2. The chair may call special meetings.

3. The agenda for meetings is generally distributed at least one week in advance to each member.

4. Except for the chair and any of the Associate or Assistant Deans for Advising, members will not discuss decisions or pending actions with students.

5. One of the Associate or Assistant Deans for Advising will notify and request to meet with students who appear on the agenda prior to a CSP meeting.

6. An Advising Dean is invited to be present for the discussion of his or her student’s academic situation unless otherwise requested by the student.

D. Satisfactory Academic Progress

In order to make satisfactory academic progress towards the MD degree, each student must satisfy unit, performance and number of years requirements as follows. (*Unit requirements for financial aid eligibility are not necessarily the same as satisfactory academic progress for graduation. Students should also refer to financial aid policy.*)

1. Units

   a. Take a per quarter number of general medical school units (any units listed in the Medical School Catalog or included for Scholarly Concentration) as follows:

      (1) During Autumn, Winter and Spring quarters (except for the graduation quarter), 9 units.

      (2) Summer quarter (if registered), 3 units.

      (3) Students in Masters or PhD programs that have required courses outside of the medical school (either programs in another Stanford school or interdepartmental medical school programs) will be monitored for a per quarter unit requirement to be set by the appropriate program director.

   b. Take, and successfully complete, a cumulative number of required MD units by the end of August of each year as follows:

      (1) MD students: 35 required units by the end of the first year, 70 by the end of the second, 105 by the end of the third, 140 by the end of the fourth, and 239 by the end of the sixth.

      (2) MD/PhD students: 23 required units by the end of the first year, 46 by the end of the second, 69 by the end of the third, 92 by the end of the fourth, 115 by the end of the fifth, 140 by the end of sixth and 239 by the end of the eighth year.
(3) The cumulative required number of units will be adjusted for those students (1) who have satisfactorily placed out of required Stanford medical school courses or have completed required medical school courses as Stanford undergraduates or (2) who are on an approved Leave of Absence.

2. Performance

All academic deficiencies must be corrected within the time limit set for the student by the CSP.

3. Number of years

If a student plans to take more than six years (MD) or eight years (MD/PhD), exclusive of time spent during an approved Leave of Absence, the student must request and receive approval by the CSP, preferably at the end of the fourth (MD) or sixth (MD/PhD) year, but no later than the fifth (MD) or seventh (MD/PhD) year, in order to facilitate academic and financial planning. The student must provide reasons for the requested extension and submit specific plans for completing the degree. MD students who are not scheduled to begin clerkships by the summer of their fourth year will be reviewed by the CSP and MD/PhD students will have a similar review by their program director in their sixth year. The maximum time allowed does not include periods of approved Leave of Absence, but no combination of program extensions and approved Leaves of Absence shall exceed ten years without CSP review and approval. For transfer students, quarters completed prior to enrolling in Stanford’s School of Medicine are subtracted from the maximum time frame.

E. Conditions under Which Students Must Appear on the Agenda of the CSP

1. Failure to get written approval from their advisor, in consultation with the clerkship director, to drop a clerkship during the two-week period prior to the commencement date of the clerkship.

2. One marginal pass in a course of eight or more units (e.g., HHD or POM).

3. Two uncorrected marginal passes in courses of fewer than eight units.

4. One failure in a preclinical course.

5. One marginal pass in a clerkship, due to any reason other than a single failure on the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) shelf examination in that clerkship.

6. One failure in any clerkship.

7. Failure to participate in or demonstrate minimum competency in the comprehensive Clinical Performance Examination (CPX).

8. An overall failure on Step 1 or Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge) of the United States Medical Licensing Examinations (USMLE).

9. Failure to take Step 2 CS (Clinical Skills) of the USMLE prior to April 1 of the year of graduation.
10. Failure to:
   a. declare a Scholarly Concentration by the stated deadline,
   b. make annual satisfactory progress in a Scholarly Concentration as determined by the Scholarly Concentration director, or
   c. receive from the Scholarly Concentration director six months prior to graduation preliminary approval of completion of a Scholarly Concentration.

11. Failure to meet and satisfy previously imposed requirements of the CSP within the specified time frame.

12. Failure to make Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined in Section D.

13. A request to take more than six years as a registered student to complete the MD degree or eight years as a registered student to complete MD/PhD degrees.

14. A request for a Leave of Absence of more than one year (four quarters). Any Leave of Absence beyond one year must be pre-approved on an annual basis by the CSP.

15. Review requested by a School of Medicine faculty member.

16. Reconsideration of a previous CSP decision at the request of the CSP chair if there is compelling new information bearing on that decision.

17. Reconsideration of a previous CSP decision in view of compelling new evidence or significant procedural error when requested by the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education or the Dean of the School of Medicine.

F. Actions of the CSP

1. Actions that may be taken by the CSP include, but are not limited to, the following:
   a. Take no action.
   b. Direct student to counseling or learning resources.
   c. Prescribe a mandatory remedial course of action.
   d. Place student on administrative hold for a specified period of time.
   e. Place student on special registration. (Students on special registration pay the TMR rate per quarter and are eligible for financial aid. No coursework is listed on transcripts and no academic or residency credit is granted for that quarter. Students are to devote their full effort to remedial study at the recommendation of an Advising Dean or the CSP.)
   f. Dismiss student from the School of Medicine.
2. The following are the usual actions by the CSP in the stated situations. The committee may, however, prescribe another course of action, depending upon the individual student circumstances.

a. One marginal pass in a course of eight or more units

The student is required to correct marginal passes in all courses of eight units or more within 12 months of receipt of the marginal pass and prior to beginning any clinical clerkship. An unqualified pass is required to correct a marginal pass. If a marginal pass remains uncorrected for more than 12 months following its receipt, the student must appear before the CSP and justify the reason for the delay. If the student chooses not to appear, or if the justification is not accepted by the CSP, the student will be placed on an administrative hold for a specified period of time.

b. Two uncorrected marginal passes in any course of fewer than eight units

No student having more than one marginal pass in courses of fewer than eight units may begin (defined as attend, enroll, or participate in) any clerkship. If two uncorrected marginal performances accumulate, the student is required to correct at least one of them within 12 months of receipt of the second marginal pass and prior to beginning clinical clerkships. An unqualified pass is required to correct a marginal pass. If two marginal passes remain uncorrected for more than 12 months following receipt of the second, the student must appear before the CSP and justify the reason for the delay. If the student chooses not to appear, or if the justification is not accepted by the CSP, the student will be placed on administrative hold for a specified period of time.

c. One failure in a preclinical course

An unqualified pass is required to correct a failure in a preclinical course. This unqualified pass may be attained through remediation (as determined by the course director) or by retaking and passing the course when it is next offered. If no remediation occurs prior to the next offering of the course, the student will be required to retake the course. Students who do not earn an unqualified pass upon repeating the preclinical course when next offered must appear before the CSP.

d. Failure of one required preclinical course of eight units or more (e.g., HHD or POM)

In addition to remediating a failure as noted in F.2.c, above, students who fail a preclinical course of 8 units or more will be required to take and receive a passing score on the USMLE Step 1 examination before beginning any clerkship.

e. Failure of greater than 10% of preclinical required units in any given academic year or over the course of the preclinical curriculum

Students in this circumstance are considered as having significant academic difficulty and the actions that may be taken by the CSP are described below in section F.2.1.
f. **Failure of greater than 20% of preclinical required units in any given academic year or over the course of the preclinical curriculum**

Failure of greater than 20% of preclinical required units ordinarily will be considered grounds for dismissal from Stanford’s School of Medicine.

g. **One marginal performance in a clerkship**

Students with a marginal pass in a clerkship who are on the CSP agenda (i.e., those with a marginal pass not due to a single failure on the NBME shelf examination) are required to meet with appropriate faculty to set timely requirements for achieving an unqualified passing grade. Students cannot receive a Stanford MD degree with an uncorrected marginal pass in a clerkship.

h. **One failure in a clerkship**

If a student fails a clerkship, remediation requirements will be set by the clerkship director. If a student fails one required clerkship, the student is considered as having significant academic difficulty and the actions that may be taken by the CSP are described below in section F.2.1. Students cannot receive a Stanford MD degree with an uncorrected failure in a clerkship.

i. **Two failures in required clerkships**

Two failures in required clerkships—either failing one clerkship twice or failing two different clerkships—ordinarily will be considered grounds for dismissal from Stanford’s School of Medicine.

j. **Overall failure of Step 1 or Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge) of the USMLE**

   (1) **Step 1**

   (a) Students receiving an overall failing grade on their first attempt at the Step 1 examination ordinarily will be withdrawn from clerkships at the end of the current clerkship period, and may not begin any further clerkship (except Pathology) until the Step 1 examination is retaken and satisfactorily passed. Students who receive an overall failure on their first attempt on the Step 1 examination but subsequently receive a satisfactory pass must take and satisfactorily pass the Step 2 CK examination no later than the first week of January prior to June of the expected graduation year.

   (b) Failing the Step 1 examination once or twice may be considered grounds for dismissal from Stanford’s School of Medicine.

   (c) Students who fail the Step 1 examination three times will be dismissed from Stanford’s School of Medicine.

   (2) **Step 2**

   (a) Students who receive an overall failing grade on their first attempt at Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge) must retake and receive an overall pass no later than the first week of January prior to June of the expected graduation year. If a student fails Step 2 CK in the
quarter prior to expected graduation, he or she may have the option of taking, but must pass, an internal equivalency examination in order to graduate.

(b) Students will not graduate and will be placed on administrative hold for a set period of time, after which they will be dismissed from Stanford’s School of Medicine, if they:

i. fail Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge) twice and fail the internal examination; or

ii. fail Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge) three times.

k. *Failure to satisfactorily complete the Scholarly Concentration commitment*

Students who do not receive preliminary approval of completion from their Scholarly Concentration director at least six months prior to expected graduation will appear on the CSP agenda. The Concentration director will define a plan tailored to the student’s academic deficiencies which must be completed in the six months between the CSP appearance and expected graduation. The MD degree will not be conferred without satisfactory completion of the Scholarly Concentration as determined by the Concentration director.

l. *Significant academic difficulties* include:

(1) having appeared on the agenda of the CSP three or more times;

(2) failing more than 10% of preclinical required units in any given academic year or over the course of the preclinical curriculum;

(3) failing one required clerkship; or

(4) failing either or both Step 1 or Step 2 CK of the USMLE.

Students with significant academic difficulties will have the opportunity to appear at a CSP meeting. The CSP has the prerogative of taking a range of actions, including, but not limited to:

(1) Requiring students to take Step 1 or Step 2 CK of the USMLE at a specified time.

(2) Restricting access to any clerkship until students have either taken and/or received an overall passing score on Step 1 of the USMLE.

(3) Placing students on academic probation with a prescribed and restricted curriculum (including the discontinuation of extracurricular activities, RA-ships and TA-ships, community service, etc.) for a time period specified by the CSP.

(4) Requiring a remedial curriculum.

(5) Placing the student’s enrollment on administrative hold for one or more quarters.
(6) Recommending termination of the student from Stanford’s School of Medicine if one or more of the following conditions applies:

(a) two failures in required clerkships.

(b) failures in more than 20% of units of preclinical required coursework in a given academic year or over the course of the preclinical curriculum (whether or not remediated).

(c) failures in more than 20% of units of combined preclinical or clinical coursework (whether or not remediated).

(d) failure of Step 1 USMLE three times.

(e) failure of Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge) USMLE twice and failing the internal examination.

(f) failure of Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge) USMLE three times

m. Serious breaches of professional conduct

The CSP may request that the Committee of Five of the Faculty Senate convene the Committee on the Suitability to Practice Medicine to review and make recommendations regarding reported breaches of professional conduct [see section on the Suitability to Practice Medicine].

G. Rights of Students in Relation to CSP

1. To ask for and receive from an Associate or Assistant Dean for Advising a written explanation as to why they are on a CSP agenda.

2. To have an opportunity to discuss their academic progress and/or deficiencies with an Associate or Assistant Dean for Advising and to participate in formulating for presentation to the CSP a proposal for a remedial program.

3. To have an opportunity to submit a written statement to the CSP.

4. To be invited to appear in person at the scheduled CSP meeting during the presentation of their case prior to the closed deliberation of the committee. [Note: Students appearing before the CSP may have an advocate of their choice accompany them to the meeting. Advocates may include the student’s academic advisor or another faculty member.]

5. Under ordinary circumstances, to receive a written report within 10 working days after the CSP meeting detailing the action taken. The time frame may be extended for good cause at the discretion of the CSP chair.

6. To have an opportunity to discuss the CSP action and report with an Associate or Assistant Dean for Advising and to submit a written request to the CSP chair that the action be reconsidered. The request must be based on compelling new information not available at the time the action was taken, not on a complaint expressing dissatisfaction with the outcome or an underlying University or...
School of Medicine policy of general application. Ordinarily, such a request should be submitted within 14 working days of receipt of the report, but the time frame may be extended for good cause at the discretion of the CSP chair.

7. To have the opportunity to file a formal grievance, as outlined in the Stanford University Bulletin [Statement on Student Academic Grievance Procedures]. Appeals of a CSP action are made to the Dean of the School of Medicine.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE STATEMENT ON PROFESSIONALISM

The following statement on professionalism adapted from statements of the American Boards of Internal Medicine and of Pediatrics was adopted by the Medical School Faculty Senate at its June, 2002 meeting as a preliminary guideline:

Professionalism comprises those attributes and behaviors that serve to maintain patient interests above physician self-interest. Professionalism extends beyond interactions with patients and their families, however. Professionalism also involves relationships and interactions between all those involved in medical education and the delivery of patient care including physicians, students, administrators, and allied health professionals. It has implications for research activities and interactions with for-profit companies, governmental agencies, and other outside entities. Professionalism should pervade all of our activities in medicine and should include:

• A commitment to the highest standards of excellence in the practice of medicine and in the generation and dissemination of knowledge.

• A commitment to sustain the interests and welfare of patients.

• A commitment to be responsive to the health needs of society.

The elements of professionalism include altruism, accountability, responsibility, excellence, duty, honesty, integrity, and respect for others. Physicians, students of medicine, and all staff participating in medical student education and patient care at Stanford University School of Medicine are expected to aspire to these ideals, further defined as:

• **Altruism** is the unselfish regard for and devotion to the welfare of others and is a key element of professionalism. Self-interest or the interests of other parties should not interfere with the care of one’s patients and their families.

• **Accountability and responsibility** are required at many levels – individual patients, society and the profession. First there must be accountability to one’s patients and to their families. There must also be accountability to society for addressing the health needs of the public and to ensure that the public’s needs are addressed. One must also be accountable to the profession to ensure that the ethical precepts of practice are upheld. Inherent in responsibility is reliability in completing assigned duties or fulfilling commitments. There must also be a willingness to accept responsibility for errors.

• **Excellence** entails a conscientious effort to exceed ordinary expectations and to make a commitment to life-long learning. Commitment to excellence is an acknowledged goal for all physicians and students...
of medicine. A key to excellence is the pursuit of and commitment to providing the highest quality of health care through lifelong learning, education, and reflection. One must seek to learn from errors and aspire to excellence through self-evaluation and acceptance of the critiques of others.

- **Duty** is the free acceptance of a commitment to service. This commitment entails being available and responsive when “on call,” accepting inconvenience to meet the need of one’s patients, enduring unavoidable risks to oneself when a patient’s welfare is at stake, advocating the best possible care regardless of ability to pay, seeking active roles in professional organizations, and volunteering one’s skills and expertise for the welfare of the community.

- **Honesty and integrity** are the consistent regard for the highest standards of behavior and the refusal to violate one’s personal and professional codes. Honesty and integrity imply being fair, being truthful, keeping one’s word, meeting commitments, and being forthright in interactions with patients, peers, and in all professional work, whether through documentation, personal communication, presentations, research, or other aspects of interaction. They require awareness of situations that may result in conflict of interest or that result in personal gain at the expense of the best interest of the patient.

- **Respect for others** is the essence of humanism, and humanism is central to professionalism. This respect extends to all spheres of contact, including but not limited to patients, families, other physicians, and professional colleagues, including nurses, residents, fellows, and medical students. One must treat all persons with respect and regard for their individual worth and dignity. One must listen attentively and respond humanely to the concerns of patients and family members. Appropriate empathy for and relief of pain, discomfort, and anxiety should be part of the daily practice of medicine. One must be fair and nondiscriminatory and be aware of emotional, personal, family, and cultural influences on patient well-being and patients’ rights and choices of medical care. It is also a professional obligation to respect appropriate patient confidentiality.

**SUITABILITY FOR THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE**

In granting the MD degree, the faculty of the School of Medicine endorses each student as being suitable for the practice of medicine. It is therefore the responsibility of the faculty to review any serious concerns of suitability to practice medicine brought to its attention. Guidelines for reviewing suitability concerns are presented below. Alleged violations of Stanford’s student conduct codes (including the Honor Code, Fundamental Standard, and Policy on Campus Disruption) are adjudicated by a different University process (see page 88). That conduct, however, whether or not found to constitute a violation of a student conduct code, may also raise concerns regarding suitability, requiring review under this process.

**Personal Communication**

A faculty member (including any of the Associate or Assistant Deans for Advising) or any other individual should communicate a possible substantive deficiency in the suitability of a medical student for the practice of medicine to the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education. This should be done as soon as practical after the deficiency is identified. The Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education will give the student a copy of these guidelines and arrange a meeting with the student and, as appropriate, the individual identifying the deficiency and/or any of the Associate or Assistant Deans for Advising. If the alleged deficiency can be explained or corrected in a mutually satisfactory manner, the matter need go no further.
To facilitate identification of students who may have deficiencies in their suitability for the practice of medicine, the Office of Student Affairs will maintain impermanent, auxiliary files of students as a repository for such concerns. If a concern about suitability is communicated to a student (see above), a memorandum recording the communication will be sent to the student and a copy placed in the student’s impermanent file. By having a central repository for such information, students who repeatedly provoke suitability concerns can be identified. The impermanent file on suitability for the practice of medicine will also contain records on informal hearings and/or CSP considerations of students regarding suitability (see below). The Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education will personally maintain the impermanent files separately from the student’s permanent files. Except as disclosure is necessary under this process, access to impermanent files will in general be restricted to any of the Associate or Assistant Deans for Advising, the CSP, and the student. The contents of any impermanent file on suitability are to be destroyed within one year after the student graduates.

**Informal Hearing**

If the student, the identifier of the deficiency, or the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education is not satisfied with the result of the personal communication described above, the holding of a private, informal hearing may be requested. It shall involve the student, an impartial third party, and any other individual (e.g., faculty member identifying the deficiency) whom the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education thinks pertinent to resolve the matter. The Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education shall, after consulting with the student, appoint the impartial third party who shall not be the Dean of the School of Medicine or any other person involved in this suitability process. The purpose of the private, informal hearing will be to permit the student and any other involved individuals to present their version of the alleged deficiency and work out, if possible, with the help and advice of the impartial third party, a mutually satisfactory remedy. The third party will communicate in writing the results of the hearing to the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education within seven working days of the meeting. At the discretion of the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, the written communication or other summary of any mutually satisfactory remedy may be placed in the student’s permanent file. If there is no mutually satisfactory remedy, the written communication and any other records of the hearing will be placed in the student’s impermanent file.

**Formal Hearing**

If the matter cannot be satisfactorily resolved at the informal hearing, or if the student or the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education is not satisfied with the outcome of the informal hearing, the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education will call a special meeting of the CSP and inform its members of the matter. The CSP will determine whether to call a formal hearing. If no formal hearing is called, the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education shall notify the concerned parties of that decision in writing and place a copy of the decision in the student’s impermanent file.

A formal hearing is intended to provide an opportunity for the parties to present all relevant evidence and their views of the evidence to a body with the authority to recommend a remedy, including dismissal from the School of Medicine. That authority lies with the faculty. The Committee of Five (i.e., Executive Committee) of the Medical School Faculty Senate shall appoint, to hear the matter, an ad hoc Committee on Suitability for the Practice of Medicine, in accordance with the Senate’s customary practice for convening an ad hoc committee. The Committee will be composed of four members of the full-time faculty and one member of the voluntary clinical faculty. Each member of the Committee on Suitability for the Practice of Medicine must attend the formal hearing. Decisions will be made by majority vote.
The chair of the Committee on Suitability for the Practice of Medicine shall establish the procedures for the formal hearing and conduct the formal hearing, and in doing so provide the following procedures for the benefit of the student:

1. The student will be informed in writing of the alleged deficiency to be considered, of the situation upon which the concern is based and of the scheduled date of formal hearing, which shall be at least 10 days after the date of this written statement. The written statement will also include a copy of this process and any special rules and procedures to be followed in the hearing. The student may request a reasonable extension of the hearing if necessary to prepare a defense.

2. The student will be allowed to inspect or receive a copy of his or her medical school files to which he or she would be entitled under Stanford’s policy on the Privacy of Student Records (see page 69), including any material concerning the alleged deficiency.

3. No person who has first hand information concerning this matter, who may present evidence against the student or who otherwise is involved in this process may serve on the Committee on Suitability for the Practice of Medicine. A replacement, when necessary, will be appointed by the Committee of Five.

4. The student will be permitted to have an advocate accompany him or her at the hearing, but that advocate may not participate directly in the hearing. An attorney is not an appropriate advocate. The student shall notify the chair of the Committee on Suitability for the Practice of Medicine at least five days prior to the hearing of the identity of any advocate.

5. The student has a right to be present during the presentation of all evidence supporting the alleged deficiency, has the opportunity to question any witness who presents evidence against him or her at the hearing, and to rebut that evidence.

6. The student will be given a reasonable opportunity to present his or her version of the situation, using any relevant evidence and presenting witnesses on his or her behalf.

7. The student will be allowed to record those portions of the hearing at which he or she is present.

8. Unless the student asks for an open hearing, the data and discussions of the hearing will be kept confidential, and no record will be placed in the student’s permanent file unless the charge of deficiency is substantiated.

9. Any findings and recommendations resulting from the formal hearing will be based solely upon the evidence presented at the hearing.

After the hearing, the Committee on Suitability for the Practice of Medicine shall convey its findings and recommendations in writing to the Committee of Five of the Medical School Faculty Senate in a timely manner. The Committee of Five will consider the findings and recommendations and issue a final decision in writing to the student in a timely manner. The Committee of Five will also inform the Senior Associate Dean of Student Services of the final decision.

The student may appeal in writing the decision of the Committee of Five in writing to the Dean of the School of Medicine as a formal grievance under (and within the time limit of) the Student Academic Grievance Procedures. The Dean may serve as grievance officer or may appoint a grievance officer to assist and make recommendations to the Dean concerning the grievance. If the decision of the Committee of Five is upheld by the Dean of the School of Medicine, the student may further appeal to the Provost and then to the President of the University as provided by and within the time limit of the Student Academic Grievance Procedures.
MEDICAL SCHOOL SERVICES

• OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS – SUPPORT SERVICES
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  o FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
  o CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
  o OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE
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  o SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CAREER CENTER

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• MEDICAL CENTER CHAPLAIN

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OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS – SUPPORT SERVICES

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) supports the School of Medicine and its student body by fostering an environment that values diversity, scholarly achievement, and community service. Within the larger OSA organization, the offices of the Registrar, Financial Aid, MD Advising, Student Life, the Center of Excellence, the Career Center, and the School of Medicine Ombudsperson are dedicated to providing direct assistance to students.

More specifically, these offices of the OSA support individual students in attaining their professional goals by providing assistance with meeting financial needs, addressing academic problems, achieving personal well-being, assuming the professional responsibilities required of a physician or scientist, choosing a career, and planning for post-graduate training.

Among the major responsibilities of these OSA offices are overseeing student registration, monitoring academic progress and administering curricular policies; distributing financial aid and supporting students applying for outside fellowships and scholarships; providing individual academic advising and group informational forums; providing orientation programs for incoming students; organizing special informational programs on career opportunities in medicine and the basic sciences; interacting with the leadership of the Stanford Medical Student’s Association (SMSA) and the Biomedical Associated Stanford Students (BioMASS); planning and organizing the School of Medicine commencement ceremony; preparing and publishing the Medical Student Guide and the quarterly Medical Student Newsletter.

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MEDICAL SCHOOL REGISTRAR’S OFFICE

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The Medical School Registrar’s Office serves the educational community of the Stanford University School of Medicine by maintaining the official record of each student and providing appropriate data to further the
educational process of the school. The office also coordinates the Visiting Student program that allows students from other medical schools to participate in clinical electives. The Medical School Registrar works closely with the University Registrar’s Office.

Among the services provided:

**Enrollment Services**
- Monitor student study lists
- Assist students with dropping and adding courses
- Handle Graduate Authorization Petitions to add a program
- Process and Track Leave of Absence
- Track Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Monitor tuition and TMR status

**Academic Records**
- Create and maintain official student academic records
- Maintain student records with the American Association of Medical Colleges
- Respond to agency licensing requests
- Respond to medical education verification requests
- Respond to student verification of standing requests (e.g., student rates for conferences, student insurance rates, jury duty)

**Clerkships**
- Organize and run Clerkship Draw and weekly Shuffles
- Create informational materials on clerkship choices
- Conduct forums on clerkship and the clerkship process
- Assist students with entering clerkship choices
- Handle visiting clinical students
- Handle away clerkship paperwork

**Residency Match**
- Assist with producing the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)
- Assist students with rank-order listing (strategizing and entering list online)
- Compile statistics for the Match
- Assist unmatched students with the Scramble for open programs
Examinations

- Create final exam schedules
- Schedule placement exams
- Process student applications for the United States Medical Licensing Exam (Step 1, Step 2 CK, Step 2 CS)
- Serve as the National Board of Medical Examiners Chief Executive Proctor

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The Medical School Financial Aid Office (FAO) is a central point of contact for MD students in the School of Medicine for assistance and questions about financial aid. The FAO strives to ensure that financial support is processed in a timely manner and that students are informed about the various sources of aid, timing of the disbursements, and anticipated refunds outlined in their awards. The FAO also coordinates financial planning seminars, open to all students whether or not they are receiving need-based aid, and maintains web-based information on financial resources and possible funding opportunities.

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

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The Center of Excellence (COE) in Diversity

The COE was established in 1993 through federal grant support from the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Bureau of Health Professions. Its missions are to increase the number of underrepresented minority leaders in academic and clinical medicine, and to expand Stanford’s capacity to offer information, research, and training on minority health care issues.

COE’s major programmatic areas include:

- Student and faculty recruitment and development.
- Information and research on minority health issues.
- Preclinical and clinical curriculum development.

These areas encompass various outreach efforts, including a regional and national premedical student recruitment program, an early matriculation program to provide summer research opportunities for entering minority and disadvantaged medical students, a leadership development program for minority and disadvantaged medical students, a postdoctoral fellowship in primary care specialties, a faculty development program, and a course offering in cultural competence. In addition, the COE provides mentorship and advising support, and offers a very successful USMLE Step 1 review course each winter and spring. The COE is the administrative home to the Stanford Health Careers Opportunity Program.

The Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)

The Stanford HCOP grant was established in 1996 through federal grant support from the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Bureau of Health Professions. HCOP seeks to produce a diverse and culturally competent workforce by helping students from disadvantaged backgrounds pursue health careers. The main component of the program is an educational pipeline that consists of a series of partnerships spanning middle school, high school, community college and four-year college institutions in Santa Clara County and contiguous counties in the San Francisco Bay Area.

HCOP aims to accomplish the following goals:

- Assist educationally and economically disadvantaged students interested in a health professions career
- Increase recruitment into the health professions, especially medical schools and physician assistant programs
- Retain medical students in good academic standing and provide educational opportunities to develop their leadership abilities
- Increase student exposure to community-based clinics
- Decrease medical student educational indebtedness
To achieve these goals HCOP offers a summer in-residence program for premedical students, a community health scholars program for premedical students completing the summer HCOP, MD admissions and financial aid workshops for community college students, physician assistant recruitment and advising workshops, a faculty and student mentorship program for disadvantaged medical students, health career workshops for teachers at various levels in the educational pipeline, and many other quality programs.

**OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE**

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The Office of Student Life provides services to all MD and PhD students in the School of Medicine. In general, the office is a clearinghouse for a variety of issues affecting both MD and PhD students, working with other university departments to help resolve issues ranging from housing to health insurance. The Office of Student Life serves as a liaison between the administration and students through its relationship with the student organizations – Stanford Medical Students’ Association (SMSA) and Biomedically Affiliated Stanford Students (BioMASS) – and through working with the student special interest organizations (approximately 50 in number). The support ranges from simple funding of meetings to helping plan major conferences. The office also serves as the conduit for information flow between sources internal and external to the university and students through the Medical School listserves, and through the daily electronic events calendar.

Events, large and small, for students in the School of Medicine are planned through the Office of Student Life, beginning with the Orientation program for entering students and culminating with the School of Medicine Commencement program when they graduate.

Medical Student compliance with Health and Safety Training Requirements (HIPAA, Bloodborne Pathogen, and General Lab Safety) is coordinated and tracked through the Office of Student Life.

**Logistical Services Provided:**

- White coats
- Hospital photo ID’s
- Stethoscopes
- Lockers
- Mailboxes
- FIT testing
- Copy codes
- SUNet IDs
- Assistance with housing issues
• Assistance with the Entrance Medical Requirements
• Assistance with Health and Safety Training requirements
• Assign computer access to Stanford and Packard Hospitals
• Coordinate Call Room policy

**Programs**

• New MD Student Orientation
• Stethoscope Ceremony
• Welcome Back Dinner for preclinical MD students
• Clinical MD Student Dinner
• Transition to Residency Dinner
• *Ad hoc* social events
• Commencement ceremony and luncheon

**Publications**

• *Full Code* (student-to-student guide to the clinical years)
• *Students in the MD Program* (student facebook)
• *Medical Student Guide* (in conjunction with MD student editors)
• *Medical Student Clinical Journal* (in conjunction with MD student editors and faculty advisors)

**STUDENT ACADEMIC ADVISING**

The Academic Advising Deans have primary responsibility for overall academic advising. They will get to know each student, assist in orienting new students, meet regularly with students individually and help them throughout their medical school career. The Advising Deans assist students in the following ways:

• Provide advice regarding courses, clerkships and research activities
• Provide assistance for students with academic difficulties, arranging tutorial assistance as needed
• Facilitate small group discussion sessions with advisees on topics such as medical ethics, professionalism, etc.
• Refer students to community and faculty mentors working in areas in which they have an interest
• Organize meetings with residency program directors and prepare the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) for graduating students (see page 86 for information on the MSPE)
• Advise students on career choices and give assistance in preparing their Rank Order List for the Residency Match

• Give workshops on clinical clerkships and interviewing skills in order to prepare students for successful postgraduate training

A preceptorship/mentorship program provides opportunities for students to develop a personal relationship with a member of the faculty or a community physician who can introduce the student to the science and practice of medicine. This relationship helps students gain early exposure to clinical medicine or research, begin to explore possible long-range career goals, and understand the responsibilities and rewards of academic medicine or practice.

Career advising is provided by the Advising Deans. In addition, one member of each clinical department serves as the consultant for questions about careers in that specialty. The Internet also provides a wealth of information about careers and residency programs. For example, the Fellowship and Residency Interactive Database (FREIDA) Online provides information on approximately 7,800 accredited graduate medical education programs as well as over 200 combined specialty programs.

For more detailed information on MD Advising and for other student resources please visit the MD Advising website:

http://med.stanford.edu/md/advising.html

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http://med.stanford.edu/md/advising/resources/advisors/sundial.html

If you experience difficulties, contact Molly Aufdermauer. More information is available online:

http://med.stanford.edu/md/advising/

**Guidelines for Changing Academic Advisors (Revised 10/20/04)**

The current advising system, in effect since Summer 2002, randomly assigns each incoming student to one of five academic Advising Deans in the School of Medicine. These guidelines are intended to clarify the protocol to be followed when students seek to change their assigned advisor.

Before matriculation, incoming students are notified to whom they have been assigned and have the opportunity to meet with him/her as a group during Orientation. Students may request a reassignment if, after a minimum of two one-on-one meetings, they believe they cannot establish a useful and comfortable working relationship with the assigned Advising Dean.

A student seeking to change Advising Deans must submit a request in writing to the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs presenting his/her reasons for the perceived incompatibility. The student must then schedule a meeting with the Assistant Dean to discuss the request. The Assistant Dean will evaluate the reasonableness of the request, taking into account the availability of the student’s proposed new advisor. Because of the need to balance the number of students affiliated with or assigned to each Advising Dean, students cannot be guaranteed to get their choice of advisors.

A student seeking to change Advising Deans a second time will need to petition, detailing the reasons therefor. The Committee will notify the student of its decision, which will be final.

**STUDENT LIFE ADVISOR**

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The Student Life Advisor provides a confidential resource for the medical student body. Dr. Smith-Coggins is a point of contact for students who wish to discuss sensitive or personal topics or to obtain advice of a non-academic nature without concern about affecting their academic “reputation.” Students are encouraged to bring issues that impact their life decisions, well-being, and academic performance. Issues appropriate for this office include the following: interpersonal conflicts or misunderstandings; struggles with the stresses of school, family or social life; concern about having to appear before the Committee on Student
Performance; uncertain career direction; questions regarding professionalism and discussions about the possible need of REFERRAL for:

- Medical care
- Psychological therapy
- Drug/alcohol dependency treatment
- Tutoring
- Study skills improvement
- Harassment
- Financial problems
- Legal advice

The Student Life Advisor is available to represent and advocate for medical students, as appropriate, with regard to matters that affect student well-being. The Student Life Advisor works directly with the Academic Advising Deans in developing the Advising Program.

For more information, please visit online:

http://med.stanford.edu/md/student-development/

**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CAREER CENTER (SoMCC)**

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The SoMCC is a comprehensive medical and life science career center, assembling resources, coordinating recruitment activities, delivering programs, and offering professional career advising services to all School of Medicine trainees, alumni, and postdoctoral researchers in the biomedical sciences across the University. The SoMCC also serves as an on-campus portal for external organizations seeking to develop relationships with our research and clinical training community, providing a variety of ways to engage with and learn more about the talents and technologies developed here at Stanford.

For more information about the SoM Career Center and its services, please visit online:

http://med.stanford.edu/careercenter/
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE OMBUDSPERSON

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The Ombudsperson at the School of Medicine serves as a neutral, confidential and independent resource for students, staff, faculty, residents and post doctoral scholars. Any matter causing concern or difficulty is an appropriate reason to arrange a meeting with the Ombudsperson. The Ombudsperson can assist medical students in a variety of ways. The Ombudsperson has served the University as an attorney before becoming the Ombudsperson and is a certified mediator. More information – including additional resources, reading suggestions, and frequently asked questions about the office of the Ombudsperson – is available at the Ombudsperson website:

http://med.stanford.edu/ombuds/

MEDICAL CENTER CHAPLAIN

SUMC Ground/Basement Floor, HG004
650-723-5101

An on-call chaplain (pager 1-5683) is available 24 hours a day to provide personal counseling for medical students and spiritual support for patients and their families. Chaplains are responsible for Decedent Care at the time of any patient’s death and will help with support for the family of a patient who has died. The Chaplain’s office is located in the Stanford Hospital on the ground floor of the G wing. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SECURITY SERVICES

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Stanford University Medical Center’s Security Services Department provides both walking and mobile escorts, vehicle jump-starts, facility door unlocks, photo identification access badges and key control. In addition they investigate thefts and crimes against persons, perform patient restraints, de-escalate violent situations, and coordinate Medical Center interaction with local police departments. Security Services also presents seminars on personal safety and Medical Center parking.

Security Services is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is located on the ground floor of Stanford Hospital, just below the Emergency Department. Security Services is identified as location 15 on the SUMC floor map of the ground/basement floor:

http://www.stanfordhospital.com/directions/insideHospital/SHC_g
OTHER UNIVERSITY SERVICES

- PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION
- HOUSING
- VADEN HEALTH CENTER
  - HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS
  - ENTRANCE MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS
- PERSONAL SUPPORT SERVICES
PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

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Parking and Transportation Services is the one-stop shop for all your transportation needs.

If you drive onto campus, we help you find the best place to park, and sell you a parking permit that meets your needs and budget. If you use alternative transportation to commute to campus, we can assist you in planning your commute by public transportation, finding rideshare partners, using the real-time Marguerite bus schedule, or by getting you information on the best bike routes in the area.

The main office is located at 340 Bonair Siding on the main Stanford campus; hours are Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.

HOUSING

On-Campus Housing

http://housing.stanford.edu

Approximately 60 percent of Stanford’s graduate students enrolled at the home campus live in on- and off-campus University housing. The residence program is based on the conviction that living and learning, social and intellectual life should be integrated, not separate. Graduate residences serve as focal points of intellectual, recreational, and social interchange.

Single graduate student accommodations consist mostly of shared one-to-four bedroom apartments. We also offer single or double occupancy dormitory rooms, as well as single occupancy studio apartments. All on-campus, single student housing is furnished. The costs vary greatly and are shown on the Housing Assignments web site:

http://housing.stanford.edu/tour/gradtour/rateschart.html

Rates include all utilities except for the telecommunications fee.

Couple-without-Children housing is available to students who are married and to students who have a same-sex or opposite-sex domestic partner who will be occupying the apartment with them at least 50% of each week. At Stanford University, a domestic partnership is defined as an established, long-term partnership with an exclusive mutual commitment in which the partners share the necessities of life and ongoing responsibility for their common welfare. Couples are offered one-bedroom apartments, either furnished or unfurnished. Couples who are both enrolled, matriculated, Stanford students may also apply for one of eight two-bedroom loft apartments.

Students with children are housed in two or three-bedroom apartments, depending on the number of children in occupancy. The child(ren) must live with the parent for a minimum of 50% time each week. Students with one or two children are eligible for a two-bedroom apartment. Eligibility for a three-bedroom
apartment requires two or three children. Single parents with one child may choose to live in a one-bedroom apartment. These apartments are available either furnished or unfurnished.

Rents for these units are also shown on the above web page

All housing assignments are made through a lottery system. New students who apply for housing by the May lottery deadline and are willing to live in any graduate residence are guaranteed housing. The University is able to meet the housing demand of nearly all continuing, matriculated students with children and most couples without children. While Stanford is unable to assign all continuing, single, matriculated graduate students who apply for on-campus housing, the University generally comes close to meeting the demand of those willing to live in any graduate residence (approximately 80%). Single students who have limited housing choices may not be assigned housing because space in each individual residence is limited. Web pages describing housing on campus in more detail and explaining application procedures and housing policies are updated on the housing website by April for the following academic year.

Students can indicate housing preferences by submitting an application in Axess, Stanford’s online information system:

https://axess.stanford.edu

A SUNet ID is required to login to Axess—for more information, please see

http://sunetid.stanford.edu

Housing applications for the following academic year are accepted beginning in mid-April each year—additional information on deadlines and procedures is available on the Housing Assignments web site.

Single graduate students and couples without children are assigned to campus housing for one academic year at a time and must reapply for housing on a yearly basis. After taking occupancy of an assigned space, students are responsible for the room rent for the entire academic year. Students with Children and Couples without Children are assigned campus housing yearly, but have the option of renewing as long as they remain eligible and stay in the apartment for all twelve months including the summer. Students with Children and Couples without Children must submit a new housing application each year by the Lottery deadline and sign a new Residence Agreement to renew their contract. For additional information, visit the Housing Assignments web site.

**Off-Campus Housing**


Many students live off campus. Complete and up-to-date information on obtaining suitable housing can be found at the Community Housing office. Community Housing maintains a rental listings database available in the Stanford area to current Stanford affiliates.

The School of Medicine Office of Student Life will provide additional assistance as appropriate to students having difficulties finding housing.
VADEN HEALTH CENTER

866 Campus Drive, across from Wilbur Field
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http://vaden.stanford.edu/

Vaden Health Center provides comprehensive, on-site health care on an appointment basis to Stanford students currently enrolled in the university. A wide variety of services are available, including medical care, confidential personal counseling, general health and nutrition education, HIV prevention, and alcohol and other drug abuse prevention. Specific service areas include medical appointments, women’s health appointments, Sports Medicine, Urgent Care, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), Sexual Health Peer Resource Center and Health Promotion Services.

Regular Hours for Autumn, Winter, and Spring Quarters
(see the Vaden website for hours during summer quarter, holidays, and breaks)

- Medical Services
  Monday through Thursday
  Telephone hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  Appointments available: 8:15 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

  Friday
  Telephone hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  Appointments available: 9:15 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

  Saturday and Sunday (for urgent problems)
  Telephone hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
  Appointments available: 10:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
  Monday through Friday
  8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Health Promotion Services (HPS)
  Monday through Friday
  9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Both Medical Services and Counseling and Psychological Services are available to help in urgent situations 24 hours a day, including when Vaden is closed.
Medical Services at Vaden Health Center include: medical appointments, women’s health appointments, urgent care, medical advice, allergy treatment, immunizations, travel advice, after hours medical care, physical therapy, pharmacy, laboratory, x-ray, and sport medicine.

Please call ahead to Vaden to make an appointment with either a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. If you are in need of urgent care during the day and if immediate attention is needed, call or come to Vaden and ask to see the triage nurse, who will refer you to the appropriate provider.

- Medical Emergencies

If there is a medical or psychiatric emergency that does not require hospital emergency room facilities and staff, students should go to Vaden. If a medical emergency requires treatment in the hospital emergency room, students should go to the emergency room at Stanford University Medical Center.

- Services Covered

Health services covered by the Vaden Health Center include routine visits to physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants; necessary examinations, treatments and dressings; most laboratory and X-ray tests and noninvasive procedures.

In order to avoid unnecessary expenses, students are urged to consult first with the Vaden Health Center before consulting with other faculty and clinics for medical care (except for emergencies).
Services Not Covered

Please also refer to the insurance section, for many services not covered by Vaden may be covered by one’s own health insurance policy.

Health Services not covered by the Vaden Health Center include in-hospital care (hospitalization, hospital emergency, or operating room care for an accident or injury); transportation by ambulance; outpatient surgical and fracture care; specialty consultation and related ancillary services; dental care, examination or X-rays; eyeglasses, contact lenses or examinations (eye disease and injury are covered); speech therapy; maternity care or complications of pregnancy; purely cosmetic surgery; special nursing service; extended psychiatric care; physical examination, chest x-rays and immunizations that are required for entrance to the University; radiation and laser therapy; surgery for sterilization or fertility studies; and conditions for which the student may desire treatment but that in the opinion of Vaden Health Center is not essential for the student’s welfare.

Other Fee-for-Services Available

Vaden, at a charge, can provide physical examinations for employment and scholarships, etc.; spouse care; physical therapy; allergy injections; travel immunizations; and immunizations required for the Entrance Medical Record (EMR).

Pharmacy

Vaden’s pharmacy provides prescription and over-the-counter medications. The costs are competitive with or lower than charges at neighboring pharmacies.

Pregnancy Care

The following pregnancy care is available:

1. pregnancy tests: no charge at Vaden for students; a fee for spouses,

2. termination of pregnancy: by referral, and covered by the Stanford-sponsored health insurance policy or by one’s own insurance, and

3. prenatal care and normal delivery: Cardinal Care.

Dental Care is not available on campus. Vaden offers a voluntary low-cost discount plan that provides coverage with preferred dentists. The plan offers discounted rates with no claims to file.

Disability Insurance is required of all MD students and costs $61 per year (billed through registration in Winter Quarter).

Malpractice Insurance is provided by the University for all MD students and covers them year round as long as they are enrolled (registration during the summer is not required as long as they are enrolled, matriculating students).
HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

- Cardinal Care

While most services at Vaden are available to Stanford students without charge, all registered students are required to have health insurance, either with Cardinal Care, the University-designated insurance policy paid with Stanford registration fees, or from an external carrier.

If a student decides to use Cardinal Care, the fees will appear on his/her quarterly University bill. This Cardinal Care student health insurance provides year-round coverage for medical expenses for injuries and illnesses. The current fee schedule can be found on the Vaden website:

http://vaden.stanford.edu/insurance.html

Health insurance during unregistered quarters for up to three quarters away from Stanford is available to students covered under Cardinal Care insurance plan. Forms to continue insurance are available at Vaden and must be completed by the 15th day of the month prior to the unregistered quarter. Please note that students are not notified in advance that the insurance policy must be renewed.

- Outside Insurance

Students are automatically enrolled in Cardinal Care during registered quarters unless health insurance is waived through Axess. The health insurance waiver must be in place by the following dates:

- Autumn Quarter: September 15
- Winter Quarter: December 15
- Spring Quarter: March 15
- Summer Quarter: June 15

To waive out of Cardinal Care a student must enter Axess and follow the health insurance waiver link and complete the steps indicated. A health plan name and group or policy number are required to complete the health insurance waiver. A student can waive health insurance for the entire academic year or for a quarter at a time.

Note for students with private health insurance: Many managed care plans provide only for emergency care outside their local service area. Students should review their policies to make sure coverage is adequate.

- Spousal Insurance

Stanford University does not offer an insurance plan to cover dependents of Stanford students. Students may review the following website: http://vaden.stanford.edu/resources.html for assistance.

Medical services for spouses and domestic partners are available at Vaden on a fee-for-service basis, and charges typically are lower than at other clinics. Medical care for spouses is also available in the community or at the Stanford University Clinic, on a fee-for-service basis.

For more information, call the insurance office at Vaden at (650) 723-2135.
ENTRANCE MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Before you can begin your studies at Stanford you must complete certain health-related forms, immunizations, and tests. Failure to complete these requirements will result in a hold being placed on your Winter Quarter registration. For complete information, forms, and instructions see the Vaden Health Center website at:

http://vaden.stanford.edu

- Immunizations: All entering medical students must have had the following immunizations or provide proof of immunity: measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), or individual measles, mumps, and rubella; diphtheria and tetanus (Td); hepatitis B; varicella (chicken pox); and polio. The hepatitis B vaccination series may be completed after arrival at Stanford within the first academic year.

- Health History: A health history is required of all students, regardless of their insurance or their intentions to utilize the services at Vaden Health Center. The information in your file is electronically secure and completely confidential. It cannot be released without your consent, except as required by law.

- Tuberculosis Screening: Tuberculosis testing (PPD) is required of all incoming medical students and annually thereafter. Entrance TB screening is available at Vaden Health Center for a fee. Annual screening thereafter is paid for by the Medical School.

PERSONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

The Medical School Director of Student Life, Student Life staff, and the Student Life Advisor are always available to discuss personal concerns of students, and to recommend further counseling with the Advising Deans and/or one of the organizations or services below.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

CAPS, located on the second floor of Vaden Health Center, offers, without charge, evaluations and brief counseling to any registered Stanford student. Short-term counseling is defined as evaluation and treatment up to 10 visits a year. For couples counseling, only one person needs to be a registered student. Only students requesting or requiring longer, ongoing, psychotherapy incur fees.

Assistance is available for students experiencing personal problems or difficult situations while at Stanford, including stress, anxiety, depression, relationship distress, low self esteem, procrastination, sexual concerns, sexual assault/harassment, or family problems. Emergency response is available. Workshops and groups to support student adjustment at Stanford and to help with personal and social difficulties that interfere with academic and social functioning are also offered. African American, Asian American, Chicano/Latino, and gay counselors are available upon request. Services are confidential. The School of Medicine is never informed about students using CAPS without their explicit permission.

If longer-term treatment is indicated (more than 10 visits per year), it is available through CAPS or through outside services. The Medical School Financial Aid Office can assist students by helping to arrange for a special loan to meet the financial need for such treatment. The Student Health Insurance Plan will co-pay up to $50 per visit with a $1,500 maximum per year.
Students can be seen on an urgent basis the same day. A clinician is on-call 24 hours for emergencies and can be reached by calling one of the following numbers: (650) 498-2336; after 5 p.m. and weekends, (650) 498-2336; and Sexual Harassment & Sexual Assault Counseling, (650) 725-9955.

**Health Promotion Services (HPS)**

HPS helps students to make informed, healthy decisions about their lifestyle and behavior through education and support. Areas of expertise include alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; nutrition, weight management, body image and eating disorders, sexual assault and harassment; sexual health, relationships, intimacy, and gender issues.

Services include individual preventive counseling and resource referral, speakers, programs, events and workshops at student residences, community centers, student organizations, and for new students. HPS also trains student volunteers and sponsors a variety of health outreach projects and events. Most services are free. Please call (650) 498-2336, extension 5, for further information.

**University Ombudsperson**

David Rasch, Stanford University Ombuds
Mariposa House, 585 Capistrano Walk
650-723-3682
rasch@stanford.edu
http://www.stanford.edu/dept/ocr/ombuds/

The charge to the Ombuds office at Stanford is:

> “The Ombudsperson’s task is to protect the interests and rights of members of the Stanford community from injustices or abuses of discretion, from gross inefficiency, from unnecessary delay and complication in the administration of University rules and regulations, and from inconsistency, unfairness, unresponsiveness, and prejudice in the individual’s experience with University activities. The Ombudsperson’s office exists to receive, examine, and channel the complaints and grievances of members of the Stanford community, and to secure expeditious and impartial redress.”

Any troublesome matter in the University community may be discussed in confidence with the University Ombuds. Services of the office are available to students, staff, and faculty. Although possessing no decision making authority, the Ombuds has wide powers of inquiry. The Ombuds refers matters to the proper person or office expeditiously and also provides conflict resolution services.

**The Bridge**

The Bridge Peer Counseling Center is staffed by intensively trained volunteer student counselors. These peer counselors are willing to discuss any concerns with students – e.g., academic frustrations, coming out issues, sex, substance abuse, loneliness, family or relationships. The Bridge provides information on a variety of other support services available in this geographical area. In addition, it sponsors depression support group workshops on such topics as stress and time management. Call for location and drop-in hours (650) 723-3392 (24 hours per day) or visit online:

http://www.stanford.edu/group/bridge/
Office of Accessible Education (OAE)

The Office of Accessible Education (OAE) at Stanford University is organized into four interrelated service centers:

1. Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC)
2. Schwab Learning Center
3. Assistive Learning Technology Center (ALTeC),
4. Center for Universal Design in Education (CUDE).

Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC)

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the SDRC coordinates and offers an array of accommodations and auxiliary aids and services to students with documented disabilities. The SDRC’s goal is to enable students with disabilities to participate fully in the educational experience at Stanford while meeting the academic standards maintained by the university.

Students seek support from the SDRC for a wide range of disabilities, including mobility impairments, learning differences, chronic illness, psychological disabilities, and sensory disabilities.

Working collaboratively with a staff member, staff and student develop and implement an accommodation plan tailored to the student's disability-related needs. Direct support services include, but are not limited to:

- Note taking
- Oral or sign language interpretation
- Stenocaptioning
- Examination accommodations
- Modifications in course load or other academic requirements
- Books-on-tape
- Braille embossing
- Electronic text (e-text)
- Assistive technology screenings and training
- Housing accommodations
- Other accommodations as approved
DisGoCart: During the academic year the SDRC runs a free golf cart transportation service called DisGo for use by any member of the campus community who has a temporary or permanent mobility impairment or who uses a wheelchair. To arrange for an on campus ride, call 725-2484 (5-CHUG).

If you are a student with a disability for which you may need accommodations, call and register with the SDRC as soon as possible by phoning the main office number: (650) 723-1066. Arranging for your service needs is a shared responsibility; by contacting the SDRC early, staff can often begin making arrangements prior to the start of the quarter. The liaison at the Medical School, with whom the SDRC works closely to facilitate academic accommodations, is Charlene C. Hamada, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs/Director of Admissions; e-mail: hamada@stanford.edu, work phone: (650) 723-4462.

The SDRC is located at 563 Salvatierra Walk, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305. Voice (650) 723-1066; TTY (650) 723-1067. The Center is open 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Schwab Learning Center

The Schwab Learning Center serves students with learning differences (LD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Emphasis is on a metacognitive approach to learning: students learn how to identify and use their own unique learning styles and strengths to maximize academic success. Sue Willows-Raznikov, MA, a learning strategy specialist, serves medical students exclusively; her office is in Student Affairs on the third floor of the Medical School Office Building. Among the services offered by the Schwab Learning Center are:

- Screening assessments for learning differences
- Individual learning style assessments and instruction in specific study strategies for academic enhancement
- Referral to outside professionals, as appropriate, for comprehensive psychoeducational testing (evaluations are subsidized for students with financial need)
- Tutoring in various academic disciplines
- On-site tutoring service for students at the Stanford Medical School
- ADHD coaching
- Orientation program for incoming and returning students

Students with Learning Disabilities/Differences and ADHD who are interested in receiving services offered by the Schwab Learning Center should phone Sue Willows Raznikov, MA at (650) 387-0550.
Assistive Learning Technology Center (ALTeC)

Located on Meyer Library's second floor, ALTeC provides a wide array of resources to make information technology and education more accessible for those with disabilities. The Center's expert staff can provide training and technical assistance, assess barriers to computer access, and recommend appropriate assistive technology or compensatory strategies. Among ALTeC's current accommodations are:

- A cluster of accessible high-end PCs and Macs
- Software for speech recognition, text-to-speech screen readers, screen magnification, and assistance with studying and writing
- Alternative input devices such as specialized keyboards and mouse substitutes
- Ergonomic computer workstations (some private) with independently adjustable keyboard and monitor positions
- CCTV video magnifiers and a refreshable Braille display
- Tutoring rooms with PCs and whiteboard capture systems

ALTeC's Alternative Format Production Facility (AFPF) converts printed text to computer files (e-text), large print, or Braille using high-speed scanners and Braille embossers. The Equipment and Software Loan Library (EaSLL) allows students to borrow certain assistive technology for evaluation purposes.

ALTeC's services are available to eligible students, faculty, and staff who need assistance due to a disability. Students should contact the SDRC at (650) 723-1066 for more information. Faculty and staff should contact Stanford's ADA/504 Compliance Office at (650) 723-0755 for a referral.

Center for Universal Design in Education

This is a research and development center under the auspices of the OAE. It serves to advance the development of instructional methods, tools, and strategies that are inherently flexible, customizable, and accessible to all students with different backgrounds, learning styles, abilities, and disabilities in a variety of learning contexts.
TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

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TUITION AND FEES

Tuition Payment Policies

Beginning with the 2006-07 academic year, Stanford is changing from a quarterly to a monthly billing schedule and introducing Stanford ePay, an online billing and payment service, to students and their authorized payers. Charges for tuition, room, board, and other fees will be billed prior to the beginning of each academic quarter, and will be due by the 15th of the following month. All other charges are billed monthly as they are incurred.

Stanford ePay provides a convenient way for students or other authorized payers to view and make payments to student accounts 24 hours a day. With Stanford ePay, students can:

- Pay university bill via:
  - Electronic checking (eCheck)
  - Credit card (MC, AMEX, or Discover) – a 2.75% convenience fee applies
- Authorize parents and other payers to view and pay university bills on-line
- Schedule payments (recurring)
- View billing history
- Make deposits to their StanfordCardPlan

Students who have paid for 13 full quarters of tuition (16 for joint MD/PhD candidates) pay the TMR tuition rate.

Students who must repeat a clerkship as required for graduation must again pay tuition.

Students employed as RAs or TAs may register on a unit basis. (To be eligible for financial aid, a student must enroll in at least nine units.) The unit basis registration privilege is not available to students appointed as pre-doctoral fellows on training grants.

The units of work attempted must be in agreement with the tuition paid by the student.

Tuition Rates for 2006-2007

- Tuition (Courses)
  
  $13,280  Full-time: 9 – 35 units  
  Full-time for first-year students autumn quarter only: 9 - 45 units

Units exceeding the full-time limit will be charged at $885 per unit. The cost of units exceeding the full-time limit is not included in the budgets for students on financial aid.
• Terminal Medical Registration (TMR) rate

$1,990  Applied after 13 full quarters paid for MD students and 16 full quarters paid for MD/PhD students (three at full graduate student rate)

**Fees**

In addition to tuition, students are required to pay other fees related to their enrollment in the School of Medicine:

• All students registered at Stanford University must have health insurance, either with the Stanford-sponsored insurance, Cardinal Care, or with an external carrier. The fee for Cardinal Care will appear on the student’s tuition bill. Students choosing external insurance must notify the University. For specific information, see Health Insurance for Incoming Students (vaden.stanford.edu).

• Major Medical Hospitalization insurance is required in addition to basic health insurance. The cost of the plan, offered as a supplement to Cardinal Care, is approximately $656 per quarter for a single student.

• Medical Student Disability insurance is also required of all students and is currently $61 per year.

• Associated Students of Stanford University (ASSU) fees are $30 for autumn quarter, $30 for winter quarter, and $31 for spring quarter. No fees are paid for summer quarter enrollment.

• With the exception of ASSU fees, the fees above are included in budgets for students on financial aid.

• Parking fees will be required of students who wish to park a car or motorcycle on campus, either adjacent to on-campus housing or at the Medical Center. Typical fees are $552 per year for close-in parking (A Lots), $216 per year for more distant parking (C Lots), $72 per year for motorcycle parking.

**FINANCIAL AID POLICIES**

**Stanford non-discriminatory policy**

Stanford University admits students of either sex and any race, color, religion, sexual orientation, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the University. It prohibits discrimination, including harassment, against students on the basis of sex, race, age, color, disability, religion, sexual orientation, national and ethnic origin, and any other characteristic protected by applicable law in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and other University-administered programs.

**Citizenship**

U.S. citizenship or permanent residency is a prerequisite for financial aid. International students, upon admission, must be able to demonstrate, with appropriate financial statements, that they have sufficient funds available to meet all educational costs for the length of the program. Although assistantship earnings may become available to help international students meet their educational costs, they cannot be included as a resource in the documentation required prior to matriculation.
**Enrollment**

To be eligible for financial aid, students must be enrolled for a minimum of nine units of medical school course work during the fall, winter, and spring quarters. During summer quarters, only three of the nine units must be medical school course work. Students working on advanced degrees outside of the medical school are not eligible for medical school financial aid and should apply for aid from the individual degree-granting department.

**Satisfactory academic progress for financial aid**

Federal law and regulations require that students receiving financial assistance from federal funds maintain satisfactory academic progress. The following policy presents the standards adopted by the Stanford University School of Medicine for students receiving financial aid. This policy supersedes prior policy.

1. Each student must maintain the following unit requirements:
   a. Per quarter (autumn, winter, spring): nine medical school units each quarter; summer (if enrolled): a minimum of nine units that must include at least three medical school units. (Medical school course work includes all courses and research units offered through the medical school.)
   b. Per academic year: minimum of 36 medical school units each academic year.

   Students planning not to register for a quarter, or to register for summer and take only three medical school units, must be careful that during each academic year they complete a minimum of 36 medical school units. No financial aid will be disbursed to a student who completes less than the minimum. Units for a course dropped will not be included.

2. Academic deficiencies must be corrected within the time frame established by the Committee on Student Performance.

3. Maximum Financial Aid Eligibility:
   a. For students in the MD program: five years (i.e., 20 quarters)
   b. For MD students working on a master’s degree at the medical school: six years (i.e., 23 quarters)

   Funding beyond the maximum time frames will be provided only if approved by an advising dean of student affairs because of significant mitigating circumstances.

   The maximum time allowed does not include periods of approved Leaves of Absence. For transfer students, quarters completed prior to entering are subtracted from maximum financial aid eligibility.

4. Advanced degrees outside of the medical school do not qualify for financial aid funding through the medical school.

5. A student who has completed degree requirements, with the exception of the National Boards, will not be eligible for financial aid funding.

The Medical School Registrar monitors all student records and apprises the School of Medicine Financial Aid Office and the Committee on Student Performance of those students whose academic progress may be in question.
Financial need

All financial aid administered by the Medical School FAO is based on demonstrated financial need, not academic achievement. The premise of need-based financial aid is that the student and family have the primary responsibility for financing their medical education. Grant eligibility is determined after family resources are assessed.

The financial aid program requires that students, their parents (if the student is under 30 years of age and is applying for Stanford-based financial aid), and their spouse provide all financial information fully and accurately. All students, regardless of age, must notify the FAO promptly, in writing, of any change in their financial circumstances during the year. Failure to report changes such as marital status, parental income, assets, scholarship aid, work income, etc., could result in a total loss of assistance, a revision of past awards, serious disciplinary action, or all three.

The Application Process

The Med School FAO uses the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA), the CSS Profile Need Analysis Application, and a paper supplemental application, to collect the data used in preparing the financial aid award. The sources of aid awarded (federal grant and loan, institutional grant and loan) are based on these data. The Med School Financial Aid Office will take action on applications for loans and grants only when all required documentation and materials are received and processed. Priority is given to students whose applications are complete and ready for review by May 15. Students should start the application process six to eight weeks before this date. No Stanford-based aid (Stanford Grant and Loan) will be awarded to applicants who submit application materials after December 31.

Students must reapply and submit all required documents each year. Application forms become available in early February.

Financial aid award letter

Financial aid award letters are prepared after the FAO staff has completed a need-analysis of the student’s completed application/file. Letters are placed in student mailboxes and may be emailed upon request. Students should review their award letters carefully and ask for clarification as needed.

As new sources of financial support become available, the financial aid award may change. Students are notified of these changes in “revised” award letters.

Thank-you letter and annual dinner

Most of our grant, loan, and medical scholar funds exist because of generous gifts from alumni or friends of Stanford. If you are awarded such funds, you may be required to write the donor(s) a thank-you letter and attend the annual dinner, usually held in late April. Your cooperation is needed and expected, since maintaining the good will of Stanford's donors helps assure the availability of funds for the future. Aid recipients who fail to comply with these requirements by the specified date will lose eligibility for Stanford grants or loans — or both — the following year.

Disbursement of financial aid

Based on your financial aid application and other supporting documents, your financial aid package will appear on your university bill each quarter as “anticipated aid.”
When you have satisfied all requirements for aid eligibility, the “anticipated aid” will be applied to your account.

If financial aid funds are less than charges, you are required to pay the difference. You may view your student account statement at

http://axess.stanford.edu

If funds from financial aid exceed the charges, Student Financial Services will mail a refund check only after registration (enrollment in courses) and attendance at Entrance Counseling (applies to entering students only) are completed. Students may also elect to receive their refunds through “direct deposit” into a specified checking or savings account. If this is your choice of reimbursement, please complete a direct deposit form available through the Axess link. Otherwise, reimbursements will be sent via U.S. post and may take a few days longer to receive. Please be sure to update your local mailing address in Axess.
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*Schedule for required courses approved by the Dean's Office for 81% tuition supplementation.
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STANFORD UNIVERSITY POLICIES

As students at Stanford University, medical students are governed by the applicable rules, regulations and policies of the University. Many of these are set forth in the Stanford Bulletin, available from the School of Medicine Office of Student Affairs, MSOB X3C01, and online at:

http://www.stanford.edu/dept/registrar/bulletin/

Certain particularly important policies are set forth below.

Judicial Affairs and Student Conduct

In March 1996, President Gerhard Casper convened the Committee of 15 and requested a review of the student judicial system at the University under the then-existing Legislative and Judicial Charter of 1968. During the following year, the Committee of 15 conducted an extensive review of the existing charter and process and drafted a new charter to take its place. The Student Judicial Charter of 1997 was approved by the Associated Students of Stanford University, the Senate of the Academic Council, and the President of the University during Spring Quarter 1996-97 and Autumn Quarter 1997-98, replacing the earlier charter and becoming effective in January 1998. Cases of alleged violations of the University’s Honor Code, Fundamental Standard, and other student conduct policies now proceed through an established student judicial process based upon the Student Judicial Charter of 1997, which can be found in its entirety at the University’s Office of Judicial Affairs web site at http://judicialaffairs.stanford.edu. The web site also contains the policies, rules, and interpretations, as well as the University’s Student Conduct Penalty Code, applicable to those students found responsible for violating the Honor Code, the Fundamental Standard, or other University policy or rule.-

When a violation of the Fundamental Standard, Honor Code, or other University policy or rule governing student conduct is alleged, or whenever a member of the University community believes such a violation has occurred, he or she should contact the Office of Judicial Affairs, at Tresidder Memorial Union, 2nd floor, phone (650) 725-2485, fax (650) 736-0247, or email judicial.affairs@stanford.edu.

The primary codes of conduct for students are the Fundamental Standard and Honor Code.

THE FUNDAMENTAL STANDARD

Students at Stanford are expected to know, understand, and abide by the Fundamental Standard, which is the University’s basic statement on behavioral expectations articulated in 1896 by Stanford’s first President, David Starr Jordan, as follows:

“Students are expected to show both within and without the University such respect for order, morality, personal honor, and the rights of others as is demanded of good citizens. Failure to do this will be sufficient cause for removal from the University.”

Actions that have been found to be in violation of the Fundamental Standard include:

- Physical Assault
- Property Damage
• Forgery
• Theft
• Sexual harassment or other sexual misconduct
• Misrepresentation in seeking financial aid, University housing, University meals, or other University benefits
• Driving on campus while under the influence of alcohol
• Misuse of computer equipment or email
• Sending threatening or obscene messages

There is no standard penalty which applies to violations of the Fundamental Standard. Penalties range from a formal warning to expulsion. Each case is fact specific; considerations include the nature and seriousness of the offense, the motivation underlying the offense, and precedent in similar cases.

THE HONOR CODE

The Honor Code is the University’s statement on academic integrity. It is essentially the application of the Fundamental Standard to academic matters. Provisions of the Honor Code date from 1921, when the honor system was established by the Academic Council of the University Faculty at the request of the student body and with the approval of the President. The Honor Code reads:

“A. The Honor Code is an undertaking of the students, individually and collectively:

1) that they will not give or receive aid in examinations; that they will not give or receive unpermitted aid in class work, in the preparation of reports, or in any other work that is to be used by the instructor as the basis of grading;

2) that they will do their share and take an active part in seeing to it that others as well as themselves uphold the spirit and letter of the Honor Code.

“B. The faculty on its part manifests its confidence in the honor of its students by refraining from proctoring examinations and from taking unusual and unreasonable precautions to prevent the forms of dishonesty mentioned above. The faculty will also avoid, as far as practicable, academic procedures that create temptations to violate the Honor Code.

“C. While the faculty alone has the right and obligation to set academic requirements, the students and faculty will work together to establish optimal conditions for honorable academic work.”

Examples of conduct which have been regarded as being in violation of the Honor Code include:

• Copying from another’s examination paper or allowing another to copy from one’s own paper
• Unpermitted collaboration
• Plagiarism

• Revising and resubmitting a quiz or exam for regrading without the instructor’s knowledge and consent

• Representing as one’s own work the work of another

• Giving or receiving aid on an academic assignment under circumstances in which a reasonable person should have known that such aid was not permitted

For more information, see the Interpretations and Applications of the Honor Code at http://www.stanford.edu/dept/vpsa/judicialaffairs/guiding/honorcode.int.htm. The standard penalty for a first offense is a one-quarter suspension from the University and 40 hours of community service. In addition, many faculty members issue a “No Pass” for the course in which the violation occurred.

STATEMENT ON STUDENT ACADEMIC GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The following policy was effective beginning in the 1999-2000 academic year and is subject to periodic review.

1. Coverage

   a. Any Stanford undergraduate or graduate student who believes that he or she has been subjected to an improper decision on an academic matter is entitled to file a grievance to obtain an independent review of the allegedly improper decision, followed by corrective action if appropriate. A grievance is a complaint in writing made to an administrative officer of the University concerning an academic decision, made by a person or group of persons acting in an official University capacity, that directly and adversely affects the student as an individual in his or her academic capacity.

   b. Grievance procedures apply only in those cases involving a perceived academic impropriety arising from a decision taken by: (1) an individual instructor or researcher; (2) a school, department or program; (3) a committee charged to administer academic policies of a particular school, department or program; (4) the University Registrar or a Senate committee or subcommittee charged to administer academic policies of the Senate of the Academic Council. They do not pertain to complaints expressing dissatisfaction with a University policy of general application challenged on the ground that the policy is unfair or inadvisable, nor do they pertain to individual school, department or program academic policies, as long as those policies are not inconsistent with general University policy.

   c. Individuals should be aware that the University Ombudsperson’s Office is available to all Stanford students, faculty and staff to discuss and advise on any matter of University concern and frequently helps expedite resolution of such matters. Although it has no decision-making authority, the Ombudsperson’s Office has wide powers of inquiry, including into student complaints against instructors.

2. Grievance and Appeal Procedures

   a. Informal Attempts at Resolution. The student first should discuss the matter, orally or in writing, with the individual(s) most directly responsible. If no resolution results, the student should then
consult with the individual at the next administrative level, for example, the chair or director of the relevant department or program or, for those cases in which there is none, with the school dean. At this stage, the department chair or program director, if any, may inform the dean that the consultation is taking place and may solicit his or her advice on how to assure that adequate steps are taken to achieve a fair result. Efforts should be made to resolve the issues at an informal level without the complaint escalating to the status of a formal grievance.

b. The Filing of the Grievance:

1) If informal means of resolution prove unsatisfactory, the student should set forth in writing a statement of the decision that constitutes the subject matter of the dispute, the grounds on which it is being challenged, and the reasons why the grievant believes that the decision was improperly taken. The statement should also include a description of the remedy sought and the informal efforts taken to date to resolve the matter. It is at this point that the complaint becomes a formal grievance. The written grievance should specifically address the matters set forth in the Standards for Review in Section 4 below. The grievance should include an allegation of any adverse effects on the grievant, known to the grievant at the time of filing.

2) The grievance document should be submitted to the dean of the school in which the grievance arose; for a grievance concerning a decision of the University Registrar or of a Senate committee or subcommittee, the procedures set forth herein for grievances and appeals shall be modified as stated in Section 3 below. A grievance must be filed in a timely fashion, that is, normally within 30 days of the end of the academic quarter in which the adverse decision occurred or should reasonably have been discovered. A delay in filing a grievance may, taking all circumstances into account, constitute grounds for rejection of the grievance.

c. The Response to the Grievance:

1) The relevant dean shall consider the grievance. The dean may attempt to resolve the matter informally or make whatever disposition of the grievance he or she deems appropriate. The dean may, in appropriate cases, remand the grievance to a lower administrative level (including to the level at which the grievance arose) for further consideration.

2) The dean may also refer the grievance, or any issue therein, to any person (the “grievance officer”) who shall consider the matter and report to the dean as the latter directs. The dean shall inform the grievant (and the party against whose decision the grievance has been filed) in writing of any referral of the matter and shall specify the matters referred, the directions to the person to whom the referral is made (including the time frame within which the person is to report back to the dean), and the name of that person.

3) In undertaking the review, the dean or the grievance officer may request a response to the issues raised in the grievance from any individuals believed to have information considered relevant, including faculty, staff, and students.

4) Should attempts to resolve the matter informally not be successful, the dean shall decide the grievance, and shall notify the grievant (and the party against whose decision the grievance has been filed) in writing of the disposition made of the grievance and the grounds for the disposition at the earliest practicable date after his or her receipt of the grievance.
5) Normally no more than 60 days should elapse between the filing of a grievance and the disposition by the dean. If, because of absence of key persons from the campus or other circumstances or exigencies, the dean decides that prompt disposition is not possible, he or she shall inform the grievant (and the party against whose decision the grievance has been filed) of that in writing, giving the grounds therefore and an estimate of when a disposition can be expected.

d. The Filing of an Appeal:

1) If the grievant is dissatisfied with the disposition of the grievance at the decanal level, either on substantive or procedural grounds, he or she may appeal in writing to the Provost.

2) The appeal must specify the particular substantive or procedural bases of the appeal (that is, the appeal must be made on grounds other than general dissatisfaction with the disposition) and must be directed only to issues raised in the grievance as filed or to procedural errors in the grievance process itself, and not to new issues. The appeal should contain the following:
   a) A copy of the original grievance and any other documents submitted by the grievant in connection therewith.
   b) A copy of the determination made by the dean on that grievance.
   c) A statement of why the reasons for the determination of the dean are not satisfactory to the grievant. This statement should specifically address the matters set forth in the Standards for Review in Section 4 below.

3) The grievant shall file his or her appeal at the earliest practicable date after the grievant’s receipt of the determination by the dean. Normally, no more than 30 days should elapse between the transmittal of the dean’s decision on the grievance and the filing of the appeal. A delay in filing an appeal may, taking all circumstances into account, constitute grounds for rejection of the appeal.

e. The Response to the Appeal:

1) The Provost may attempt to resolve the matter informally, or refer the appeal, or any issue thereof, to any person (the “grievance appeal officer”) who shall consider the matter and report to the Provost as the latter directs. The Provost may also, in appropriate cases, remand the matter to a lower administrative level (including to the level at which the grievance arose) for further consideration.

2) The Provost shall inform the grievant (and the party against whose decision the grievance has been filed) in writing of any referral of the matter and shall specify the matters referred, the directions to the person to whom the referral is made (including the time frame within which the person is to report back to the Provost), and the name of that person.

3) Should attempts to resolve the matter informally not be successful, the Provost shall decide the appeal, and shall notify the grievant (and the party against whose decision the grievance has been filed) in writing of the disposition made of the grievance and the grounds for the disposition at the earliest practicable date after his or her receipt of the appeal. The decision of the Provost shall be final, unless the grievant requests a further appeal to the President pursuant to Section 2f below, and the President agrees to entertain this further appeal.
4) Normally no more than 45 days should elapse between the filing of the appeal and the disposition by the Provost. If, because of absence of key persons from the campus or other exigencies, the Provost judges that prompt disposition is not possible, he or she shall inform the grievant (and the party against whose decision the grievance has been filed) of that fact in writing, giving the grounds therefore and an estimate of when a disposition can be expected.

f. The Request to the President:

If the student is dissatisfied with the disposition of the appeal by the Provost, he or she may write to the President of the University giving reasons why he or she believes the grievance result to be wrong (following the general format set forth in Section 2d2 above). No more than 30 days should elapse between the transmittal of the Provost’s disposition and the written statement to the President urging further appeal. In any case, the President may agree or decline to entertain this further appeal. If the President declines to entertain the further appeal, the decision of the Provost shall be final. If the President decides to entertain the further appeal, he or she shall follow the general procedures set forth in Section 2e. above, and the decision of the President shall be final.

3. Grievances Concerning Decisions of the University Registrar or of a Senate Committee or Subcommittee

a. For a grievance concerning a decision of the University Registrar or of a Senate committee or subcommittee, the grievant shall file his or her grievance with the Provost, rather than with the dean, and the Provost shall handle that grievance in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2c above.

b. There shall be no appeal of the Provost’s disposition of that grievance, except as may be available under Section 2f above.

4. Standards for Review and Procedural Matters

a. The review of the grievance or appeal shall usually be limited to the following considerations:

1) Were the proper facts and criteria brought to bear on the decision? Were improper or extraneous facts or criteria brought to bear that substantially affected the decision to the detriment of the grievant?

2) Were there any procedural irregularities that substantially affected the outcome of the matter to the detriment of the grievant?

3) Given proper facts, criteria, and procedures, was the decision one that a person in the position of the decision maker might reasonably have made?

b. The time frames set forth herein are guidelines. They may be extended by the relevant administrative officer in his or her discretion for good cause.

c. Questions concerning the filing and appeal of grievances should be directed to the Office of the Provost.
**POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND CONSENSUAL SEXUAL OR ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS**

Following are excerpts that are most applicable to School of Medicine MD students. For the complete text of the currently applicable version of this policy, see Administrative Guide Memo 23.2, Policy on Sexual Harassment and Consensual Sexual or Romantic Relationships at:


It is also available from the Sexual Harassment Policy Office home page:

[http://harass.stanford.edu](http://harass.stanford.edu)

**Summary**

Stanford University strives to provide a place of work and study free of sexual harassment, intimidation or exploitation. Where sexual harassment is found to have occurred, the University will act to stop the harassment, prevent its recurrence, and discipline and/or take other appropriate action against those responsible.

**Policy**

The following is quoted from the policy:

“1. In General

a. *Applicability and Sanctions for Policy Violations*—This policy applies to all students, faculty and staff of Stanford University, as well as to others who participate in Stanford programs and activities. Its application includes Stanford programs and activities both on and off-campus, including overseas programs. Individuals who violate this policy are subject to discipline up to and including discharge, expulsion, and/or other appropriate sanction or action.

b. *Respect for Each Other*—Stanford University strives to provide a place of work and study free of sexual harassment, intimidation or exploitation. It is expected that students, faculty, staff and other individuals covered by this policy will treat one another with respect.

c. *Prompt Attention*—Reports of sexual harassment are taken seriously and will be dealt with promptly. The specific action taken in any particular case depends on the nature and gravity of the conduct reported, and may include intervention, mediation, investigation and the initiation of grievance and disciplinary processes as discussed more fully below. Where sexual harassment is found to have occurred, the University will act to stop the harassment, prevent its recurrence, and discipline and/or take other appropriate action against those responsible.

d. *Confidentiality*—The University recognizes that confidentiality is important. Sexual harassment advisers and others responsible to implement this policy will respect the confidentiality and privacy of individuals reporting or accused of sexual harassment to the extent reasonably possible. Examples of situations where confidentiality cannot be maintained include circumstances when the University is required by law to disclose information (such as in response to legal process) and when disclosure is required by the University’s outweighing interest in protecting the rights of others.
c. **Protection Against Retaliation**—Retaliation and/or reprisals against an individual who in good faith reports or provides information in an investigation about behavior that may violate this policy are against the law and will not be tolerated. Intentionally making a false report or providing false information, however, is grounds for discipline.

d. **Relationship to Freedom of Expression**—Stanford is committed to the principles of free inquiry and free expression. Vigorous discussion and debate are fundamental to the University, and this policy is not intended to stifle teaching methods or freedom of expression generally, nor will it be permitted to do so. Sexual harassment, however, is neither legally protected expression nor the proper exercise of academic freedom; it compromises the integrity of the University, its tradition of intellectual freedom and the trust placed in its members.

“2. What Is Sexual Harassment?

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other visual, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

a. It is implicitly or explicitly suggested that submission to or rejection of the conduct will be a factor in academic or employment decisions or evaluations, or permission to participate in a University activity;

or

b. The conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s academic or work performance or creating an intimidating or hostile academic, work or student living environment.

Determining what constitutes sexual harassment depends upon the specific facts and the context in which the conduct occurs. Sexual harassment may take many forms—subtle and indirect, or blatant and overt. For example,

- It may be conduct toward an individual of the opposite sex or the same sex.

- It may occur between peers or between individuals in a hierarchical relationship.

- It may be aimed at coercing an individual to participate in an unwanted sexual relationship or it may have the effect of causing an individual to change behavior or work performance.

- It may consist of repeated actions or may even arise from a single incident if sufficiently egregious.

3. What To Do About Sexual Harassment

Individuals seeking further information are directed to the following resources:

- The Sexual Harassment Policy Office (Main Quad, Bldg. 310, Room 101; (650) 723-1583 or 327-8259; email: harass@stanford.edu for information, consultation, advice, or to lodge a complaint. Note that anonymous inquiries can be made to the SHPO by phone during business hours.


- Any designated Sexual Harassment Adviser or resource person listed in 3.a.

The following are the primary methods for dealing with sexual harassment at Stanford. They are not required to be followed in any specific order. However, early informal methods are often effective in correcting questionable behavior.

a. Consultation—Consultation about sexual harassment is available from the Sexual Harassment Policy Office, Sexual Harassment Advisers (including residence deans), human resources officers, employee relations specialists, counselors at Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) or the Help Center, chaplains at Memorial Church, ombudspersons and others. A current list of Sexual Harassment Advisers is available from the Sexual Harassment Policy Office and at http://harass.stanford.edu/SHadvisers.html. Consultation is available for anyone who wants to discuss issues related to sexual harassment, whether or not “harassment” actually has occurred, and whether the person seeking information is a complainant, a person who believes his or her own actions may be the subject of criticism (even if unwarranted), or a third party.

Often there is a desire that a consultation be confidential or “off the record.” This can usually be achieved when individuals discuss concerns about sexual harassment without identifying the other persons involved, and sometimes even without identifying themselves. Confidential consultations about sexual harassment also may be available from persons who, by law, have special professional status, such as:

- Counselors at Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), http://caps.stanford.edu/

- Chaplains at Memorial Church

- The University Ombudsperson, http://www.stanford.edu/dept/ombuds/

- The Medical Center Ombudsperson, http://www.med.stanford.edu/ombuds/

In these latter cases, the level of confidentiality depends on what legal protections are held by the specific persons receiving the information and should be addressed with them before specific facts are disclosed. For more information see http://harass.stanford.edu/confidential.html.

For further information on confidentiality, see Section 1(d) above.

b. Direct Communication—An individual may act on concerns about sexual harassment directly, by addressing the other party in person or writing a letter describing the unwelcome behavior and its effect and stating that the behavior must stop. A Sexual Harassment Adviser can help the individual plan what to say or write, and likewise can counsel persons who receive such communications. Reprisals against an individual who in good faith initiates such a communication violate this policy.
c. **Third Party Intervention**—Depending on the circumstances, third party intervention in the workplace, student residence or academic setting may be attempted. Third party intervenors may be the Sexual Harassment Advisers, human resources professionals, the ombudspersons, other faculty or staff, or sometimes mediators unrelated to the University.

When third party intervention is used, typically the third party (or third parties) will meet privately with each of the persons involved, try to clarify their perceptions and attempt to develop a mutually acceptable understanding that can insure that the parties are comfortable with their future interactions. Other processes, such as a mediated discussion among the parties or with a supervisor, may also be explored in appropriate cases.

Possible outcomes of third party intervention include explicit agreements about future conduct, changes in workplace assignments, substitution of one class for another, or other relief, where appropriate.

d. **Formal Grievance, Appeal, and Disciplinary Processes**—Grievance, appeal, or disciplinary processes may be pursued as applicable.

1) **Grievances and Appeals**—The applicable procedure depends on the circumstances and the status of the person bringing the charge and the person against whom the charge is brought. Generally, the process consists of the individual’s submission of a written statement, a process of fact-finding or investigation by a University representative, followed by a decision and, in some cases, the possibility of one or more appeals, usually to Stanford administrative officers at higher levels. The relevant procedure (see below) should be read carefully, since the procedures vary considerably.

If the identified University fact-finder or grievance officer has a conflict of interest, an alternate will be arranged, and the Director of the Sexual Harassment Policy Office or the Director of Employee and Labor Relations can help assure that this occurs.

In most cases, grievances and appeals must be brought within a specified time after the action complained of. While informal resolution efforts will not automatically extend the time limits for filing a grievance or appeal, in appropriate circumstances the complainant and the other relevant parties may mutually agree in writing to extend the time for filing a grievance or appeal.

A list of the established grievance and appeal procedures is located at [http://hrweb.stanford.edu/elr/policies/list_grievance_procedures.html](http://hrweb.stanford.edu/elr/policies/list_grievance_procedures.html). Copies may also be obtained from the Sexual Harassment Policy Office, [http://www.stanford.edu/group/SexHarass](http://www.stanford.edu/group/SexHarass).

“2) **Disciplinary Procedures**—In appropriate cases, disciplinary procedures may be initiated. The applicable disciplinary procedure depends on the status of the individual whose conduct is in question. For example, faculty are subject to the Statement on Faculty Discipline [http://www.stanford.edu/dept/provost/faculty/policies/handbook/ch4.html#statementonfacultydiscipline](http://www.stanford.edu/dept/provost/faculty/policies/handbook/ch4.html#statementonfacultydiscipline) and students to the Fundamental Standard. For additional information related to student judicial affairs, see [http://www.stanford.edu/dept/vpsa/judicialaffairs](http://www.stanford.edu/dept/vpsa/judicialaffairs).

The individuals referenced in this section are available to discuss these options and differing methods for dealing with sexual harassment.”
“6. Consensual Sexual or Romantic Relationships

a. In General—There are special risks in any sexual or romantic relationship between individuals in inherently unequal positions, and parties in such a relationship assume those risks. In the University context, such positions include (but are not limited to) teacher and student, supervisor and employee, senior faculty and junior faculty, mentor and trainee, adviser and advisee, teaching assistant and student, coach and athlete, and the individuals who supervise the day-to-day student living environment and student residents. Because of the potential for conflict of interest, exploitation, favoritism, and bias, such relationships may undermine the real or perceived integrity of the supervision and evaluation provided, and the trust inherent particularly in the teacher-student context. They may, moreover, be less consensual than the individual whose position confers power or authority believes. The relationship is likely to be perceived in different ways by each of the parties to it, especially in retrospect.

Moreover, such relationships may harm or injure others in the academic or work environment. Relationships in which one party is in a position to review the work or influence the career of the other may provide grounds for complaint by third parties when that relationship gives undue access or advantage, restricts opportunities, or creates a perception of these problems. Furthermore, circumstances may change, and conduct that was previously welcome may become unwelcome. Even when both parties have consented at the outset to a romantic involvement, this past consent does not remove grounds for a charge based upon subsequent unwelcome conduct.

Where such a relationship exists, the person in the position of greater authority or power will bear the primary burden of accountability, and must ensure that he or she—and this is particularly important for teachers—does not exercise any supervisory or evaluative function over the other person in the relationship. Where such recusal is required, the recusing party must also notify his or her supervisor, department chair or dean, so that such chair, dean or supervisor can exercise his or her responsibility to evaluate the adequacy of the alternative supervisory or evaluative arrangements to be put in place. Staff members may notify their local human resources officers. To reiterate, the responsibility for recusal and notification rests with the person in the position of greater authority or power. Failure to comply with these recusal and notification requirements is a violation of this policy, and therefore grounds for discipline. The University has the option to take any action necessary to insure compliance with the spirit of this recusal policy, including transferring either or both employees in order to minimize disruption of the work group. In those extraordinarily rare situations where it is programmatically infeasible to provide alternative supervision or evaluation, the cognizant Dean or Director must approve all evaluative and compensation actions.

b. With Students—At a university, the role of the teacher is multifaceted, including serving as intellectual guide, counselor, mentor and advisor; the teacher’s influence and authority extend far beyond the classroom. Consequently and as a general proposition, the University believes that a sexual or romantic relationship between a teacher and a student, even where consensual and whether or not the student would otherwise be subject to supervision or evaluation by the teacher, is inconsistent with the proper role of the teacher, and should be avoided. The University therefore very strongly discourages such relationships.”
CHILD BIRTH POLICY FOR WOMEN GRADUATE STUDENTS AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY

The following may be found in the Graduate Student Handbook, available online:


Rationale

Stanford University is committed to achieving a diverse graduate student body, and facilitating the participation of under-represented groups in all areas of research and graduate and postdoctoral training. To increase the number of women pursuing the advanced degrees that will prepare them for leadership positions in academia, industry, and government, it is important to acknowledge that a woman's prime childbearing years are the same years she is likely to be in graduate school, doing postdoctoral training, and establishing herself in a career. The Childbirth Policy described here is designed to partially ameliorate the intrinsic conflict between the “biological” and the “research” and “training” clocks for women graduate students.

Nothing in this policy replaces the communication and cooperation between student and advisor, and the good-faith efforts of both to accommodate the birth of a child. It is the intention of this policy to reinforce the importance of that cooperation, and to provide support where needed to make that accommodation possible.

Summary of Provisions of the Childbirth Policy

The Childbirth Policy is intended to provide an accommodation for the demands placed on a woman by late-stage pregnancy, childbirth, and the care of a newborn. It is designed to make it possible to maintain the mother's full-time, registered student status, and to facilitate her return to full participation in classwork, and, where applicable, research, teaching, and clinical training in a seamless manner.

The Childbirth Policy has four components. All women graduate students (including students in professional schools) anticipating or experiencing a birth who are registered, matriculated students

1. are eligible for an Academic Accommodation Period of up to two consecutive academic quarters around the time of the birth, during which the student may postpone course assignments, examinations, and other academic requirements;

2. are eligible for full-time enrollment during this period and will retain access to Stanford facilities, Cardinal Care, and Stanford housing; and

3. will be granted an automatic one-quarter extension of University and departmental requirements and academic milestones, with the possibility of up to three quarters by petition under unusual circumstances. In addition,

4. women graduate students supported by fellowships, teaching assistantships, and/or research assistantships will be excused from their regular TA or RA duties for a period of six weeks during which they will continue to receive support.

(Students will not receive a stipend or salary if none was received previously, but are eligible for the Academic Accommodation Period and the one-quarter extension of academic milestones.)
Eligibility

The Childbirth Policy applies to matriculated and enrolled women graduate students anticipating or experiencing a birth. Adoption, foster-care placement, and paternity leave are covered under existing policies governing Medical, Maternity, and Paternity Leave, as described in the Stanford Graduate Student Handbook. Birth mothers may opt to use Medical and Maternity Leaves in addition to or instead of the benefits provided by the Childbirth Policy. Depending on the stage in her academic career, the timing of the birth, her funding source, and the level of assistance she will receive from others in caring for the newborn, a woman may find it more advantageous or feasible to take one or more quarters of leave of absence rather than remaining enrolled and utilizing the Childbirth Policy. This may especially be the case for medical students because of the highly structured and sequential MD curriculum, particularly in the first two years.

NOTE: Before applying for a leave of absence, a woman student should determine the implications of a leave for remaining in on-campus housing, continuation of Cardinal Care insurance, fulfilling visa requirements, eligibility for student loans and loan deferment privileges, and whether leave “stops the clock” with regard to University or departmental funding (see Leave of Absence section of the Stanford Graduate Student Handbook). She should also discuss with her research advisor how a leave, especially one longer than a single quarter, would affect time-sensitive research projects and reporting, and the feasibility of resuming the same research project on return from leave.

Planning for the Academic Accommodation Period

The student should initiate discussions with her advisor(s) and departmental or school administrators at least four months prior to the anticipated birth in order to make arrangements for an Academic Accommodation Period. This will provide the lead time necessary to rearrange teaching duties for those students supported by teaching assistantships, or to adjust laboratory or other research schedules. Medical students will need to assess and, if possible, adjust the mix of classroom, research, and clinical activities. This planning period should also be used to reach agreement on a timeline for academic issues (e.g., class attendance and residency issues, PhD qualifying exam and other academic milestones, field work, time-sensitive research reports on sponsored projects) that will be affected by the birth of a child and by the automatic one-quarter extension of academic requirements. It is essential that the student consult with the research advisor well in advance of the birth if the nature of her funding or the research grant conditions require that specific tasks be completed by specified dates, or if the PI will need to hire additional help to meet those conditions during a period of reduced activity by the woman graduate student. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with faculty and with departmental administrators for course completion and for continuation of teaching, research and/or clinical activities before and following the Academic Accommodation Period.

One of the purposes of the Childbirth Policy is to make it possible for women to maintain their full-time student status, so that they continue accumulating units toward the residency requirement, and to avoid triggering any interruptions in on-campus housing, insurance coverage, eligibility for student loans, and deferment of student loan repayment. By remaining full-time students, the visa status of international students is not affected. While it is usually better for the woman student to remain enrolled full-time, in some cases, depending on the coursework appropriate to the stage of her academic program, part-time enrollment would be appropriate. This will require careful consultation, in advance, to ensure that the implications for academic progress, visa status, loan eligibility and deferment, etc. have been thoroughly investigated. In completing the petition for the Academic Accommodation Period, the student may request up to two quarters of part-time enrollment. If part-time enrollment status is approved, the student will retain all privileges of the Childbirth Policy. Independent of making this request for part-time enrollment, if a serious medical problem were to arise for mother or newborn, the woman student would be eligible for reduction in units under existing University policy.
NOTES: International students should discuss the intended Academic Accommodation Period with the Bechtel International Center at the beginning of the planning period to address proactively any unique visa issues and to consider current immigration regulations.

A student must be enrolled for a minimum of 6 units to be eligible for student loans and loan deferment privileges.

**Applying for a Childbirth Academic Accommodation Period and an Extension of Academic Requirements**

Women graduate students anticipating or experiencing the birth of a child may formally request a one-quarter extension of University and departmental academic requirements and a childbirth Academic Accommodation Period. Such a period is intended to recognize the student's need for special consideration before and after the birth of a child. This Academic Accommodation Period is not a leave of absence from University responsibilities. The expectation is that the woman will be in residence, and, assuming good health of the pregnant woman or new mother and the infant, will remain engaged in classwork and research, and, if applicable and feasible, clinical activities, even if at a reduced level.

The Childbirth Policy is administered by the Office of the Dean of Research through a petition process. (Petition form is a downloadable pdf file.) In that petition, the woman student specifies the dates on which the Academic Accommodation Period begins and ends, with the requirement that it must fall within at most two consecutive quarters. A letter from the student's health-care provider stating the anticipated delivery date must accompany the petition. If the childbirth occurs prior to filing the petition, the accommodation period begins on the birth date.

The Office of the Dean of Research will notify the student, the student's department, and the relevant University administrative offices that the one-quarter extension of University and departmental academic requirements and the Academic Accommodation Period have been approved, along with the dates for the accommodation period.

**DURING AND AFTER THE ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION PERIOD**

**Funding**

In addition to being eligible for up to two quarters of academic accommodation, those women graduate students supported by fellowships, teaching assistantships, and/or research assistantships will be excused from their regular TA or RA duties for a period of six weeks during which they will continue to receive support.

For most PhD students for whom a Teaching Assistantship is part of her support package, it should be possible to arrange the timing of teaching assignments to accommodate childbirth. During the six-week period, students supported by teaching assistantships may choose to continue in some limited capacity (e.g., grading, preparing course materials, or other non-intensive duties), in order to finish out an academic quarter, but cannot be required to do so. With advance planning, most Research Assistantship assignments can similarly be adjusted to accommodate childbirth. Most granting agencies provide for a short period of reduced activity due to health or personal issues. The support of students while they are writing or otherwise preparing the development or defense of a dissertation is typically an allowable expense on a research grant or contract if the student has already been funded to do the work related to that project.

Once a student files a petition, the Office of the Dean of Research will determine if the regulations of a funding agency allow a six-week period of reduced activity and occasional absence. If it does not, the
student's salary and/or stipend and associated tuition for the six-week period will be paid from the Childbirth Accommodation Fund, administered by the Office of the Dean of Research. If continued funding would be allowed by the granting agency, but project deadlines require that a Principal Investigator hire a temporary replacement, the support for the mother may be charged to the Childbirth Accommodation Fund for the six-week period.

Students who are supported by fellowships internal to Stanford normally have their stipends distributed as lump-sum payments at the beginning of each quarter. Students supported in this manner who have had their petitions approved will see no change in their fellowship support.

Students who are supported by fellowships external to Stanford must adhere to the rules of the granting agency with respect to absences from academic and research work. If the granting agency requires suspension of fellowship benefits during the six-week period, the student will be eligible for substitute payment from the Childbirth Accommodation Fund.

Once it has been determined that the use of the Childbirth Accommodation Fund is necessary and approved, the Office of the Dean of Research will provide the department with the account information for charging the student's salary and/or stipend and associated tuition during the six-week period.

Students who do not have an ongoing commitment of financial support in the form of fellowships, teaching assistantships, or research assistantships may petition for an Academic Accommodation Period and an automatic one-quarter extension of academic requirements, but are not entitled to tuition or other funding from the Childbirth Accommodation Fund.

The student, her advisor, and her department should recognize that it might not be feasible to return to a regular TA or RA assignment immediately after the six-week period. In that case, arrangements should be made to move a teaching assignment to another quarter, to assign limited on-site duties to a research assistant, or to find an alternative form of support. These issues should be negotiated sensitively with the student's needs in mind. For her part, the student should work proactively with her department to make arrangements for ongoing support beyond the six-week period if she cannot return to her normal duties.

**Coursework, Research, and Clinical Activities**

Approval of an Academic Accommodation Period will stop the academic and research clocks with regard to assignments due, reports anticipated, or other class- and research-related requirements. It does not, however, waive class attendance requirements for students in the Law School or clinical training or other requirements in the Medical School. Students in other schools are expected to attend class and participate in seminars to the extent that the health of mother and newborn and the demands of caring for an infant allow. Faculty or relevant staff are expected to work with the student to make arrangements for submitting work for completion of requirements when the student returns, and to grade it promptly so as to remove any “Incomplete” notations as rapidly as possible. Faculty members are encouraged to assign “N” and “L” grades, where appropriate.

**Coda**

The Childbirth Policy establishes minimum standards for accommodation for a woman graduate student giving birth. It is expected that advisors, academic staff, and departmental leaders will work with sensitivity and imagination to provide more than this minimum (as some are already doing), according to the particular circumstances of the woman student. For example, women whose research involves working
with toxic chemicals or requires extensive travel to remote archives or field areas may need some form of accommodation during the entire pregnancy and during lactation. Taking care of an infant is time-consuming and sleep-depriving, so advisors need to have realistic expectations about rates of progress on research. For their part, new mothers need to keep the lines of communication with their departments open, and demonstrate to their advisors that they are academically engaged and making progress on coursework and research, even if it is at a somewhat slower pace than prior to giving birth. In other words, the Childbirth Policy is intended to support - not replace - the open communication and good will that should characterize the relationship between student and advisor at Stanford University.

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COMPUTER AND NETWORK USAGE POLICY


Policy

The following is quoted from the policy:

Users of Stanford network and computer resources have a responsibility not to abuse the network and resources. This policy provides guidelines for the appropriate and inappropriate use of information technologies.

Summary

The following summarizes the policy on Computer and Network Usage:

In particular, the policy provides that users of University information resources must respect software copyrights and licenses, respect the integrity of computer-based information resources, refrain from seeking to gain or permitting others to gain unauthorized access, including by sharing passwords, and respect the rights of other computer users.

This policy covers appropriate use of computers, networks, and information contained therein. As to political, personal and commercial use, the University is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization and, as such, is subject to specific federal, state, and local laws regarding sources of income, political activities, use of property, and similar matters. It also is a contractor with government and other entities, and thus must assure proper use of property under its control and allocation of overhead and similar costs. For these
reasons, University information resources must not be used for partisan political activities where prohibited by federal, state, or other applicable laws, and may be used for other political activities only when in compliance with federal, state, and other laws, and in compliance with applicable University policies. Similarly, University information resources should not be used for personal activities not related to appropriate University functions, except in a purely incidental manner. In addition, University information resources should not be used for commercial purposes, except in a purely incidental manner or except as permitted under other written policies of the University or with the written approval of a University officer having the authority to give such approval. Any such commercial use should be properly related to University activities, take into account proper cost allocations for government and other overhead determinations, and provide for appropriate reimbursement to the University for taxes and other costs the University may incur by reason of the commercial use. Users also are reminded that the .edu domain on the Internet has rules restricting or prohibiting commercial use, and thus activities not appropriately within the .edu domain and which otherwise are permissible within the University computing resources should use one or more other domains, as appropriate.

The University’s Information Security Officer is authorized in appropriate circumstances to inspect or monitor private data (including email), such as when there is a reasonable cause to suspect improper use of computer or network resources.

For further information on the topic of peer-to-peer file sharing, see the section below on Copyright.

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