

Class of 2024: Planning your 4th year



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Medicine-Pediatrics



Priority scheduling

- You would be wise to make sure that you do your Sub I during July, August, or September
- Your Sub I experience can be in either discipline. You don't need to do both
- It would be wise to sign up for the Med-Peds elective to gain clinical knowledge and insight into the field
- I would also recommend that you pick up an outpatient elective in a subspecialty elective that you may not have faired well in during your M2 Year
- If you are considering doing an away rotation it is advised that it be an elective that will allow you visibility of the program and allow you time to get a field for the Med-Peds program and its residents



Recommended year 4 electives

- Adolescent Medicine
- Cardiology – either adult or pediatrics
- Infectious disease –Adult
- Radiology
- Dermatology
- Anesthesiology
- ICU– Suggest that this rotation should be done after interview season as a preparation month for residency
- Boot camp elective
- Holistic medicine

Please note that other subspecialty electives are encouraged. The one suggested help you develop in areas that will make you more competent as an intern.



Letters of Recommendation

- Should come from those who have directly supervised you in third year or early on during fourth year
- It is wise to get the best letter you can that articulates on your performance as a student and highlights your humanistic, professional, and academic skillsets
- You will only need one Chairs letter from either discipline. Why? Most Chairs letters are summation letters based on clerkship scores and evaluations.

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- Med-Peds likes “real letters” that tell us about the real you
- Lastly, due to Wayne reputation it is wise to get a letter from one or more Med-Peds faculty if possible. This is advised but not a must. Outstanding letters is the basic goal!



Suggested interview months

- October November and December
- Selective programs will interview in January
- It is advised that you don't interview with your Dream or Ideal Program first . One or two practice interviews is advised.
- It is advised that you make up a visionary board of your perfect program that includes location, support, learning environment, clinical and patient exposure, demographics, programmatic success and stability, and for those thinking about fellowship – match success
- The residents view and input as it relates to the faculty and the role the program director serves is very critical and important.



USMLE Step 2CK: timing/target scores/etc.

USMLE Scores

- You should always attempt to obtain the highest score that you can on any USLME exam. In Med-Peds and because of the Med-Peds reputation at WSUSOM,, A USMLE score above 220 will get you an interview. Any score above this without question will do the same.
- There are a few programs mainly on the East Coast that prefer scores above 240. Please ask your Med-Peds advise about these programs and others that might have this slight bias in scores.
- Note Med-Peds is a unique discipline but there are enough and have been enough spots for every US grad that has applied to Med-Peds. So don't get scored or frightened before interviews start. Please work with your advisor who will navigate you through this process.

Awards and Recognition

- Please on your application highlight any unique awards and acknowledgments you may have received. Med-Peds likes this to be highlighted along with service-learning experience.
- Yes, induction into Gold Humanism and Alpha Omega Alpha is recognized
- Research is recognized but not a deal breaker



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