

# Promotion and Graduation

## **Progression Requirements – Year 2 to Year 3**

**To successfully progress from the Year 2 of the MD Program (Basic Sciences) to Year 3 of the MD Program (Clinical Studies), students must have met the following requirements:**

### **Administrative Requirements:**

Students must complete the following administrative requirements in order to be cleared to start rotations:

- Be in financial good standing
- Have health insurance.
- Have their St. George's University School of Medicine (SGUSOM) health forms cleared by the department of Student Health Records Management
- Submit for a criminal background check
- Affirm to reading the Clinical Training Manual
- Complete any certification courses or paperwork required by the state where the clerkship is undertaken (i.e. New York state training in Infection Control)

### **Academic Requirements:**

Students must complete the following academic requirements in order to be cleared to start rotations:

- Complete all Basic Sciences requirements in accordance with the standards for academic progress
- Cultural Competency review course
- Communication Skills Course A
- Emergency Medicine Course
- Infection control
- COVID Infection Control Course
- Complete all requirements of the Transition to Clinicals Course

## **Progression Requirements for Year 3 to Year 4**

**To successfully progress from Year 3 to Year 4, students must be in good academic standing and have met the following requirements:**

- Complete all Basic Sciences requirements in accordance with the standards for academic progress
- Complete 42 weeks in 5 core clinical rotations in accordance with standards for academic progress
- Pass all core clerkship NBME clinical subject exams.
- Make progress toward completing the MD program within the 6 year maximum allowable timeline.

### **Timeline Requirements:**

Students must adhere to the following timeline requirements:

- Complete the MD program within 6 years of matriculation
- Complete all Basic Sciences requirements within 3 years of matriculation

- Those students who have used the 3 year maximum timeline to complete the Basic Sciences, must start their first core clerkship within 6 months of completing the Basic Sciences (3.5 years from matriculation). This 6 month period is considered to be time “borrowed” from the 3 year maximum allowed to complete the two years of Clinical Studies.
- Students who take more than three years to finish basic sciences, must start core rotations immediately upon completing term 5. This means that students who plan to take the USMLE Step 1 examination must do so at the end of their core clinical rotations. Currently these rotations can only be offered in the UK.
- Those students who have been granted special permission by the CAPPs to exceed the maximum timeline must immediately start their first clerkship upon completing the Basic Sciences.
- The Clinical Segment extends over two years and five consecutive terms. Students must meet all graduation requirements within six years of matriculation.

Failure to complete meet these requirements can result in a recommendation for dismissal.

### **Requirements for Graduation**

The Graduation Assessment Board (GAB), comprising of School of Medicine Faculty, reviews and approves those students for graduation who have completed the curriculum and met all program requirements. To be eligible for graduation, a student must satisfactorily complete 80 weeks of clinical training after the successful completion of the 77 weeks of Basic Sciences. Based on assessments throughout the Four-Year MD Program, the School of Medicine graduates those students that have developed the competencies articulated in the MD Program Objectives.

The Graduation Assessment Board (GAB) has the final authority to approve students for graduation. To be eligible for graduation a student must satisfactorily complete 80 weeks of clinical training, pass all clerkships and electives and all components of every clinical evaluation as well as the 6 required NBME clinical subject examinations. SGUSOM graduates those students that have successfully met SOM progress, promotion, and graduation standards; thereby achieving the MD program objectives and developing the competencies necessary to engage in the practice of medicine

### **In order to qualify for graduation from the MD Program, all candidates must have achieved the following:**

- Satisfactory completion of all Basic Sciences requirements of the MD Program and all requirements to enter the first year of Clinical Studies
- Successfully complete 80 weeks of clinical studies:
  - 42 weeks of core clerkship requirements (twelve weeks of Internal Medicine, twelve weeks of Surgery and six weeks each of Pediatrics, Obstetrics/Gynecology, and Psychiatry)
  - 6 weeks of Family Medicine (if scheduled in Year 3\*) or 4 weeks of Family Medicine (if scheduled in Year 4)
  - 38 weeks of elective rotations (\*less 6 weeks if Family Medicine was completed in Year 3) completed in Year 4. (four weeks of Family Medicine if not done in the 3rd year, four weeks of a sub-internship in any core specialty, four weeks of a medicine elective and 22-24 weeks of electives of student choice.
- Complete additional training and assessment for any failing grade in a course or for any failed component of a clinical rotation (including retaking and passing the NBME exam of a failed clerkship knowledge component.)
- Pass all core clerkship NBME clinical subject exams.
- **Pain Management** Module
- Communication Skills Modules
- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Pursue the study of medicine for at least three years at St. George’s University School of Medicine.
- Maintain acceptable professional behavior and standards.
- Be discharged of all indebtedness to the University.
- Comply with the requirements for admission.
- Be approved for graduation by the Graduate Assessment Board.

## **Graduation Ceremony**

Students who have completed all degree requirements and qualified for graduation qualify to participate in the SGUSOM graduation ceremony.

SGU School of Medicine students who are on schedule to complete all degree requirements by June 30<sup>th</sup> are eligible to walk in the SGUSOM graduation ceremony. In addition, medical students who are on schedule to complete all degree requirements by August 31<sup>st</sup> may, with the approval of the Office of the University Registrar, be permitted to walk in the SGUSOM graduation ceremony. Students who are seeking this approval must apply to do so by March 31<sup>st</sup> of the graduation year using this [link](#).

## **HONORS DESIGNATIONS**

- Summa Cum Laude (with greatest honor)
  - Students graduating with a cumulative WMPG of 95%+
- Magna Cum Laude (with great honor)
  - Students graduating with a cumulative WMPG between 92.00%–94.99%
- Cum Laude (with honor)
  - Students graduating with a cumulative WMPG between 90.00%–91.99%

Please note that there is no rounding of WMPG's. There are no exceptions made.