

# Autumn 2015 Underserved Pathway Student Memo

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## Welcome, everyone!

Fall quarter is well underway and we hope your classes or clerkships are going well. Welcome to those of you who joined the Underserved Pathway over the summer and earlier this fall – We look forward to working with all of you!

### Reminders to ALL medical students for fall quarter:

- **Set-up your quarterly meeting with your UP mentor** (at least once per quarter). Please let us know if this requirement is not working out for you for any reason.
- **Complete a module or two during holiday breaks or free time!**
- **Update your online UP Tracker** (<https://courses.washington.edu/upathway/tracker/pathwaytracker.php>) to record experiences that fulfill UP requirements.
  - Including: Non-clinical selectives, RUOP, GHIP, III, service/community engagement hours, module completion, and other UP activities



## 2014-15 Underserved Pathway Annual Report

To view the 2014-15 Underserved Pathway Annual Report, please visit “Quick Links” on the right hand side of the **UP website**: <http://depts.washington.edu/fammed/education/programs/upath/>

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## UP Module Update and Reminder:

***Our NEWEST MODULES – Check them out!***

- Oral Health
- Ethics of Medical Volunteerism
- Refugee and Immigrant Health
- Incarcerated Health

The Underserved Pathway's curriculum is available online. As a reminder, E15 students must complete 10 of these modules to receive a certificate with the Underserved Pathway. Students who entered before E15 must complete 8. If you haven't started, then we recommend – *Who Are the Underserved?* (This is the **only** required module). We will have an in-person module in the fall, so watch for the e-mail.

**Here is the link to all 21 Underserved Pathway Modules:**

<https://depts.washington.edu/fammed/online/course/view.php?id=124>

## Reminder for all current UP enrollees:

### First Years: Foundations Phase students

Congratulations on your matriculation into medical school! As you transition into the UW SOM and begin with our exciting new curriculum, be sure to take a look at the UP website and/or contact us if you have questions about what courses/activities can count toward UP completion. Over the course of the year, keep in mind physicians you might like to work with as your UP mentor. These may be one or more people who work with underserved populations, and can be college mentors, preceptors, or other instructors. Please let us know if you have identified someone or if you have any questions.

### Second Years

Congratulations on completing your first year of medical school and welcome to those of you who completed your first year at a WWAMI regional campus! We want to add that there are 18 students in Spokane this year; we also want to extend a warm welcome to you!

There are some UP requirements you will need to complete by the end of this year:

1. You must choose a [UP mentor](#), see below.
  - We will be working with many of you. We need you to be matched to your new mentor BEFORE WINTER BREAK!
2. 2 credits of non-clinical selectives completed (see list for **Seattle and Spokane preclinical students**, [here!](#))
3. If you did not complete a [preclinical preceptorship](#) in an underserved setting during your first year, then you will need to complete one this year. Note: R/UOP and GHIP automatically fulfill this requirement.
4. If you completed a iii-3 as a part of R/UOP or GHIP then this automatically fulfills the [UP III requirement](#). If not, please email [upath@uw.edu](mailto:upath@uw.edu) (Jaime Fitch) soon to learn ways to fulfill this requirement!

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**All pathway students must have a mentor by the end of fall quarter in their second year of medical school.** If you still are looking for a mentor consider the following options:

- Your RUOP preceptor
- Your college mentor (if they have a practice that includes a significant number of underserved patients)
- A preceptor you connected with during your underserved preceptorship.

Although it is your responsibility to find a mentor, our office will be more than happy to help out if you are having difficulties finding one. Just send a note to [upath@uw.edu](mailto:upath@uw.edu) describing some of your current interests.

**Last but not least!** Your second year of medical school is a great year to complete some or all of your required community service or service learning activities. Visit this [website](#) for some ideas! Spokane students please send us some community service or service learning activities that we can add to our website. Thank you for your help, this year as we work to help support you in Spokane!

## Third Years

We know you are busy with your clinical rotations, but try and complete a few modules this year to keep current with this requirement. Every June/July we review all rising 4<sup>th</sup> year students' completed requirements, and require a minimum standard towards completion for your "Dean's letter" (MSPE) to include likely UP completion. The deadline for you to complete (and record in your UP assignment tracker) the following six requirements (listed below) is **July 31<sup>st</sup> 2016**. **Start now! July comes faster than you think!**

This information below is also listed on the [Underserved Pathway Policies Webpage](#):

1. 2 credits of non-clinical selectives completed
2. 12 credits of clinical rotations-completed or scheduled for the year
3. III or underserved equivalent completed and approved
4. 12 of the required 24 hours of Service Learning
5. At least 4 of the required 8 Modules completed
6. Mentorship: Document quarterly contact with one or more physicians

\*For expanded students or those working on their PhD, please contact the UP Coordinator.

## Fourth Years

By now you are working on your residency applications, and have hopefully committed to earning your Underserved Pathway Certificate of Completion.

Keep your UP assignment tracker up-to-date to reflect that all completed Underserved Pathway requirements are fulfilled by the next deadline! For students to receive acknowledgement at graduation, graduating Underserved Pathway students must meet ALL requirements of the Underserved Pathway (listed below) by **April 1 2015** (approximate date, to be finalized soon). If a student does not complete all requirements by April 1, 2015 his/her certificate will not be noted in the graduation program. S/he will then have until **May 1, 2016** (approximate date, to be finalized soon) to complete all of the UP requirements in order to earn a certificate.

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## UP Tracker

The Underserved Pathway has a database for UP students to enter completed requirements, called the UP Tracker. Make sure all your completed assignments are added to your UP Tracker!

### Here is the link:

<https://courses.washington.edu/upathway/tracker/pathwaytracker.php>

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## Reminder of All UP Requirements to Earn a Certificate:

- Minimum of 8 online curriculum modules and associated activities (10 for E15)
    - ✓ *Module: Who Are the Underserved is required* for everyone
  - One meeting per quarter with Underserved Pathway mentor (phone/email/in-person)
  - 2 credits of non-clinical selectives focusing on underserved populations or issues
  - R/UOP, GHIP, and/or preclinical preceptorship in underserved setting
  - III focused on issue affecting underserved population(s). III completed on R/UOP or GHIP automatically qualify
  - 12 credits clinical courses in underserved setting or serving vulnerable population(s)
  - Attendance at one UP event/gathering per quarter is encouraged
  - Average of 2 hours per quarter of community service/service learning (4 year TOTAL = 24 hours)
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