

Autumn 2017 Underserved Pathway Student Memo

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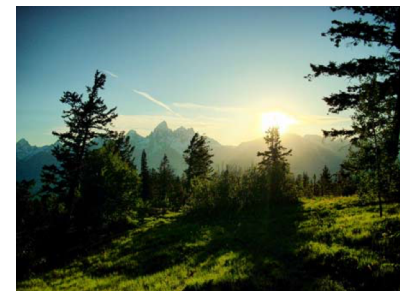
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Welcome, everyone!

To see what you all have been doing, check out our annual report:

<https://depts.washington.edu/fammed/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/annual-report-2017-FINAL.pdf>

Fall quarter is here; we hope you had an excellent summer! Welcome to those of you who joined the Underserved Pathway over the summer, including 32 E17 TRUST Scholars. We hope your TRUST First Summer Experience was meaningful, fun, and a great way to start medical school. 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.
- **IF you do not yet have a mentor, then NOW is the time to find one.** Email upath@uw.edu if you need help identifying a mentor. All E16 UP students MUST have a mentor by this Winter break (current term 3 students).
- **Complete a module or two during holiday breaks or free time!**
- **Update your online UP Tracker** to record experiences that fulfill UP requirements.
 - Including: Non-clinical selectives, RUOP, GHIP, III, service/community engagement hours, module completion, and other UP activities
- <https://courses.washington.edu/fmclerk/wordpress/upath>

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- YES! IT IS UP AND AVAILABALE AGAIN! PLEASE USE IT AS YOU WILL NEED IT TO DOCUMENT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AS YOU APPROACH GRADUATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE LIVED WITH UW WITHOUT IT THE LAST TWO YEARS.

UP Module Update and Reminder:

The Underserved Pathway's curriculum is available online. As a reminder, **E15 and E16 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 you start with *Who Are the Underserved?* (This is the **only** required module). We will have an in-person Immigrant and Refugee Health module on November 28; you should have received an email announcement. [RSVP here.](#)

The UP Team is excited to announce a new module! This fall we launched an [LGBTQ Health module](#) to give students an introduction to the health of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning communities. We would love to hear what you think so be sure to complete a module evaluation!

Here is the link to all 24 Underserved Pathway Modules:

<https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1176574>

Reminders for each class of UP enrollees:

Term One: 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 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 must be one or more people who work with underserved populations, and can be college mentors, preceptors, or other instructors, individuals in Public Health, etc. Please let us know if you have identified someone or if you have ideas of individuals. Soon you will be hearing about summer experiences.

Term Three: Foundations Phase students

Congratulations on completing your first year of medical school. We want to extend a welcome to the Wyoming students who are in Seattle this term.

There are some UP requirements you will need to complete by December 2017:

1. You must choose a [UP mentor](#), see below.
 - We will be working with some of you who do not yet have a match. We need you to be matched to your new mentor BEFORE WINTER BREAK! PLEASE ANSWER OUR EMAILS.
2. 2 credits of non-clinical selectives completed. If this is not possible, please contact us for an alternative.
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. If this is not possible, please contact us as we have an alternative way to fulfill this. Contact us if one of these did not happen and we have an alternative.

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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 (Genya Shimkin) soon to learn ways to fulfill this requirement!

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 in an underserved site).
- A preceptor you connected with during your underserved preceptorship.

If you are an E16 and do not yet have 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 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! Students outside of Seattle, 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!

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 4th 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 (below) is **July 31st 2018**. **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 in underserved sites or scheduled for the 4th year
3. III or underserved equivalent completed and approved (or alternative plan approved)
4. 12 of the required 24 hours of Service Learning
5. At least 4/5 of the required 8/10 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 your residency applications or alternative plans are in the works, 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 2018** (approximate date, to be finalized soon). If a student does not complete all requirements by April 1, 2018 his/her certificate will not be noted in the graduation program. S/he will then have until **May 1, 2018** (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 recently launched a new 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 to the NEW UP TRACKER:

<https://courses.washington.edu/fmclerk/wordpress/upath/>

Reminder of All UP Requirements to Earn a Certificate:

- Minimum of 8/10 online curriculum modules and associated activities (10 for E15 onward)
✓ *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
- Ill focused on issue affecting underserved population(s). Ill 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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