

Spring 2015 Underserved Pathway Student Memo

UP Website: <http://depts.washington.edu/fammed/education/programs/upath>

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Spring is here!

Congratulations to all of the 2015 Underserved Pathway graduates!

If you would like to attend the UW SoM Pathways graduation to support your peers, here is the information for the UW School of Medicine All Pathways graduation.

WHEN: Thursday, May 21 from 12:00 pm – 1: 30 pm PDT
WHERE: UW Seattle, Health Sciences, Hogness Auditorium
RSVP: Email Jaime Fitch (upath@uw.edu)

Welcome to those of you who have recently joined the Pathway—we are thrilled you have chosen to further explore a career in underserved medicine! We hope your spring break was restful and that you're having a great new year!

Reminder to join and follow us on Twitter: https://twitter.com/UWSOM_UP

We regularly post articles and topics we think will interest you and your mentors and be possible food for conversation with them!

Reminders:

- Set-up your quarterly mentor meeting (at least once per quarter). This is a requirement to complete the UP, so please let us know if this is not working out for you for any reason.
- Update your online UP Tracker (<https://courses.washington.edu/upathway/tracker/pathwaytracker.php>) to record experiences that fulfill UP requirements.
 - Including on-clinical selectives, RUOP, GHIP, III, volunteer hours, and other UP activities



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UP Online Modules:

The Underserved Pathway's curriculum is available online. As a reminder, students must complete 8 of these modules to receive a certificate with the Underserved Pathway. If you haven't started, then we recommend – *Who Are the Underserved?* (the **only** required module).

Here is the link to all 21 Underserved Pathway Modules:

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

Also, every summer the UP team updates all current UP modules, so updates will be continuously posted throughout the summer. As you complete your modules, make sure to give us feedback via the electronic catalyst survey (linked as the last item for each module). We carefully review this feedback from you to help with our updates!

REMINDERS FOR ALL CURRENT UP ENROLLEES:

First Years:

Congratulations! You are on the home stretch to finishing your first year of medical school! Hopefully you found some great opportunities to get your feet wet in community service, and are really getting the feeling for working with vulnerable and underserved populations.

By now all of you should have a good idea of what you are doing this summer. Please remember that RUOP and GHIP count as credit for your underserved preceptorship. This information will need to be added to your UP Tracker - <https://courses.washington.edu/upathway/tracker/pathwaytracker.php>! If you are not doing RUOP or GHIP, then it is your responsibility to complete an underserved preceptorship BEFORE you start your clinical years. Not to worry, you still have year 2!

Any III completed via RUOP or GHIP automatically qualifies for UP credit. You can also complete your III via other options, but to receive credit toward your UP certificate, it needs to focus on issues affecting underserved populations. If your III was waived upon entering the SOM or you are not doing the RUOP/GHIP III, please contact us.

Second Years:

We hope your second year is wrapping up well. Please contact us (upath@uw.edu) if you have any questions about whether or not you have met all the non-clinical UP requirements.

If you haven't completed much service, then we hope you will be able to get back on track this summer. As you finish up this year and begin to prepare for your clinical years, please be sure to complete a few modules and update all your fulfilled requirements in the UP Tracker:

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

Third Years:

You are almost complete with your first year of clinical rotations! Be sure to use the UP Tracker – (<https://courses.washington.edu/upathway/tracker/pathwaytracker.php>) to record those clerkships that meet Pathway requirements. As a reminder, the Pathway requires 12 clinical credits that may be a combination of clerkships, advanced preceptorships, or sub-internships in underserved settings. If you have any questions about advanced preceptorships or sub-internships for next year, contact us. We've posted a list of clerkship sites known to be in underserved settings on the Underserved Pathway website, (<http://depts.washington.edu/fammed/education/programs/upath/requirements/courses/clinical>), but we realize this is incomplete and are working to keep it updated. If you have information about a site that isn't on the list, or think a particular clerkship should be approved, but doesn't appear on the list, please discuss it with us.

COMING SOON! Every June/July we review all rising 4th year students' completed requirements, and require a minimum standard to have UP completion included in your Dean's letter (MSPE). The deadline to

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complete (and record in your UP assignment tracker) the following six requirements (listed below) is **July 31st 2015. Start now -- July comes quickly!**

This information below is also listed on the Underserved Pathway Policies Webpage*:

(<http://depts.washington.edu/fammed/education/programs/upath/policies>)

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

**If you are an expanded student or working on your PhD, please contact upath@uw.edu.*

***If your III was waived or was not a RUOP or GHIP, please check with Jaime (upath@uw.edu) about how to fulfill #3 above.*

Fourth Years:

You are almost to the next transition: graduating, residencies, pursuing another year for research or another degree.

By now you have all received the RSVP and name check questionnaire catalyst survey; we hope you all will be able to attend the **UW SoM Pathways Graduation** (*This is written into the capstone week schedule to avoid conflict.*).

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UP Tracker

The Underserved Pathway has a database, called the UP Tracker, for UP students to enter completed requirements. 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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All UP Requirements to Earn a Certificate:

- Minimum of 8 online curriculum modules and associated activities
✓ *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.
 - *For TRUST Scholars: Attendance at 6 of 8 TRUST/UP module sessions or events per year when in Seattle.*
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