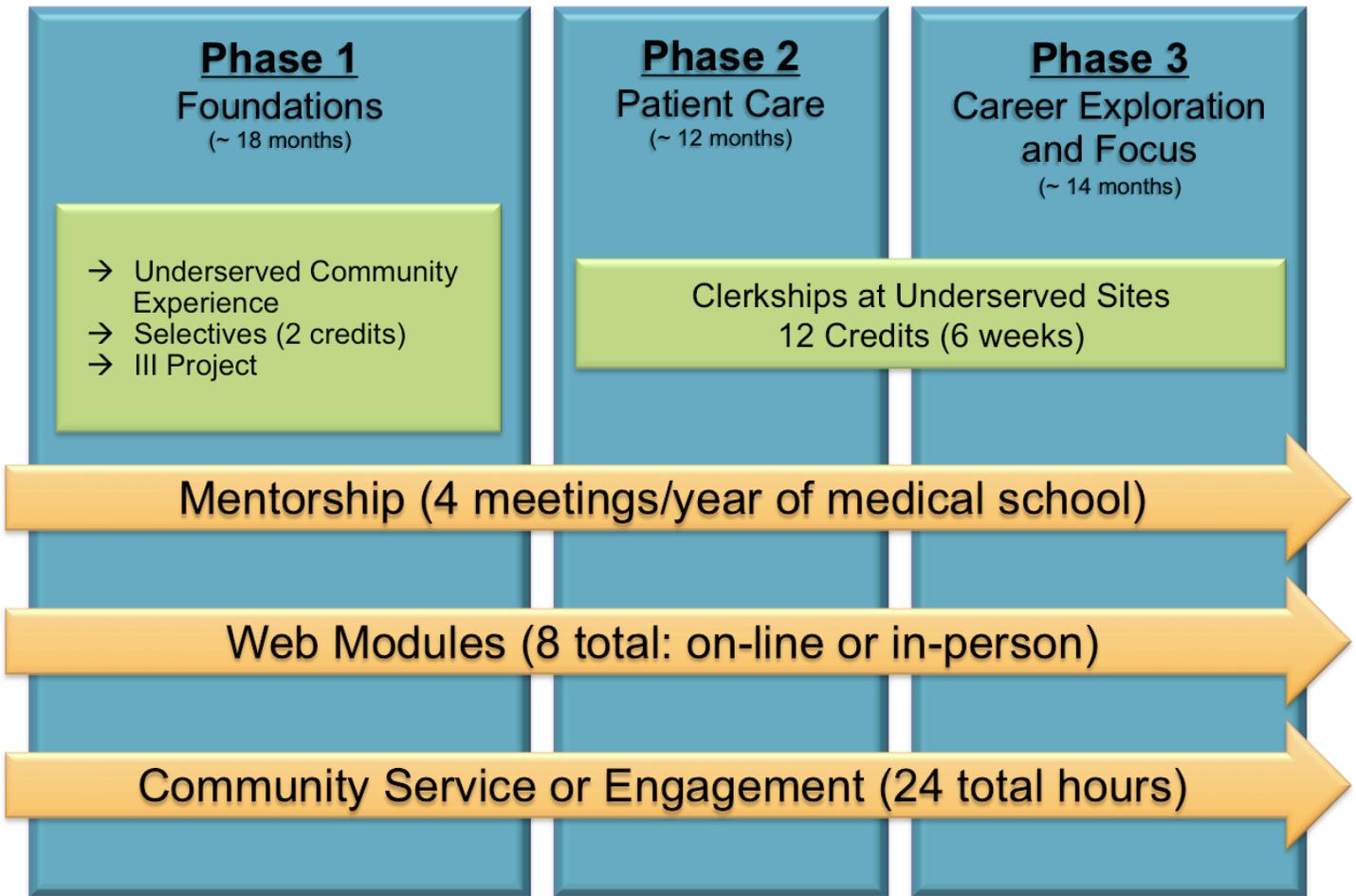


Underserved Pathway Requirements



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

Underserved Pathway

NEW UP Info & Requirements for E15 Students [here](#).

UP Info & Requirements for E14 (and before) Students [here](#).

NEW UP Mentor Memo: Spring 2015 [here](#).

NEW UP Student Memo: Spring 2015 [here](#).

The public may view Underserved Pathway modules [here](#).

The Underserved Pathway helps prepare future physicians to care for vulnerable and underserved populations. The Pathway engages students in three educational avenues: mentoring, developing a foundation of knowledge, and a variety of real-world experiences. Vulnerable describes people that are at risk for poor health outcomes due to difficulty accessing the necessary resources for optimal health while underserved refers specifically to the difficulty that people face accessing quality health care.

Students can customize their pathway to meet their own



Students from the "Students in the Community" project advocate for better health care for the underserved.

Quick Links:

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The Underserved Pathway (UP) – Requirements for Pathway Certification

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Longitudinal Mentorship

UP Students must complete a minimum of **four meetings** with their Underserved Pathway mentor per year (once per calendar quarter) for the duration of their enrollment in the pathway. Meetings can be in-person, by phone/Skype, or by email. Mentorships are tracked, via an on-line assignment tracker completed by the student.

Two Credits of Non-Clinical Selectives

The following are some examples of our UP-approved University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSOM) non-clinical selectives:

→ See UP website for more! >> <http://depts.washington.edu/fammed/education/programs/upath/requirements/courses/pre-clinical>

Examples of selectives:

- FAMED 556: Spanish for Health Professionals
- GH 501: Introduction to Global Health
- Rural Health Care Delivery
- Russian for Healthcare Providers
- Geriatrics from a Cultural and Interdisciplinary Perspective
- MEDS 501-04, Health Disparities Seminar
- FAMED 540: Topics in Health and Human Services in Rural Communities
- FAMED 560: Indian Health Problem-Based Learning Cases
- MED 530/GH 562: AIDS: A Multidisciplinary Approach

Underserved Community Experience

UP students must complete one of the following:

- Rural Underserved Opportunities Program (RUOP)
- Global Health Immersion Program (GHIP)
- Primary Care Practicum (PCP) in an underserved setting
- Clinical clerkship in an underserved setting (minimum 4 weeks)

Independent Investigative Inquiry (III) Project—Focus on Underserved

III project with an underserved focus. III projects completed within the context of RUOP or GHIP automatically qualify for credit. III projects completed in other ways, as an MS RTP project for example can be given credit if the topic is related to underserved issues and approved by UP advisors.

If a student's III requirement was waived upon entering medical school, there are a couple options:

- If the project for which the III was waived focused on underserved issues, UP advisors will review and, if appropriate, give credit.
- If the reason the III was waived did not include a project focused on underserved issues, the student can work with UP advisors to develop and complete an alternative project.

12 Credits (or 6 weeks) of Clinical Courses

UP Students must complete 12 credits (minimum of 6 weeks) of clinical courses (required or elective clerkships, sub-internships, advanced preceptorships) in an underserved setting.

Online Curriculum

UP Students must complete eight online curriculum modules focusing on issues affecting the underserved:

Who Are the Underserved? is the only required module

- Who Are the Underserved?
- Medicare 101
- Medicaid 101
- Selected Topics in Rural Medicine
- Race, Ethnicity, and Healthcare
- Patients with HIV/AIDS
- Introduction to Substance Abuse
- Introduction to Homelessness
- Chronic Poverty and Low Income
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Beyond the Medical Module – Exploring Disability
- Public Health Epidemiology
- Health Literacy
- Advocacy
- Team Module
- Community Health
- Reflections: Chimamanda Adichie: *The Danger of A Single Story*
- Behavior Change and Motivational Interviewing in Underserved Populations
- Oral Health
- Ethics of Medical Volunteerism
- Refugee and Immigrant Health

Community Service or Engagement

Involvement with a group or project that serves underserved community members. UP students must complete a total of 24 hours during medical school (average of 8 hours per phase).

Some examples include:

→ Community Health Advancement Program (CHAP, Seattle, WA), House of Charity (Spokane, WA), Move Your Numbers (Spokane, WA) Downtown Clinic (Laramie, WY), Health Equity Circle (Seattle and Spokane, WA), Student Health Initiative for Access (SHIFA, Seattle, WA), Friendship Clinic (Boise, ID), Brother Francis Shelter (Anchorage, AK), and Browning Blackfeet Reservation Community Outreach and Science Education Project (Browning, MT). Non-UW opportunities are fine; check with a UP advisor if you have questions about whether your community experience can qualify for credit.