

# Winter 2016 Underserved Pathway Student Memo

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## Happy New Year!

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 studies and/or clinical rotations are going well!

Reminder to **follow us on Twitter @UWSOM UP** ([https://twitter.com/UWSOM\\_UP](https://twitter.com/UWSOM_UP))! We post articles and topics we think will interest you and your mentors, with hope that it may lead to possible topics of conversation!

We want your mentor experience to be meaningful. Please remember to get in touch with your mentor to schedule a 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.

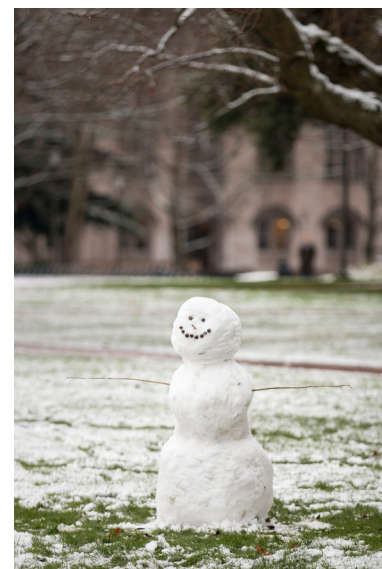
Remember to use the online UP Assignment Tracker to record experiences that fulfill Pathway requirements. These include nonclinical selectives, RUOP, GHIP, III, volunteer hours, meetings with mentors, and other Pathway activities.

**To access the UP website, visit:**

<http://courses.washington.edu/upathway/students.html>

**UP Assignment Tracker:**

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



<https://uwphotos.smugmug.com/Winter-Days/>  
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## Module Update:

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

### Our NEWEST MODULES – Check them out!

- *Rural Health Module – Part 1: Living and Working in Rural Communities*
- *Oral Health*
- *Ethics of Medical Volunteerism*
- *Refugee and Immigrant Health*
- *Incarcerated Health*

*Patients with HIV/AIDS* was updated last month, check it out and let us know what you think! Thank you for continuing to complete the online module evaluations; many of our updates are based off your feedback!

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 winter, so watch for the e-mail.

## REMINDERS FOR ALL CURRENT UP ENROLLEES:

### First Years: Foundations Phase students

Congratulations on finishing your first couple blocks of medical school! Hopefully you found some great opportunities to get your feet wet in community service, and are beginning to get the feel for working with vulnerable and underserved populations. As a reminder, be sure to look at the UP website and/or contact us if you have questions about what courses/activities can count toward UP completion.

Soon, many of you will learn about your RUOP or GHIP placements. Any III-3 completed via RUOP or GHIP automatically qualifies for UP credit. If you are completing an MSRTP, a III via another option, **OR** your III was waived upon entering the SOM, please contact us ([upath@uw.edu](mailto:upath@uw.edu)). To receive credit toward your UP certificate, your III needs to focus on issues affecting underserved populations. If not, you can do an alternative project. If your III was waived we will work with you on a plan to satisfy this requirement.

As mentioned in the autumn memo, over the course of the year, keep in mind providers you might like to work with as your UP mentor. These providers 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.

As a reminder, all UP students need two non-clinical selective credits to fulfill UP requirements. The UW School of Medicine Pathways will offer an intercession in March. Completion of this intercession will be equivalent to 1 non-clinical selective credit. Linked below is a list of courses that will also qualify for non-clinical selective credit. You will need to check with the time schedule to find out when these course are offered.

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## **UP non-clinical selective courses:**

- <https://depts.washington.edu/fammed/education/programs/upath/student>

Below are two UWSOM links of ALL current non-clinical selectives, please note not all of the selectives linked below will meet our UP requirement, please make sure they are listed on our website (linked above). Please check-in with [upath@uw.edu](mailto:upath@uw.edu) if you have any questions or see a course that should be on our list of approved courses!

- **UW Based non-clinical selectives:** <http://www.uwmedicine.org/education/md-program/current-students/curriculum/non-clinical-selectives/uw-based-non-clinical-selectives>
- **WWAMI non-clinical selectives:** information visit this webpage <http://www.uwmedicine.org/education/md-program/current-students/curriculum/non-clinical-selectives/wwami-non-clinical>

## **Second Years:**

How's your second year going so far? Fortunately, there are lots of opportunities for growth, and yes, many decisions to make. We know you are waiting to hear about your clerkships. Check our website to see a list of approved clerkship sites and check in with your mentor for advice. If you have questions as to whether a site qualifies for UP credit, please contact us ([upath@uw.edu](mailto:upath@uw.edu)).

Keep up the good work out there with your community service! As a reminder you need a minimum of two hours per quarter **OR** twenty-four hours over four years of medical school. Let this also be a reminder to keep up with modules and record all your fulfilled requirements in the Pathway Assignment Tracker (<https://courses.washington.edu/upathway/tracker/pathwaytracker.php>)!

## **Reminders:**

1. **You need to complete this requirement this year!** – Two Credits of non-clinical selectives completed, here are some helpful links (check-in with [upath@uw.edu](mailto:upath@uw.edu) if you have any questions). The non-clinical selective **MUST** be on our approved list or ok'ed by us, please double check our website or email the course syllabus to us to make sure you will receive UP credit:
  - **Non-clinical selectives approved by UP** (check time-schedule for availability): <https://depts.washington.edu/fammed/education/programs/upath/student-requirements/courses/pre-clinical/>
  - **All UW Based non-clinical selectives:** <http://www.uwmedicine.org/education/md-program/current-students/curriculum/non-clinical-selectives/uw-based-non-clinical-selectives>
  - **All WWAMI non-clinical selectives:** information visit this webpage <http://www.uwmedicine.org/education/md-program/current-students/curriculum/non-clinical-selectives/wwami-non-clinical>
2. Your second year of medical school is a great year to complete your required community service or service learning activities.
  - UWSOM, Service Learning Resource Center (SLRC): <http://www.uwmedicine.org/education/md-program/current-students/student-affairs/service-learning>

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## Third Years:

Congratulations on completing your first or second quarter of clinical rotations! Be sure to use the Pathway Assignment 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 (6 weeks) 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, please contact us. We've posted a list of clerkship sites known to be in underserved settings on the [Underserved Pathway website](#), 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.

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 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 quickly!**

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 [upath@uw.edu](mailto:upath@uw.edu).

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

## Fourth Years:

It's residency match season! This is a great time to talk with your mentor about your career path. Chat with them about the focus of different programs where you interviewed and the prioritization you are considering for your match list. Turning in your list and hearing about the match are just around the corner.

**SAVE-THE-DATE for UWSOM Pathways Graduation 2015!** – *This graduation is written into the capstone week schedule to avoid conflict.*

DATE: Thursday, May 26, 2016

TIME: 12:00 - 1:30 PM

WHERE: TBD

Since UWSOM Pathways graduation is creeping up on us, please update your Pathway Tracker with any activities and requirements you've fulfilled, and continue to work on those Pathway requirements you still need to complete. If you are having any trouble completing the Underserved Pathway requirements, let us know, the sooner the better, and we can work with you to find a solution. All requirements and the Tracker must be complete by **Monday, March 21, 2016** to have UP completion listed in the School of Medicine graduation and hooding program. If a student does not complete all requirements by **Monday, March 21, 2016**, their certificate will not be noted in the

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graduation program. Graduating students have until **Monday, April 25 2016** to complete all of the UP requirements in order to earn a certificate.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Jaime Fitch at [upath@uw.edu](mailto:upath@uw.edu) or via phone at 206-616-7889.

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## UP Assignment Tracker

The Underserved Pathway has our own online database called the UP Assignment Tracker for UP students to enter completed requirements. Make sure all your completed assignments are added to this assignment tracker, as this is how we verify your completed requirements!

### UP Assignment Tracker link:

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

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

- Complete 10 (minimum E15 and up) 8 (minimum E14 and before) online curriculum modules and/or associated UP activities.
    - MODULE: *Who Are the Underserved?* **is required** for all UP students
  - One meeting per quarter with Underserved Pathway/TRUST mentor (skype/phone, email, in-person)
  - 2 credits of non-clinical selectives focusing on underserved populations or issues
  - Underserved Community Experience: R/UOP, GHIP, PCP, and/or preclinical preceptorship in underserved setting
  - Scholarly Project – Focus on issue affecting underserved population(s). Many students complete an Independent Investigative Inquiry, III). A III completed on R/UOP or GHIP automatically qualify
  - 12 credits clinical courses in underserved setting or serving vulnerable population(s)
  - Attendance of one UP event/gathering per quarter is encouraged
  - 24 hours of community service, service learning, advocacy, or engagement in an underserved setting
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