

# Winter 2017 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. If you are matched, please remember to get in touch with your mentor to schedule a meeting—at least once per quarter, four times a year. This is a requirement to complete the UP, so please let us know if this is not working out for you for any reason.



<https://uwphotos.smugmug.com/Winter-Days/>  
Katherine B. Turner

## Unfortunately, the UP Assignment Tracker is “down.”

...In the meantime, keep track of what you’ve done since the last time you updated, see page 5 of this memo for a list of all requirements. If you have any questions email [upath@uw.edu](mailto:upath@uw.edu). **Once it is “back up”, we will let you know**, then you can go in and update your tracker, and continue to use the online UP Assignment Tracker to record experiences that fulfill Pathway requirements. These requirements 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>

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## Module Update:

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

We have updated **Medicare** and **Medicaid**, please check them out and tell us 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:

### Foundations Phase students, Term 2

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 MS RTP, 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 Summer-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. Several of the March Intersessions will count as one non-clinical selective. 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 courses are offered.

### UP non-clinical selective courses:

- <https://depts.washington.edu/fammed/education/programs/upath/student-requirements/courses/pre-clinical/>

On the next page, 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

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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 electives:** <http://blogs.uw.edu/somcurr3/sample-page/non-clinical-electives/>
- **WWAMI Intercessions and non-clinical selectives:**  
Non-Seattle Clinical Electives: <http://blogs.uw.edu/somcurr3/sample-page/non-clinical-electives/>  
WWAMI Intercessions: <http://blogs.uw.edu/somcurr3/wwami-intercessions-and-non-clinical-electives/>

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 hearing 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, **once it is back online!**

## Reminders:

1. **If you did not complete 2 Credits of non-clinical selectives**, you could do a March intersession or you can do two extra modules per credit, or 4 modules if you did not complete a qualifying non-clinical selective or intersession
  - <http://blogs.uw.edu/somcurr3/>
2. **If your PCP was not an underserved site, and you did not do RUOP or GHIP, you can meet the preclinical experience by doing 4 extra weeks of clerkships at an underserved site. Get in touch with us when you have your schedule so we can review with you and help make plans.**
3. This is still 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>

## Third Years:

Congratulations on completing your first or second quarter of clinical rotations! Be sure to let us know which clerkships met UP requirements; the tracker is currently down and you can send information to us and we will keep lists until the tracker is back up. 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.

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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 the following six requirements (listed on the next page) is **July 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**. **Start now -- July comes quickly!** (remember to send information on completed activities directly to us until the Tracker is "back up")

This information below is also listed at: <https://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 5 of the required 10 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 ([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.

**We are working on getting a date for UWSOM Pathways Graduation 2017! – *This graduation is written into the capstone week schedule to avoid conflict. ONCE WE KNOW THE DATE/TIME WE WILL SEN YOU A SAVE THE DATE!!***

Since UWSOM Pathways graduation is creeping up on us, please take a close look at the requirements on page 5. On your own, keep track of what you've done since the last time you updated, see page 5 of this memo for a list of all requirements. If you have any questions email [upath@uw.edu](mailto:upath@uw.edu). **Once it is "back up", we will let you know! If you do not know how many modules you have completed email [upath@uw.edu](mailto:upath@uw.edu), we can let you know!** Continue to work on your 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, 2017** 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, 2017**, their completion will not be noted in the graduation program. Graduating students have until **Monday, April 25 2017** to complete all of the UP requirements in order to earn a certificate.

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

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## UP Assignment Tracker

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

- Curriculum: Modules — *Who Are the Underserved?* is **required** for everyone
  - o Minimum of **10** online curriculum modules or associated activities for (E15 and after)
  - o Minimum of **8** online curriculum modules or associated activities for (E14 and before)
- Longitudinal mentorship with Underserved Pathway or TRUST mentor:
  - o 1 meeting per quarter or a minimum of 4 meetings per year
  - o Meetings can occur via in-person, phone, web-based video conferencing, or email
- Scholarly project:
  - o III focused on an issue affecting underserved population(s).
  - o III completed on RUOP or GHIP automatically qualify.
- Pre-clinical community experience:
  - o RUOP, GHIP, PCP, and/or preclinical preceptorship in underserved setting
- Non-clinical coursework: selectives and/or intersessions:
  - o 2 credits focusing on underserved populations or issues (with approval students can also complete extra modules in place of credits)
- Clinical courses – Clerkships, Patient Care Phase, Career Explorations Phase:
  - o 12 credits (or SIX weeks) of clinical courses in underserved setting or serving vulnerable population(s)
- Service learning, advocacy, community service or engagement:
  - o 24 hours completed in an underserved setting

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