

## IMPORTANT CAREER EVENTS - FOUR YEARS AT A GLANCE

<u>YEAR 1</u>	<u>EVENTS</u>
All Semesters	Participate in community/medical school events and clubs / Read College of Medicine Newsletter/ Explore the Careers in Medicine website
Fall Semester	Electives for first year students and Career Exposure electives <a href="http://sls.downstate.edu/registrar/com/index.html">http://sls.downstate.edu/registrar/com/index.html</a>
Spring Semester	November - AMSA Summer Forum (a.k.a. "What I Did Last Summer") <i>Upper-class members describe a variety of summer educational experiences</i> February - Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society Specialty Forum <i>Clinical faculty give an overview of their field, what is it like being a physician in the field and some general information about the residency process for their specialty</i> Sign up for summer research or summer clinical experiences <b>Student Research Coordinator – Dr. Frank Barone</b> <i>Remember - this may be your last summer off for a very long time. Don't forget to save some time to recharge your battery!</i>
Join a student organization or club – E.g., Dermatology Club, Downstate Community Medicine Club, Family Practice Club, Geriatrics Club, Global Health Club, Ophthalmology Club, Peds R Us, Sports Medicine Club, Surgery Club	

### YEAR 2

All Semesters	Attend career and specialty conferences, organizations and group meetings Participate in community/medical school events
January	Note importance of USMLE Step 1 - begin reviewing course material
February	Introduction to the Third Year / Selection of Clinical Schedule
June	USMLE Step 1 by June 30 (You must pass Step 1 in order to continue in the third year)

### YEAR 3

All Semesters	Discuss career interests with specialty advisors and faculty in specialty
Sept/October	Decision to apply for one year research programs (Howard Hughes, CDC, NIH)
Nov - April	Career Workshops for residency career decisions
March/April	Class meeting to discuss senior electives and brief overview of residency planning. Departmental residency advisement meetings Student-to-Student Residency Forum
June	Detailed class meeting to discuss residency application process

### YEAR 4

June	Sign up for a site for Step 2CS
July - October	Senior electives in preparation for residency decision making and letters of support Time to take USMLE Step 2 Written is Summer/earlyFall
Aug-January	Time to take USMLE Step 2CS (Clinical Skills Exam) before January 31
July-Sept	Research residency programs / Prepare residency applications (ERAS)
September	Register for National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) Match
October	Interviewing Skills Workshop for Seniors
November 1	Step 2CK and Step 2CS must be scheduled for exam date prior to January 31
Oct-Jan	Interview for residency programs
January	Early Match results announced
February	NRMP ( <i>Regular Match</i> ) Program Rank Order computer entry
March	MATCH DAY
May	Commencement!
Mid June	Most programs schedule an orientation program for first year residents