COURSES OF INSTRUCTION FOR THIRD YEAR STUDENTS

MEDICINE (MED 305) 10 credits

Required 8 week clerkship for third year medical students. Comprehensive study of hospitalized patients; history and physical examination; ward rounds, consultations, conferences, preceptorial teaching, seminars. All students spend four weeks at The George Washington University Hospital and an additional four weeks at INOVA Fairfax Hospital or the Washington DC Veterans Administration Hospital.

PRIMARY CARE (MED 301) 10 credits

Required 8 week clerkship for third year medical students. Care of patients in ambulatory settings, and office practices of internists, pediatricians and family practitioners. Emphasis on specialty areas that contribute to a physician’s capacity to care for common minor illnesses; orthopedics, otolaryngology, dermatology, and ophthalmology.

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY (OBGYN 303) 10 credits

Required 8 week clerkship for third year medical students. Participation in all obstetrical and gynecological clinics, labor and delivery, daily departmental conferences, and ward rounds. All students spend four weeks at The George Washington University Hospital and an additional four weeks at INOVA Fairfax Hospital, Alexandria Hospital or Holy Cross Hospital.

PEDIATRICS (PED 303) 10 credits

Required 8 week clerkship for third year medical students. Student participates as part of a resident ward team, works in outpatient department and specialty clinics under staff supervision. The clerkship is divided into four weeks of inpatient experience at Children’s National Medical Center or Holy Cross Hospital including one week in the hospital nursery and four weeks of outpatient experience.

PSYCHIATRY (PSYC 302) 10 credits

Required 8 week clerkship for third year medical students. Supervised examination, diagnosis and outpatient and inpatient treatment of psychiatric patients at George Washington University Hospital, St. Elizabeth’s Hospital, Children’s National Medical Center, Veteran’s Administration Hospital and Northern Virginia Mental Health
Institute, Psychiatric Institute of Medicine and INOVA Fairfax Hospital. Case conferences, seminars on psychiatric referral, psychiatric drugs, and community resources, with emphasis on psychiatry in primary care practice.

**SURGERY (SURG 303) 10 credits**

Required 8 week clerkship for third year medical students. 6 weeks on general surgical team at The George Washington University Hospital, Shady Grove Hospital or Children’s National Medical Center. An additional 2 weeks is spent in one of the surgical subspecialties including orthopedics, urology, plastic surgery or otolaryngology.

**PRACTICE OF MEDICINE (IDIS 230/231) 4 credits**

Required longitudinal course for third year medical students. The Practice of Medicine (POM) III reinforces the psychosocial, behavioral, and ethical objectives introduced in POM I & II by incorporating the real life experiences encountered by students during their clerkships. POM 3 covers topics focus on challenging situations encountered on clinic clerkships including professionalism, the learning environment, cultural barriers, conflicts of interest, burnout, quality/safety, the business aspects of medicine and health care policy. POM III occurs in six day long workshops in the middle of each clerkship. Sessions occur in large group, clerkship groups, and small continuity groups from POM I and II. Teaching methods include lecture, panel discussion, small group discussion and experiential learning. POM III also includes a scholarly project which to completed before graduation.