

**Side-by-side Comparison: Tuscaloosa/Primary Care Track (PCT) vs Regular MD**

**Regular MD**

**Tuscaloosa/PCT**

<p><b>Year 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient, Doctor &amp; Society (2 weeks)</li> <li>• Learning Communities 1 (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Health Equity Curriculum - Project AHEAD (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Clinical Reasoning and Integrative Clinical Skills Program (CRISP) (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Fundamentals of Medicine, Block 1 (3 weeks)</li> <li>• Fundamentals of Medicine, Block 2 (4 weeks)</li> <li>• Fundamentals of Medicine, Block 3 (3 weeks)</li> <li>• Fundamentals of Medicine, Block 4 (4 weeks)</li> <li>• Fundamentals of Medicine, Block 5 (3 weeks)</li> <li>• Cardiovascular (5 weeks)</li> <li>• Pulmonary (5 weeks)</li> <li>• Gastrointestinal (6 weeks)</li> <li>• Renal (5 weeks)</li> <li>• Co-Enrolled Electives (optional, elective credit; spring)</li> <li>• Clinical Skills Assessment (MS1 OSCE)</li> </ul>	<p><b>In Addition:</b> PCT preclinical curriculum starts after winter break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assignment to regular clinics in Tuscaloosa with PCT mentor (completing four half-day clinic sessions).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Year 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intro to Scholarly Activity (2 weeks)</li> <li>• Learning Communities 2 (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Health Equity Curriculum - Project AHEAD (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Clinical Reasoning and Integrative Clinical Skills Program (CRISP) (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Neurosciences (10 weeks)</li> <li>• Musculoskeletal/Skin (6 weeks)</li> <li>• Endocrine Systems (3 weeks)</li> </ul>	<p><b>In Addition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCOPE (2-3 week program prior to start of MS2 classes in Tuscaloosa)</li> <li>• Continue clinics with mentors (11 half-day clinic sessions including MS1 sessions).</li> </ul> <p>Scholarly Activity Director in Tuscaloosa serves as resource for Scholarly Activity and research for PCT students.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reproductive Systems (4 weeks)</li> <li>• Hematology/Oncology (3.5 weeks)</li> <li>• Evidence-Based Medicine (1.5 weeks)</li> <li>• Dedicated study time for Step 1 (at least 6 weeks)</li> <li>• Special Topics Availability (total of 4 weeks required for graduation)</li> <li>• Co-Enrolled Electives (optional, elective credit)</li> <li>• Scholarly Activity (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Clinical Skills Assessment (MS2 OSCE)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Year 3: Clinical Clerkships</b></p> <p>Third-year clerkship rotations provide the opportunity for students to apply the basic sciences, improve problem-solving and critical reasoning skills, continue the development of skills in interviewing and examining patients, and engage students in increasing levels of responsibility for patient care in both hospital and ambulatory settings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerkship Bootcamp and Orientation to Clerkships (1 week)</li> <li>• Learning Communities 3 (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Health Equity Curriculum - Project AHEAD (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Internal Medicine clerkship (8 weeks)</li> <li>• Surgery clerkship (8 weeks)</li> <li>• OB/GYN clerkship (8 weeks)</li> <li>• Pediatrics clerkship (8 weeks)</li> <li>• Neurology clerkship (4 weeks)</li> <li>• Psychiatry clerkship (4 weeks)</li> <li>• Family Medicine clerkship (4 weeks)</li> <li>• Clerkship Core Curriculum (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Special Topics Availability (total of 4 weeks required for graduation)</li> <li>• Co-Enrolled Electives (optional, elective credit)</li> </ul>	<p><b>In place of clerkships highlighted at left:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete all disciplines covered in clerkships through the Tuscaloosa Hybrid Longitudinal Curriculum. PCT students may apply for participation in the Community Integrated Experience (CIE) during second year. Limited placements are available for the CIE.</li> <li>• Participate in Leadership in Community and Population Medicine (LCPM) during the integrated curriculum (provides 4 weeks of elective credit).</li> <li>• Participate in Relate, a 1-hour almost weekly lunch series</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarly Activity (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Clinical Skills Assessment (MS3 OSCEs)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Year 4: Acting Internships &amp; Electives</b></p> <p>During their fourth year, students take three, four-week required acting internships, as well as their electives. Students will also take the USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge and Clinical Skills examinations. Fourth-year students submit their Scholarly Activity projects in the spring prior to graduation. Our students also prepare and interview for residency positions during their fourth year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Communities 4 (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Health Equity Curriculum - Project AHEAD (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Medicine/Pediatrics Acting Internship (4 weeks)</li> <li>• Ambulatory Acting Internship (4 weeks)</li> <li>• Surgery/Critical Care/OB-GYN Acting Internship (4 weeks)</li> <li>• Special Topics Availability (total of 4 weeks required for graduation)</li> <li>• Co-Enrolled Electives (optional, elective credit)</li> <li>• Scholarly Activity (Longitudinal)</li> <li>• Preparation for Residency (2 weeks)</li> <li>• Electives (22 weeks)</li> </ul>	<p><b>In place of the Acting Internships (AIs) highlighted at left:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete AIs <i>in Tuscaloosa</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inpatient Medicine AI (4 weeks)</li> <li>○ Acute Care AI (4 weeks)</li> <li>○ Community Medicine AI (4 weeks)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Change from the left (highlighted in green):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electives (18 weeks of which are required—the reduction due to taking <i>LCPM during MS3</i>)</li> </ul>