

**Three-Year Pathway to the MD Degree
(Revised 2022)**

Student Guide

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Three-Year Pathway to the MD Degree

An integrated pathway that allows a select group of students to complete their degree within three years and obtain direct progression into an NYU Langone residency program.

Three-Year MD Pathway FAQs

1. What is the Three-Year MD (3YMD) degree pathway?

The Three-Year MD Degree Pathway provides an accelerated track for a select group of eligible students. Acceptance into the accelerated Three-Year MD Degree Pathway comes with direct progression into our NYU Langone residency program, pending successful completion of your medical school training.

2. What are the advantages of the 3YMD pathway?

There are numerous advantages to students who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity, including but not limited to: (A) a continuum of training between undergraduate medical school and graduate residency training; (B) direct progression into a NYU Langone residency program; (C) early access to potential mentors within the student's designated specialty, enriching the medical school experience and improving transition to residency training; (D) the ability for students to save one year of housing and fees, thus reducing debt burden, and (E) the ability to have one additional year of physician earnings in one's lifetime

3. How is the 3YMD pathway different than the Four-Year MD (4YMD) degree pathway?

With only two modifications, shown in orange on the diagram below, the first 2.5 years of the 3YMD pathway curriculum are identical to the core curriculum of the 4YMD pathway. 3YMD pathway students will start the academic year 2 weeks earlier with a Special Topics in Medicine elective; they will also have the benefit of a mentor in their residency field from day one. Similarly, they will spend the summer between their first and second year doing an 8-week credit worthy summer fellowship in their chosen department. During the last 5.5 months of medical school, 3YMD pathway students will take USMLE Steps 1 and 2, and complete a sub-internship, their critical care rotation, and the remainder of their elective/selective requirements. Students will have an additional advisor (3YMD advisor).

Three-Year MD Pathway

	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	
YEAR 1	Elective	STAGE 1	Science & Skills for Medicine										
			DNA, Organelles & Cells	Infection & Immunity	Living Anatomy I	Cardio	Pulm	Renal	GI	Endo/Repro	Practice of Medicine		
YEAR 2	Summer Fellowship/Research	Science & Skills for Medicine					STAGE 2	Core Clerkships, Interclerkship, Intensives, Electives/Selectives					
		Living Anatomy II	Nervous System	Musc/Heme/Derm	Practice of Medicine								
YEAR 3	Core Clerkships, Interclerkship, Intensives, Electives/Selectives					STAGE 3	USMLE ^{®1} Step1/CCSE ²	Electives, Subinternship, Critical Care, USMLE ^{®1} Step 2					

1. United States Medical Licensure Exam[®]
2. Comprehensive Clinical Skills Exam

Four-Year MD Pathway

	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	
YEAR 1		STAGE 1	Science & Skills for Medicine										
			DNA, Organelles & Cells	Infection & Immunity	Living Anatomy I	Cardio	Pulm	Renal	GI	Endo/Repro	Practice of Medicine		
YEAR 2	Optional Summer Programs	Science & Skills for Medicine					STAGE 2	Core Clerkships, Interclerkship, Intensives, Electives/Selectives					
		Living Anatomy II	Nervous System	Musc/Heme/Derm	Practice of Medicine								
YEAR 3	Core Clerkships, Interclerkship, Intensives, Electives/Selectives					STAGE 3	USMLE ^{®1} Step1/CCSE ²	Electives/Selectives					
YEAR 4	STAGE 4	Critical Care Clerkship, Subinternship, Residency Interviews, Electives, Selectives, Scholarly Concentration, USMLE ^{®1} Step 2											

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4. How does the 3YMD pathway fit in the overall Curriculum for the 21st Century (C21) system?

One of the key objectives of the School of Medicine's patient-centered and disease-focused C21 has been the development of individualized pathways for medical students, allowing them to customize their learning experience at different points during the training, including three-, four-, and five-year (i.e. dual degree) options leading to the MD degrees.

5. Who is eligible to apply to the 3YMD pathway?

Students can apply to the 3YMD pathway at multiple time points. These time points are listed below:

- Pre-Matriculation: During their application to NYU Grossman School of Medicine (MD only)
- Opt-In 1: During April of their first year of school at NYU Grossman School of Medicine (MD only)
- Opt-In 2: During April of their second year of school at NYU Grossman School of Medicine
- MSTP: During April of their sixth year of training at NYU Grossman School of Medicine

6. How competitive is the pathway?

The pathway is competitive. There are positions distributed across 21 residency programs, available for 3YMD pathway students. These positions can be filled by students prior to starting medical school (pre-matriculation) or during the Opt-In feature (described below). Once the allotted residency positions are filled (either by pre-matriculation or Opt-In students) no additional positions will be available for Opt-In. Residency programs will use their remaining positions (i.e., those not allocated to the 3YMD pathway) for traditional applications through the NRMP. For example, there is one position available in our general surgery residency program. If this position is filled by a student prior to matriculation, this position is not available for Opt-In. If the position is not filled by an entering student the position remains open for the Opt-In feature. The list of open positions can be found on Brightspace (see section below entitled “*Which residency programs are available?*”).

7. Do I have to know which residency I am interested in?

In order to apply to the 3YMD pathway, you must know which residency you are interested in pursuing. The 3YMD pathway is one that is designed for students who already know what type of physician they wish to become. The pathway includes mentoring, education and participation in the selected residency program activities, so certainty regarding your residency choice is necessary.

8. What happens if I do not meet satisfactory academic progress requirements?

Academic performance guidelines (see below) are listed below. Students with academic difficulties meet with the Dean of Student Affairs for further guidance.

9. Which residency programs are available?

We are the first academic medical center in the nation to offer a 3YMD pathway that allows graduates to pursue a career in either primary care or the medical specialty of their choice. Each year an allotted number of positions are determined (approximately 37 positions), distributed across 21 residency programs are available for 3YMD pathway students. These include: Anesthesiology, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology (ENT), Pathology, Pediatrics, Plastic Surgery, Primary Care, Psychiatry, Radiation Oncology, Diagnostic Radiology, Interventional Radiology, Rehabilitation Medicine, Surgery, Thoracic Surgery-Integrated and Urology.

10. Why are there a limited number of residency positions for the 3YMD pathway?

Positions are limited as students need to be certain about their residency choice prior to applying to the pathway. In addition, in order to maintain residency positions for all applicants, most programs offer one or two positions for our 3YMD pathway.

11. Does the 3YMD pathway limit a traditional student from being accepted to an NYU residency?

As noted above, most programs only have one or two positions available for a student who chooses to enter the 3YMD pathway. The limited number of positions made available for the program does not preclude another NYU medical student from being admitted into that residency program. Students should not be concerned that their chances of being accepted to an NYU residency program are now significantly different than they were before we offered the 3YMD pathway.

12. Does a student need to do a summer fellowship and will they be paid for it?

As part of the pathway, a credit-worthy summer fellowship between the first and second years is required. Students are allowed to be paid during their summer fellowship either through department stipends, research fellowships, philanthropic fellowships or work-study. A student accepting a fellowship in a department that does not include a stipend will participate as a volunteer and will not receive a stipend if one of the other fellowships noted above are not available.

13. When will I take Step 1?

Most of our 3YMD pathway students will take Step 1 in January of their third year. For those students wishing to apply to outside residency programs, Step 1 should be taken during one of the four-week elective blocks during their core clerkships. This should be considered prior to making your clerkship palette selection.

14. Can I do my internship or residency elsewhere?

While the 3YMD pathway encourages a continuum of training from UME through GME, students are free to do internships and residencies at other institutions through the NRMP. Students who plan to apply to outside programs must be aware of the need to take Step 1 earlier as residency and internship programs require evidence of passing Step 1 during the application process.

15. Will I participate in the NRMP?

Upon meeting the academic and professional standards for graduation from medical school, you will be ranked to match into the NYU Langone Residency Program through the National Resident Matching Program. Should you choose to rank us, you would match into a position at NYU Langone for residency. As noted above, students will make their own choice of whether to rank only their NYU residency program or rank outside residency programs. Students can apply to other residency programs if they so choose, but they need to coordinate their schedules carefully. If not accepted elsewhere, and the student chooses not to do their residency training at NYU, the student will transition into the 4YMD pathway.

16. What if I decide to switch residencies?

A 3YMD pathway student who decides to switch residency programs has two choices. They can either enter into the 4YMD pathway or, if one of the initial allotted positions remains open in the residency program they are interested in, they can apply to the residency program. If accepted into that program, the student can remain in the 3YMD pathway. Switching into an open residency position is contingent on acceptance by the new residency program.

17. How do I apply?

To apply, log into the applicant portal (<https://amp.med.nyu.edu/>) and complete the tertiary. On this application you will designate which residency program you are applying to, and will be required to complete two additional essays. It should be noted that there is a waitlist for students accepted prior to matriculation (i.e., Pre-Matriculation entry). This allows a 3YMD pathway spot to be offered to the next candidate if the initially accepted candidate chooses not attend NYU Grossman School of Medicine.

18. When can I apply and when are the deadlines?

Applying for the 3YMD pathway as a Pre-Matriculation applicant requires completion of the following:

- (1) An AMCAS primary application to NYU Grossman School of Medicine (NYUGSOM)
 - a. Deadline: October 15th, 11:59 PM EST
- (2) The NYUGSOM secondary application
 - a. Deadline: November 15th, 11:59 PM EST
- (3) The NYUGSOM 3YMD pathway tertiary application
 - a. Deadline: January 31st, 11:59 PM EST
- (4) Interview with residency program
 - a. Applicants must first be accepted to the 4YMD pathway at NYUGSOM. If accepted, applications are then sent to the residency program directors for their review. Residency program directors then make the decision on whether to interview the applicant. If granted, interviews with residency program directors and their teams typically occur throughout the admissions cycle. Decisions on acceptance to the pathway are made on a rolling basis throughout the admissions cycle. Please review the admissions website or contact the Admissions Office for confirmation of the above deadline dates.

- (1) Applying for the 3YMD pathway as an Opt-In applicant requires the completion of the following:
 - The NYUGSOM 3YMD pathway tertiary application
 - a. Deadline: Beginning of May (e.g., May 2nd, 2022, 11:59 PM EST)
- (2) Interview with residency program
 - a. Residency program directors review applications and decide whether to interview the applicant. Interviews with residency program directors typically occur throughout the month of May. Decisions on acceptance to the pathway are made on a rolling basis throughout May and extending to mid June. Please review the admissions website or contact the Admissions Office for confirmation of the above deadline dates.

19. What happens to my acceptance offer to the 4YMD pathway if I am not accepted into the 3YMD pathway?

If you apply to and are not accepted into the 3YMD pathway, rest assured that your acceptance and matriculation into our 4YMD pathway is not impacted.

20. When do 3YMD pathway classes begin?

For students accepted at the time of admission, classes typically begin in late July.

21. How much will the tuition be?

Since 2018, full tuition scholarships are offered to all of our MD students regardless of need.

22. Will I be eligible for financial aid?

You will be eligible for the same financial aid packages offered to our 4YMD pathway students provided you apply for financial aid on time. Students will first receive a financial aid package covering their four years of training at NYU; should they be accepted into the 3YMD pathway, this financial aid award will be revised appropriately.

Three Year Pathway to the MD Degree: Opt-In Feature

Three-Year MD Pathway Opt-In Feature FAQs

1. What is the Opt-In feature?

The Opt-In feature will allow MD students to apply to the 3YMD pathway during their first or second year of medical school and MD-PhD students to apply on completion of their PhD training.

2. What are the guidelines to apply to the three-year Opt-In feature?

In order to apply to the 3YMD Pathway Opt-In feature, you must know which residency you are interested in pursuing. The 3YMD pathway is designed for students who already know what type of physician they wish to become. The pathway includes mentoring, education and participation in the selected residency program so certainty regarding your residency choice is necessary.

3. How many positions are available in the 3YMD pathway?

Currently there are 37 positions, distributed across 21 residency programs, available for 3YMD pathway students. These positions can be filled by students prior to starting medical school (Pre-Matriculation) or during the Opt-In” feature (described below). Once the allotted positions are filled (either by Pre-Matriculation students or Opt-In” students) no additional positions will be available for Opt-In”. Residency programs have the remaining positions open for traditional applications through the NRMP. For example, there is one position available in our general surgery residency program. If this position is filled by a student prior to matriculation, this position is not available at Opt-In. If the position is not filled by an entering student the position remains open for the Opt-In feature. The list of open positions can be found on Brightspace (see section above entitled *Which residency programs are available?*).

4. If the residency position I am interested in is already filled, can I take a year off and apply for the position the following year?

No. Students will only be allowed to apply for the positions originally allotted to their class year. Delaying your entry into residency is not permitted.

5. Can the dual degree program be combined with the 3YMD pathway?

No. Our dual degree programs use the fourth year for coursework required for the dual degree and thus cannot be completed in a 3YMD pathway.

6. What is the application process?

Applications for the 3YMD pathway Opt-In feature are available through the applicant portal on or around April 1st. Important deadlines to be aware of are as follows: (1) tertiary application deadline typically at the beginning of May (e.g., May 2nd, 2022 by 11:59 PM EST); (2) interviews with residency program directors typically occur May through June; (3) decisions are sent on a rolling basis starting in May and continuing through mid-June. There will not be a waitlist for the Opt-In feature.

7. Are there requirements to fulfill once accepted into the 3YMD pathway?

Accepted students are required to pursue a credit-worthy summer fellowship between first and second year that is approved by the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education.

Three Year Pathway to the MD Degree for Students in the Medical Science Training Program (MSTP)

In response to recommendations from the national MD-PhD association to shorten time-to-degree, a new accelerated pathway for MSTP students was established in September 2016.

MSTP 3YMD Accelerated Pathway to the MD Degree FAQs

1. What is the MSTP 3YMD accelerated pathway?

This pathway is intended to shorten MSTP time-to-degree by linking the MSTP program to the 3YMD degree pathway. The time-to-degree is shortened by truncating elective/selective requirements and by eliminating the need for residency applications and interviews. The latter feature is made possible by the direct progression into a NYU Langone residency in the field of the student's choice. The accelerated MD-PhD track will allow candidates to complete their dual degree within seven years of admission instead of eight years or longer.

2. Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible students are those who can begin their clinical clerkships on or before January 1 of their sixth year in the MSTP. Thus, a student must begin their graduate school work on March 1 of their second year of medical school (after successfully passing the USMLE Step 1 exam) and complete their graduate work (including writing and successfully defending a thesis and submitting a first authored peer reviewed paper) in 46 months or less.

Students would apply to the accelerated pathway in the spring of their sixth year, having successfully completed their preclinical training, and the majority of graduate school. To apply, students should be committed to their residency choice. The application timeline for the MSTP 3YMD pathway follows the same structure as the Opt-In timeline. Important deadlines to be aware of are as follows, (1) application deadline is typically at the beginning of May (e.g., May 2nd, 2022 by 11:59 PM EST), (2) interviews with residency program directors occur May through June, (3) decisions are sent on a rolling basis and by the second week of June. There will not be a waitlist for this pathway. MSTP Opt-In students will begin their clerkships in January.

3. When would application decisions be made?

Decisions on acceptance into the three-year pathway will occur in May/June. All students will begin their core clerkship year in January.

4. Which residency positions would be available?

Admission to the pathway is dependent on an available spot in that residency program. If all the 3YMD pathway spots set aside by a residency program are filled (i.e. by the Pre-Matriculation and Opt-In medical students), no additional students will be accepted.

5. Will I participate in the NRMP?

Upon meeting the academic and professional standards for graduation from medical school, you will be ranked to match into the NYU Langone Residency Program through the National Resident Matching Program. Should you choose to rank us, you would match into a position at NYU Langone for residency. As noted above, students will make their own choice of whether to rank only their NYU residency program or rank outside residency programs. Students can apply to other residency programs if they so choose but need to coordinate their schedules carefully. If not accepted elsewhere, and the student chooses not to do their residency training at NYU, the student will transition into the 4YMD pathway.

6. What happens if I apply to the three-year pathway but am not accepted?

Students who apply but are not accepted into the accelerated pathway will remain within their current class and may begin their core clerkships in April, July or October.

7. Understanding which positions are still available

For each entering class, approximately 37 positions are allocated across the 21 residency programs. As students are accepted into a slot, that slot closes and at Opt-In, only unfilled positions are listed. The positions available for Opt-In will vary by class year and this information can be found in Brightspace.

Sample schedule

1. Summer research rotation 1.
2. Preclinical coursework semesters 1&2.
3. Summer research rotation 2.
4. Preclinical coursework semester 3.
5. Study for and take Step 1 of the USMLE by March 1 of year 2. Research rotation 3 if needed.
6. Graduate school and thesis work.
7. Apply to NYU Langone Residency of choice in May of year 6.
8. If accepted, begin clinical clerkships in January of year 6. Clinical electives, selectives and USMLE Step 2.
9. Graduation in June.

NYU Residency begins July 1 following graduation

Academic Performance Guidelines for the Three-Year Pathway

I. Progression through the Three-Year Pathway

Progression to an NYU residency program is conditional on completion of all requirements for the three-year pathway (3YMD).

To progress through the 3YMD students should have strong academic performance among, but not limited, to the following:

- Achieve a passing grade in all the pre-clerkship modules (Stage 1). Students who fail two pre-clerkship modules will transition to the four-year pathway.
- Pass any makeup exams on the first attempt.
- Students with a ranking below the 20th percentile, based on the knowledge examinations for which you are graded during the pre-clerkship year, will be discussed by the Executive Committee bimonthly. Students may be offered enhanced academic support and their weak academic performance will prompt a discussion with the student and residency program regarding continuation within the 3YMD.
- Maintain strong academic performance during the clerkship year (Stage 2) by achieving a grade of either High Pass or Honors in all core clerkships, including passing the subject (“shelf”) examination on the first attempt with a maximum of one failure with a pass on the first retake. In addition, a grade of HP or Honors is expected in your advanced clerkships (Sub-I and Critical Care).
- Pass USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 on the first attempt.
- Progress throughout the curriculum with no lapses in professional behavior as described in the Student Handbook and the NYU Langone Code of Conduct. If the pre-Clinical or Clinical Boards require a student to undergo remediation for professionalism, the student will be shifted to the four-year pathway.
- Meet with Departmental Advisor (at least twice a year) and Residency Program Director (at least once a year) to discuss expectations and monitor progressive departmental integration.

The Preclinical and Clinical Boards will continue to review the performance of 3YMD students with academic difficulty and make recommendations to the Dean according to the policies described in the [Student Handbook](#).

Bimonthly, the Deans Office will perform a critical assessment of academic progress during the student's pre-clerkship and clerkship years. During these assessments, if a student has academic or professionalism issues as described above, a more formal discussion with the Residency Program Director and the Executive Committee (see description below) regarding continuation the 3YMD will occur. The Executive Committee will make decisions regarding deceleration into the four-year pathway.

II. Selection Criteria for Opt-in Candidates

Selection Criteria for Opt-in Candidates

Once a student declares an intent to apply to the accelerated three-year MD pathway their academic record will be reviewed by the Director of the Accelerated 3YMD pathway and the Deans for Students, Curriculum, Medical Education and Admissions and Financial Aid.

For consideration of an opt-in application to the 3YMD a student should:

- Show high academic performance that includes a passing grade in every module in the pre-clerkship curriculum on the first attempt and a rank within the top 80% of the class (Stage 1).
- Has a grade of high pass or honors in completed clerkships.
- Show no lapses in professional behavior.

Designate your interest in applying to the Accelerated Three-Year MD pathway in AMP from March 1 through March 15. Your academic record will be reviewed as noted above and the Office of Medical Education will notify you that you may proceed forward with an official application.

III. Executive Committee of the Three-Year Pathway

This Executive Committee will be composed of the Vice-Dean for Education, Faculty and Academic Affairs, the Deans for Medical Education, Curriculum, Student Affairs, Diversity Affairs, Admissions and Financial Aid, the Director of the Three-Year Pathway and the Advisor for the Three-Year Pathway.

IV. Appeals of Executive Committee Recommendations

A student who objects to a recommendation from the Executive Committee may petition the Dean for a review of its action. This appeal must be in writing, state the basis for the student's objection, and be received by the Dean within two weeks of the date that the Executive Committee notified the student of its recommendation. The basis for an appeal would be discovery of new information that was not available to the Executive Committee at the time of its decision or evidence that the Academic Performance Guidelines for Three-Year Pathway were applied unfairly.

The appeal will be heard, in a timely manner, by an Appeals Board consisting of three senior faculty appointed by the Dean. The Appeals Board shall review the Executive Committee's recommendations and, in so doing, it shall hear the student in person, if the student wishes to make a personal appearance before it; shall review such records as it deems pertinent, including a personal written statement submitted by the student; and shall, if it deems necessary, review any report by, or consult with, representatives of the Executive Committee. The

Appeals Board shall submit a written report of its review, including a recommendation, to the Dean. The Dean shall convey a written decision on the appeal to the student. The Dean's decision will be final and binding.

AOA Eligibility

Three-year pathway students are eligible for AOA. For more information see the Student Handbook.

Summer Modules

Various online modules are available and may be used during the summer months to review material prior to matriculation. Information will be sent via email from the Office of Medical Education.

Summer Program for Students Entering the Three-Year Pathway at Matriculation

The summer experience will introduce the student to their respective department enabling them to begin shadowing and experiences within the department. A departmental advisor will be assigned to you as the liaison to your department. The advisor will reach out to you within the first month of your arrival. If you have not been contacted by your advisor within four weeks, please email Dr. Cangiarella at joan.cangiarella@nyulangone.org. Once you meet your advisor you should ask them to introduce you to the chair, the residency program director, the residency coordinator and the current residents.

Advice for Students

In addition to your 3YMD pathway advisor (Dr. Elisabeth Cohen) and your departmental advisor, 3YMD students are assigned a Violet Society Program (VSP) faculty advisor during August orientation. All of these advisors can provide helpful advice and guidance on issues described below (see below under Mentoring).

Year 1

Things to do/discuss during the summer/fall

1. What shadowing experiences do you want to get involved in?
2. Who can get you on the departmental email list?
3. Ask about conferences that you can attend
4. If interested in research, ask about mentors, projects, potential summer fellowships
5. Summer experience between years 1 and 2
6. Is this what you expected? It's ok to realize the field may not be what you expected it to be
7. Set up a meeting with the residency program director to understand expectations

Things to do during fall/winter

1. Start exploring summer fellowships of interest and understand application process and deadlines (most not until the spring)
2. Continue rapport with residency program director
3. Attend the **Summer Opportunities Town Hall – January of 1st year** – Information given on the
 - Information options on the options for summer between first and second year of medical school
 - Students in the 3YMD pathway and those applying through Opt-In must complete an 8-week credit-worthy summer experience
4. Attend the **Career Timeline Presentation** – Small Group VSP meeting Jan/Feb of 1st year
 - Small group presentation regarding career trajectories
5. Individual Meeting with VSP Faculty Advisor – Jan/Feb
 - Discuss summer opportunities, review reflections, set goals

Things to do during spring/summer

1. Finalize summer plans for credit-worthy 8-week program, including IRB requirements, if applicable,

2. Continue clinical exposures through shadowing, attendance at conferences, social events within the department
3. Continue research experience

Summer eight-week intensive between years 1 and 2

Year 2

Things to do during fall/winter

1. Attend Town Hall – Palette Selection/Lottery – September of 2nd year
 - Overview of palette lottery process
 - Begin to plan USMLE schedule taking into account palette of core, selective, elective rotations
 - Registration for exams can only be six months in advance
 - Submit your ID confirmation paperwork to the NBME– ID confirmation paperwork is good for 5 years - requires passport photo - you can complete paperwork and pick dates later
 - At the time of registration you will need to pick a three-month window of eligibility for when you will take the exam
 - Requirements for graduation require passing Step 1 and 2 CK and CS.
 - The USMLE program usually reports Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK) scores within four weeks of testing.
 - Consider purchasing q-bank subscriptions
 - Attend Town Hall and Student Panel on USMLE Step 1 – November of 2nd year
 - Discuss study habits and timing of Step 1

Things to do during spring

1. **3 Year Pathway Residency & Scheduling Meeting – March of 2nd year**
 - Small group meeting during one of Dr. Cohen's lunches to discuss calendar issues and the final 15 months of school
 - Timing of Step 1 and Step 2 CK

- Elective/Selective timing
 - Graduation requirements
 - Residency application process
2. Register for all USMLE exams if planning to take before January of third year
 3. Begin thinking about residency application process
 - Discuss with program director the need for a department chair letter and suggestions from whom you need to get the three reference letters from
 - If you will be applying to other institutions, schedule meeting with Drs. Rosenfeld and Cangiarella to discuss timelines and to Dr. Tewksbury to discuss application strategies.
 4. If applying in Ophthalmology
 - San Francisco match for Ophthalmology Visit www.sfmarch.org for details. Please check the websites are dates listed below change annually.
 - Opens in June for Application Submission. Application deadline beginning of September. Rank list deadline first week of January. Match Results sent to School early January.
 5. If applying in Urology, visit the American Urological Association at <http://www.auanet.org>
 6. Attend **Residency Application Workshop – August of 2nd year**
 - Small group workshop that will review the residency application process and answer questions in a small group session

Year 3

Things to do during summer/fall

1. **Violet Society Faculty Advisor MSPE Meetings** – June – August for rising 3rd year students
 - Students meet their VSP faculty advisors to go over student record, MSPE questionnaire, and CV in preparation for MSPE writing.
2. Register for USMLE exams (see above for details)
 - Residency Application Process
3. Register for ERAS (the Electronic Residency Application Service)

- Requirements for ERAS
 - i. Application
 - ii. Personal Statement
 - iii. Transcript
 - iv. Medical Student Performance Evaluation (often called the deans letter). The medical student performance evaluation is written in the fall of the third year to be included as part of the residency application. These evaluations will be updated for the permanent record of three-year pathway students to include information regarding evaluations that occur from January –May of the third year.
 - v. Three references (you will need to ask three attending physicians for these letters)
 - vi. For those programs which require a letter from the chair of the department as well, please talk to your advisor on how to get this letter.
 - vii. You will not be invited as a part of the traditional interview process for your residency program as your program already (some exceptions apply – discuss with your departmental advisor)
 - viii. For programs that require a preliminary year must also apply to that program

- 4. NRMP match visit nrmp.org for exact dates
 - Opens mid-September for Application Submission
 - Rank list opens mid-January - Must rank the programs
 - Deadline for rank list submission of February
 - Match Day mid-March (if applying outside of NYU, Match Week begins a few days earlier when you find out you matched to a program but not which one)

Things to do during Spring

1. Think about housing options
2. Register for housing lottery if you want on-campus housing (opens after Match day)

Mentoring

Students meet with the three-year pathway advisor and Director of the three-year pathway quarterly for lunch meetings to discuss issues related to the pathway. Peer to peer mentoring is also established within specialties to allow students to get advice from other students and residents already enrolled in the pathway.

Responsibilities of 3YMD pathway advisor

The 3YMD pathway advisor provides guidance to students regarding their education, well-being and career development. The 3YMD pathway advisor meets quarterly with each individual student and with the entire group through monthly lunch meetings. In addition, students are encouraged to be in touch with the 3YMD pathways advisor as needed.

Responsibilities of 3YMD pathway departmental advisors

Each department assigns at least one faculty advisor that is responsible for advising 3-year pathway students individually and acclimating the student(s) to the department. The faculty advisor is expected to meet with the student on a quarterly basis.

3YMD pathway departmental advisor responsibilities include:

- Promoting engagement in the department by identifying appropriate departmental activities (examples include grand rounds, special speakers, shadowing of physicians, social events).
- Reinforcing the student's choice of specialty.
- Ensuring the development of scholarly activity by exploring areas of interest, introducing students to potential mentors and formalizing a plan for a summer research fellowship for the summer between the first and second academic years.
- Advising students on appropriate selection of electives and selectives.
- Assisting students with the residency application process.
- Preserving the notion that medical students need to be students first. The goal is to achieve a balance between engagement in the medical school curriculum and affiliation with the clinical department. This needs to be individualized for each student.
- Partner with the dean's office and advisor of the three year pathway to facilitate student success

Responsibilities of VSP advisors

All students are randomly assigned to a VSP faculty advisor in one of four societies. The VSP advisor has on-going regular meetings with the student through graduation

The Advisor-Advisee relationship is a professional one designed to provide:

- Support for students in their personal and professional growth through medical school

- Academic coaching
 - Support for student in their career decision-making
- Information and/or referrals on career development
- Mentoring and facilitating students' connecting with additional faculty

The Violet Society Program also provides:

- Peer and near peer mentorship
- Periodic large and small group workshops on various topics of interest to students
- Cross class social events within societies and throughout the medical school

Elective Credit

- For 3YMD pathway students who matriculate in July, two weeks of elective credit will be granted for completing the Special Topics in Medicine course.
- Students who participate in ten weeks of the NYC Free Clinic after completion of their medicine and ob-gyn clerkships can also receive two weeks of elective credit as per the NYC Free Clinic policy.

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