**Combined Third and Fourth Year Overview**

The second two years of the curriculum comprise the final twenty-five months and consist of core clerkships, selectives (required experiences) and electives.

Wherever possible, the scheduling goal should be to broaden and deepen experiences in varied areas of medicine; increase independent learning; and gain confidence as a responsible member of the health care team. This time is one-half of the formal undergraduate medical education.

**Course Requirements:**

- Core Clerkships must be completed within the first 18 months. Refer to the Curriculum Map: [http://www.omed.pitt.edu/curriculum/overview.php](http://www.omed.pitt.edu/curriculum/overview.php)

- Successful completion of a four week acting internship (AI) in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics or Surgery;

- Successful completion of a four week Integrated Life Science (ILS) selective

- Eligibility for elective scheduling is dependent upon meeting the prerequisites as published in the course catalog: [https://ampup.medschool.pitt.edu/CourseCatalog/CatalogIntroduction](https://ampup.medschool.pitt.edu/CourseCatalog/CatalogIntroduction)

- Electives must be taken in a four-week block per course; in accordance with the academic year calendar. Two months of non-clinical time is available, primarily for the interview process of the fourth year.

**Options:**

- Two elective months may be scheduled for dedicated work on the Scholarly Project;
- A maximum of two months of research, exclusive of the Scholarly Project;
- A maximum of three extramural (away) elective periods.