Curriculum Requirements for Graduation

* Complete all required senior rotations listed on the previous page
* Take the standardized patient exam at the end of the junior year
* Passing score on USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills exam
* Passing score on USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge exam
* Complete ACLS certification
* Complete the Senior Special Topics course

Brief Course Descriptions

* **Critical Concepts** (MCLIN 400): this required interdisciplinary course comprises one week of didactics and simulation cases (in the Student Learning Center), 2 weeks of emergency department shifts, and one week in an ICU.
* **Primary Acting Internship (AI):** this must be donewith our faculty in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, or Lafayette in one of the following disciplines: family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, or surgery.
* **Secondary Acting Internship**: this may be done in one of the above disciplines, or anesthesiology, neurology, neurosurgery, ICU, emergency medicine, ophthalmology, orthopedic surgery, otorhinolaryngology, psychiatry, or urology. The secondary AI may be done at another institution provided that it carries the designation of an Acting Internship, or Sub Internship at that school.
* **Students must complete 4 elective rotations.** The list ofelectives can be found on the [Student Affairs website.](http://www.medschool.lsuhsc.edu/student_affairs/) Elective rotations may be done at another institution.
* Students have **4 independent study/interview/off** rotations to study for USMLE exams, prepare residency applications, interview for residency programs, and to take some vacation time.
* **Senior Special Topics 400 course** (1 Week): this course contains very practical information for seniors as they make final preparations for residency: financial management and loan repayment, malpractice insurance, practice management, legal advice for physicians, end of life care, substance abuse among physicians, etc.

The senior year will be scheduled with the Office of Student Affairs. We encourage senior students to plan a curriculum that positions them well for the residency match, but that is also balanced enough to prepare them for internship. Students may take *up to* 4 rotations in a single discipline (e.g. AI plus 3 electives in the same field), but they must choose a different field for their last elective. If a student wishes to do 5 rotations in a single discipline, he or she must use one of their independent study months.