

Flexible Clinical Experience (FCE) Course Management “Good-to-Know” List | Administrative

As always, *thank you* for your contribution to the Flexible Clinical Experiences (FCE) course! We couldn’t do this without you – *and we know it!*

As you know, a result of “Pandemic Directives” is that the entire UMMS curriculum looks quite different than previous years. The FCE course is no exception, with significant changes to all processes and policies.

The changes that will impact your role include the following.

- We now offer **four (4) FCE weeks** across the academic year (see the new schedule below)
 - FCE weeks **do not align with clerkship rotations** in AY20-21
- Students are required to complete only two (2) experiences; both must be clinical
 - Student *may* complete up to four (4) experiences for credit
- **All scheduling is done *manually***, by the FCE administrative team
 - *All scheduling correspondence must be done via* UMMSFCEProgram@massmed.edu
- **Your FCE will not be visible to you in OASIS**
 - Students will identify experience supervisors using the “Who Did You Work With” feature in OASIS

What is the Flexible Clinical *Experiences* (FCE) course?

Required *third year* (CCE) course, which consists of four one-week experiences or selectives. Fourth year elective leader collaboration ensures differentiation of experiences between **1-week FCEs in the third year** and Advanced Studies (**4th year**) **2-4 week electives**. Collaboration with learning community mentors occurs to guide students early in their decision process in designing or choosing the FCE. For cases where the FCE is used for remediation, oversight is provided by the faculty in charge of course that needs remediation. The FCE course is credit/no credit.

General Mechanics

In response to faculty, student, and administrative personnel feedback over the lifetime of the course, we have put the following relatively predictable timeline in place.

- Approximately six weeks prior to each FCE week | FCE notifies MS3s that enrollment will close one month prior to FCE week
- Approximately one month prior to each FCE week | email from FCE to department personnel with “rosters” for the particular FCE week
- Approximately one week prior to each FCE week | FCE faculty and or support staff contacts scheduled students with “Day One” instructions
- Thursday of each FCE week | OASIS generated evaluation request sent to students
- Student evaluation submission activates the OASIS Student Performance Evaluation request the FCE faculty supervisor

Rules for Enrollment

Third year students (MS3) **must complete two (2) week-long experiences** in the CCE (3rd) year

- **must be clinical**
- recommend experiences span **two clinical departments**
- experience may be repeated (one 2-week experience)
- Student may propose self-designed experiences for approval

FCE weeks are scheduled to **occur *between* clerkship rotations**

Changes can be requested by the student up to one calendar month previous to the FCE start date

THEMATIC SECTION 1: Begins 06/01/2020

Block 1A | June 10 - June 26, 2020

Block 1B | June 29 - July 24, 2020*

Block 1C | July 27 - August 24, 2020

FE1 | August 31 - September 4, 2020 (close date July 31)

THEMATIC SECTION 2: Begins 09/07/2020

Block 2A | September 7 – October 2, 2020*

Block 2B | October 5 - October 30, 2020*

Block 2C | November 2 - December 1, 2020*

FE2 | December 14 - December 18, 2020 (close date November 14)

THEMATIC SECTION 3: Begins 01/04/2021

FE3 | January 4 - January 8, 2021 (close date December 4)

FE4 | January 11 - January 15, 2021 (close date December 11)

Block 3A | January 25 - February 19, 2021*

Block 3B | February 22 - March 19, 2021

Block 3C | March 22 - April 16, 2021

Experiences are “graded” by FCE supervisors via OASIS

- Students select the **appropriate evaluator** via OASIS
- OASIS evaluation submission includes **recommendation for credit**
- Students must **remediate FCEs** rather than receive a failing recommendation for credit (no “Fs” are accepted)