
NORTHERN ONTARIO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE JOINT SENATE COMMITTEE FOR NOSM

Report to Lakehead and Laurentian University Senates

From: Joint Senate Committee for NOSM

November 25, 2010

The Joint Senate Committee for NOSM met on November 25, 2010. Dr. Joey Farrell was appointed Chair of the Committee. At the Joint Senate Committee meeting the following items were approved for submission to the Senates.

Based on this approval and the attached documentation:

1. MOVE that the Academic Calendar of Events – 2011-2012 Academic Year be approved as presented.
2. MOVE that the following revision to the NOSM Course Calendar: Curriculum Description: Phase 3 Electives be approved as follows:

That the required rotation in Family Medicine (MEDS 5712) be removed from the current Course Calendar and replaced with the proposed required elective in Family Medicine as outlined in the attached revised Curriculum Description: Phase 3 Electives.

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Attachment #1

Recommendation from the Joint Senate:

Document for Approval – Academic Calendar of Events – 2011-2012 Academic Year

Motion:

MOVE that the Academic Calendar of Events – 2011-2012 Academic Year be approved as presented.

Background/Rationale:

This constitutes the yearly calendar of event for the UME program approved by the Academic Council on October 28, 2010. This iteration is the same as the previous. Dates which are undetermined at this time or to be confirmed are shown as such.

May 16, 2011	Year 4 begins for E2008 class
August 22 to August 26, 2011	Year 1 Orientation
August 29, 2011	Years 1, 2: Modules/Courses begin
August 29 to September 2, 2011	Year 3: Orientation - in CCC communities
September 5, 2011	Labour Day holiday
September 6, 2011	Year 3: Program begins
October 10, 2011	Thanksgiving holiday
November 28 to December 2, 2011	Year 4: Academic Week
December 14, 2011	Last date to withdraw without academic penalty <i>*to be confirmed by University Registrars Office</i>
December 16, 2011	Years 1, 2, 3, 4: Last day of instruction before Winter recess
December 19, 2011 to December 30, 2011	Years 1, 2, 3, 4: Winter recess ¹ Phase 1 & School information
January 3, 2012	Years 1, 2, 3, 4: Modules/Courses/Clerkships resume
January 16 to January 20, 2012	Year 4: Academic Week
January 23 to February 10, 2012	Year 4: Interview Process (re CaRMS)
February 20, 2012	Family Day holiday
March 12 to March 16, 2012	Years 1, 2: Reading Week
March 19 to March 23, 2012	Years 1, 2: Academic Week
April 6, 2012	Good Friday holiday
April 9, 2012	Easter Monday holiday
April 10 to April 27, 2012	Year 4: Review
April 16 to April 27, 2012	Year 3: Travel and Study Weeks
April 23 to April 27, 2012	Year 2: Study Week/OSCE
April 30 – May 4, 2012	Year 2: Orientation to Year 3 (CCC) – on campus
April 30 – May 11, 2012	Year 3: Study Weeks/OSCE
May 7, 2012	Year 2: Electives begin
May 14, 2012	Year 4 begins for E2009 class
May 21, 2012	Victoria Day holiday
May 22 to 25, 2012	Year 1: Completion Week
May/June 2012 (Date TBA)	Hooding Ceremony
May 2012 (Date TBA)	Year 4: LMCC Exam
May 2012 (Date TBA)	Lakehead University Convocation Ceremony
June 2012 (Date TBA)	Laurentian University Convocation Ceremony
July 1, 2012	Canada Day holiday
August 6, 2012	Civic holiday

¹ Possible testing/session for Phase 1 (in first week of winter recess): please confirm with program coordinator. School will be open for personal and small group study activities.

Note: Weeks include all holidays. You may be required to work during those holidays, please correspond with your coordinator or other authority to confirm if you are required to be present on those specific dates.

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Attachment #2

Recommendation from the Joint Senate:

Document for Approval – Course Calendar: Curriculum Description Phase 3 Electives

Motion:

MOVE that the following revision to the NOSM Course Calendar: Curriculum Description: Phase 3 Electives be approved as follows:

That the required rotation in Family Medicine (MEDS 5712) be removed from the current Course Calendar and replaced with the proposed required elective in Family Medicine as outlined in the attached revised Curriculum Description: Phase 3 Electives.

Background/Rationale:

Family Medicine Elective Proposal for Phase 3 – Building on a Solid Foundation

The current Family Medicine experience in Phase 3 at NOSM consists of a 2 week rotation in Family Medicine done during elective time or 12 half days done longitudinally during other core rotations. The Registrar's Office has had difficulty with the categorization of the current rotation as the same course counts both as an elective and a required rotation.

The Canadian Residency Matching Service (CaRMS) requires that students do electives in at least 3 different disciplines during their clerkship. As it stands, all students are able to count Family Medicine as one of their CaRMS elective disciplines.

Family Medicine is an integral part of the curriculum at NOSM. During Phase 2, students spend 8 months in a community working primarily with family physicians in a longitudinal format. They have the opportunity to develop relationships with patients and follow them over time. The goal of the Family Medicine elective in phase 3 is to build on this solid Phase 2 Family Medicine foundation. While the completion of two weeks of family medicine in phase 3 is mandatory, students can elect the setting in which they undertake their learning and can choose either urban or rural, and can choose to work with either a physician in comprehensive practice or one whose practice is focussed in areas such as: palliative care, care of the elderly, obstetrics, addictions, psychotherapy, sports medicine or chronic pain.

The proposed elective in Family Medicine would be completed during the 12 weeks of elective time available in Phase 3. It would continue to be identified as one of the CaRMS elective disciplines. Students would be free to do more family medicine if they so desired. This experience would replace the current required rotation in Family Medicine (Meds 5712 pg 43 of Syllabus) and alleviate any concerns that the Registrar might have with the current course.

Course Descriptions: Phase 3 Electives

Students are required to complete a minimum of twelve (12) weeks of electives in phase 3. Elective experiences are structured educational opportunities that allow medical students to explore the specialties and sub-specialties of medicine as well as explore their career options. Electives must be a minimum of two (2) weeks in duration although one (1) week electives may be approved under special circumstances.

These electives must be in a minimum of three (3) Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) categories (below) and must include one family medicine elective (minimum duration of two (2) weeks). A broad range of family medicine elective experiences including those with special focussed practices will be considered.

Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) Categories:

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Family Medicine (Palliative Care, Sports Medicine)

Psychiatry

Pediatrics (Pediatrics, Pediatric Neurology)

Imaging (Diagnostic Radiology, Nuclear Medicine)

Ophthalmology

Otolaryngology

Anesthesiology

Community Medicine (Public Health, Prevention, Health Promotion)

Emergency Medicine

Medical Genetics

Internal Medicine (Internal Medicine, Dermatology, Neurology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Critical Care)

Laboratory Specialties (Anatomical Pathology, General Pathology, Hematological Pathology, Laboratory Medicine, Medical Biochemistry, Medical Microbiology, Neuropathology)

Radiation Oncology

Surgery (General Surgery, Cardiac Surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Urology, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery)

MEDS 5750 - Elective/Medical/Specialty

MEDS 5751 - Elective/Surgical/Specialty

MEDS 5752 - Elective/Women's Health /Specialty

MEDS 5753 - Elective/Children's Health/Specialty

MEDS 5754 - Elective/Internal Medicine/Specialty

MEDS 5755 - Elective/Mental Health Medicine/Specialty

MEDS 5756 - Elective/Family Medicine/Specialty

MEDS 5757 - Elective/Research

MEDS 5758 - Elective/Human Sciences

MEDS 5759 - Elective/Laboratory Medicine/Pathology/Specialty

MEDS 5770 - Elective/Diagnostic Imaging/Nuclear Medicine/Specialty

MEDS 5771 - Elective/Emergency Medicine

MEDS 5772 - Elective/Community Medicine

MEDS 5773 - Elective/Anesthesia

Previous version:
Phase 3 Electives

A total of twelve (12) weeks of approved electives in medical specialties, medical subspecialties or medical research or the human sciences is required in Phase 3. Electives must be a minimum of 2 weeks although 1 week electives may be approved in rare circumstances. All students must take electives in a minimum of three (3) different Canadian Resident Matching Service (CARMS) categories.

Elective experiences are structured educational opportunities that allow medical students to explore the specialties and sub-specialties of medicine as well as explore their career options. Each elective experience includes an identified set of objectives, learning program, faculty supervisor and assessment and evaluation plan approved by the student advisor and the Office of the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education.

MEDS 5750 - Elective/Medical/Specialty

MEDS 5751 - Elective/Surgical/Specialty

MEDS 5752 - Elective/Women's Health /Specialty

MEDS 5753 - Elective/Children's Health/Specialty

MEDS 5754 - Elective/Internal Medicine/Specialty

MEDS 5755 - Elective/Mental Health Medicine/Specialty

MEDS 5756 - Elective/Family Medicine/Specialty

MEDS 5757 - Elective/Research

MEDS 5758 - Elective/Human Sciences

MEDS 5759 - Elective/Laboratory Medicine/Pathology/Specialty

MEDS 5770 - Elective/Diagnostic Imaging/Nuclear Medicine/Specialty

MEDS 5771 - Elective/Emergency Medicine

MEDS 5772 - Elective/Community Medicine

MEDS 5773 - Elective/Anesthesia