

# Career Advisor

## FAQ List

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# Anesthesiology

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Department Career Advisors:

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Departmental Career Advising Website: <http://depts.washington.edu/anesth/>

Student Interest Group: yes

Student interest Group contact: [behansen@uw.edu](mailto:behansen@uw.edu)

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Anesthesiology?

OR rotations Intensive care, medicine rotations – need to develop a broad interest in perioperative medicine

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Anesthesiology at another institution?

Yes especially if they are interested in residency at that institution

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Anesthesiology?

ICU Medicine, and/or Sub I in Internal Medicine. Optionally electives in Cardiology, pulmonary, nephrology, or hematology could be helpful.

If a student is strongly interested in Anesthesiology, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: Five = highly important. One = less important.

- 5's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, Having one letter of reference from someone in this specialty, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations. A strong understanding of the specialty and recent developments. Demonstrated by activity in the UW anesthesiology interest group, membership of the ASA (our dept can assist medical students who want to become ASA members)
- 4's: Having a Step I USMLE scores above 220 (NRMP average USMLE step 1 for MS matching in to anesthesiology for 2011 was 226)At least one letter of recommendation from an anesthesiologist but also strong letters from other disciplines to indicate a broad interest in medicine and ICU as well., Election to AOA, Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation,
- 3's: Doing a sub-I in this specialty, Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Having a Master's Degree (eg.MPH), Being bilingual. Demonstrate leadership skills
- 2's: Doing a summer research project in this field, , Doing an away rotation in this specialty, a letter of recommendation from a department chair in this specialty, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal.

Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?

Have a well-developed idea of the nature of anesthesia practice.

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Unprepared to make inquiries into program structure

Additional information

- All UW medical students who want to do anesthesiology should arrange to meet with Dr K Souter the program director. Dr Souter is happy to discuss all aspects of the application process and the individual strengths and how they can maximize their chances of being successful.
- Both Dr. Souter and the chair, Dr. Scwhinn are happy to write letters for all medical students at UW and facilitate our med students obtaining interviews at other programs.
- Dr. Souter and Dr. Scwhinn hold a Q&A session in August for the med students interested in anesthesiology, attendance is encouraged. This will be publicized through the AIG.

## Dermatology

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Department Career Advisors:

Dr. John Olerud

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Departmental Career Advising Website:

Student Interest Group: Yes; <https://catalyst.uw.edu/workspace/julias2/21562/131282>

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Dermatology?

Dermatology elective (of course); best done in Seattle.

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Dermatology?

Broad background: Medical subspecialties, e.g., infectious diseases, rheumatology; plastic surgery; pathology; peds subspecialties

If a student is strongly interested in Dermatology, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: Five = highly important.

One = less important.

5's: Having one letter of reference from someone in this specialty, Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations.

4's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, Participating in community service, 3 letters of recommendation from physicians in this specialty, a letter of recommendation from a department chair or residency program director in this specialty, Having a Master's Degree (eg.MPH), Demonstrate an interest in academic medicine.

- 3's: Doing a summer research project in this field, Doing a RUOP or other experience in an underserved community, IHOP or other international experience, Doing an away rotation in this specialty, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Election to AOA, Being bilingual, Having an interest in practicing in a rural or underserved area.
- 2's: Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235.

Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?

Breadth of life experience is important. Regional connection is important.

## Emergency Medicine

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Departmental Career Advising Website: In Progress

Student Interest Group: Yes

Faculty Advisor: Richard Utarnachitt (rutarnac@uw.edu)

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Emergency Medicine?

NA

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Emergency Medicine at another institution?

Yes, students should do an away EM rotation.

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Emergency Medicine?

Intensive care, Anesthesiology, Trauma, Radiology

If a student is strongly interested in Emergency Medicine, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

- 5's: Doing a sub-I in this specialty, 3 letters of recommendation from physicians in this specialty.
- 4's: Doing an away rotation in this specialty, Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235, Election to AOA, Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations.
- 3's: Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Having a Master's Degree (eg.MPH), Being bilingual, Having an interest in practicing in a rural or underserved areas, Express a strong interest in academic medicine.
- 2's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, Doing a summer research project in this field, Participating in community service, Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal.

Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?

Take the EM clerkship as early as possible in the clinical years.

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

The most common mistake for all students applying in EM is to not apply to or interview at enough programs. The second most common mistake is to not get an advisor until very late in the process. We are here to help you when you first start considering emergency medicine.

## Family Medicine

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Departmental Career Advising Website:

<http://depts.washington.edu/fammed/predoc/programs/advising>

Student Interest Group: Yes

Faculty Advisor: Amanda Kost ([akost@uw.edu](mailto:akost@uw.edu))

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Family Medicine?

Family medicine sub-internship is recommended for all students interested in family medicine  
Electives that help build skills for Family Medicine, such as medicine sub-specialties, radiology, sports medicine, pediatrics

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Family Medicine at another institution?

A family medicine elective or sub-internship is a good way to gain exposure to another program. Sub-internships are available at all WWAMI residency programs and at many programs outside of WWAMI.

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Family Medicine?

Any electives that help students build skills they will need for a FM residency (medicine sub-specialty electives, outpatient peds, outpatient ortho, Peds ER, radiology, dermatology, and cardiology for example)

If a student is strongly interested in Family Medicine, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

- 5's: Participating in community service, Having one letter of reference from someone in this specialty, Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation, Having an interest in practicing in a rural or underserved areas.
- 4's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, Doing a RUOP or other experience in an underserved community, IHOP or other international experience, Doing a sub-I in this specialty, Doing an away rotation in this specialty, Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework.
- 3's: Doing a summer research project in this field, Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235, 3 letters of recommendation from physicians in this specialty, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Election to AOA, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations, Having a Master's Degree (eg.MPH), Being bilingual, Express a strong interest in academic medicine.
- 2's: A letter of recommendation from a department chair in this specialty, having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal.

Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?

Be sure to pass boards on the first try, have strong comments from the clinical rotations and participate in leadership activities through community service groups or the FMIG.

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

For students with weak academic records (failed boards, fewer high passes and honors in their clerkships) applying to too few programs or applying only to programs in the Seattle area.  
Failure to place enough programs on the rank order list to secure a match.  
Failure to communicate an interest or desire to be in the field through the interview process.

## Medicine

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Department Career Advisors:

Dr. Chris Knight  
Dr. Jenny Wright  
Angie Wick, MA

Students are advised to attend the monthly IM Career Advising Series (generally held the last Tuesday evening of every month 530-7pm – either in person or via live MediaSite) and review the extensive IM Career Advising website. Students interested in applying to IM Residency Programs will be scheduled to meet with Dr. Paauw initially – generally in June, who will then determine who will write the department letter, and set up subsequent meetings depending on the depth of advising needed. There

are a multitude of faculty advisors and past grads listed on the IM Career Advising website who are available to answer specific questions about specialty and residency programs. Students who have questions throughout the year can contact Angie Wick [angwick@uw.edu](mailto:angwick@uw.edu).

Departmental Career Advising Website:

<http://depts.washington.edu/medclerk/drupal/pages/Careers-Internal-Medicine>

Student Interest Group: Yes, the Osler Club

Faculty Advisor: Doug Paauw, Staff Advisor: Angie Wick

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Medicine?

Sub I, primary care elective for those interested in outpatient GIM, ICU experience, Pulmonary (learn to read chest x-rays), Dermatology, Cardiology

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Medicine at another institution?

No, not necessary, but not harmful either....we generally tell students that away rotations are for their own benefit, to check out the facility and environment to see if the program interests them.

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Medicine?

Outpatient Orthopedics, Urology, ENT

If a student is strongly interested in Medicine, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

- 5's: 3 letters of recommendation from physicians in this specialty, a letter of recommendation from a department chair in this specialty.
- 4's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, participating in community service, having one letter of reference from someone in this specialty.
- 3's: Doing a RUOP or other experience in an underserved community, Doing a sub-I in this specialty, Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235, Election to AOA, Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations, Having an interest in practicing in a rural or underserved areas.
- 2's: Doing a summer research project in this field, IHOP or other international experience, Doing an away rotation in this specialty, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Having a Master's Degree (eg.MPH), Being bilingual, Express a strong interest in academic medicine.

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Forgetting to bring the required department letter (chairperson's letter)

## Neurological Surgery

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Departmental Career Advising Website: Yes

Departmental Career Advising Website: <http://depts.washington.edu/neurosurg/>

Student Interest Group: No

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Neurological Surgery?

Ophthalmology, Ortho, Vascular Surgery, and Cardiology

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Neurological Surgery at another institution?

UCSF, Barrow Neurological, and Columbia

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Neurological Surgery?

No

If a student is strongly interested in Neurological Surgery, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

5's: Doing a preceptorship in your field, Doing a summer research project in your field, Doing a RUOP (Rural Underserved Opportunity Program) or any other experience in an underserved community, Doing an IHOP (International Health Opportunity Program) or any other international experience, Doing a sub-I in your specialty, Doing an away rotation in your specialty, Participating in community service, Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, Obtaining USMLE scores above 210, Having one letter of reference from someone in your specialty, Having three letters of recommendation from physicians in your specialty, Having a letter of recommendation from a department chair in your specialty, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Achieving "Honors" in your specialty's clerkship rotation, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations

4's: Having a Master's Degree (eg.MPH)

3's: Election to AOA (Medical Honor Society), Interest in practicing in a rural or underserved area, expressing a strong interest in academic medicine

2's: Being bilingual

Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?

Rotate at your home institution

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Do not do a rotation here or miss the interview for some other interview and lie about the reason you cannot make the interview.

## Neurology

Career Advisor: Dr. Eric Kraus

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Departmental Career Advisors:

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Dr. Sid Gospe (Chief, Division of Pediatric Neurology)

Departmental Career Advising Website: None

Student Interest Group: Yes

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Eric Kraus

What specialty-specific electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Neurology?

UW offers EEG and pediatric neurology electives.

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Neurology at another institution?

Yes, if a student is interested in matching at a specific institution, and would like to audition at that institution.

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Neurology?

Ophthalmology, Neurosurgery, Otolaryngology, Rehabilitation Medicine

If a student is strongly interested in Neurology, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

- 5's: Having one letter of reference from someone in your specialty, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations.
- 4's: Obtaining USMLE scores above 235, Election to AOA (Medical Honor Society), Achieving "Honors" in your specialty's clerkship rotation, Expressing a strong interest in academic medicine.
- 3's: Doing a summer research project in your field, Doing an away rotation in your specialty, Participating in community service, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal, Having a published abstract or poster presentation
- 2's: Doing a preceptorship in your field, Doing a RUOP (Rural Underserved Opportunity Program) or any other experience in an underserved community, Doing an IHOP (International Health Opportunity Program) or any other international experience, Doing a sub-I in your specialty, Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework.

Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?

Meet with a departmental advisor. Pass both USMLE exams on the first try. Have a well-developed idea about the practice of Neurology.

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Applying late in the process: best to submit applications early in September. Not having a letter from a neurologist. A personal statement that is too casual, flush with bragging, has typos, or is poorly worded (ask more than one person to proofread, ideally someone who has reviewed a number of personal statements).

## OB/GYN

Career Advisor: Dr. Vicki Mendiratta

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Department Career Advisors:

Dr. Tom Benedetti

Departmental Career Advising Website: <http://depts.washington.edu/obgyn/clerkship/electives.html>

Student Interest Group: Yes

Faculty Advisor: Student Run

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into OB/GYN?

One 4th year elective at UW: GYN Oncology, high risk OB/GYN subspecialties, and Consider 1 away elective in OB/GYN

Do you recommend that students take an elective in OB/GYN at another institution?

No

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into OB/GYN?

ID, Critical Care, Radiology, Dermatology, Pulmonary, Female Urology

If a student is strongly interested in OB/GYN, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

- 5's: Doing a sub-I in this specialty, having one letter of reference from someone in this specialty.
- 4's: Doing an away rotation in this specialty, participating in community service, Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation.
- 3's: Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235, 3 letters of recommendation from physicians in this specialty, a letter of recommendation from a department chair in this specialty, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations, Express a strong interest in academic medicine.
- 2's: Doing a summer research project in this field, Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed

journal, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Election to AOA, Being bilingual, Having an interest in practicing in a rural or underserved areas.

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Historically, not applying to enough programs - students are applying to many more in the last few years.

## Ophthalmology

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Department Career Advisors:

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Departmental Career Advising Website: No

Student Interest Group: Yes

Faculty Advisor: Michael Wu, MD (michawu@u.washington.edu)

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Ophthalmology?

Ophthalmology 681 (Harborview / UW Eye Institute) - would recommend this as a 4-week elective, if possible. Ophthalmology 685 (VA Puget Sound)

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Ophthalmology at another institution?

An away elective at another institution may sometimes be helpful for students interested in a particular program; however, away electives are not necessary for matching.

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Ophthalmology?

Experiences in Emergency Medicine, Radiology, Otolaryngology, Endocrinology, and Rheumatology are sometimes helpful to ophthalmology residents, but are not necessary.

If a student is strongly interested in Ophthalmology, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

5's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, Doing a summer research project in this field, Doing a sub-I in this specialty, Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235, Participating in community service, Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, Having one letter of reference from someone in this specialty, Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation.

4's: Doing an away rotation in this specialty, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Election to AOA, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations.

2's: A letter of recommendation from a department chair in this specialty, Express a strong interest in academic medicine.

Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?

Meet with a departmental advisor as early as you think you may have an interest in ophthalmology. Core clerkship grades are important to matching successfully, as are USMLE scores. In 2010, the mean USMLE Step 1 Score of a matched applicant was 236.

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Academic performance, particularly on the core clinical clerkships and the USMLE Step 1, may limit a student's ability to match successfully in ophthalmology. Meeting with a career advisor as early as a student has an interest in the field is also very helpful.

## Orthopaedics

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Department Career Advisors:

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Dr. M.L.'Chip' Routt

Departmental Career Advising Website: <http://www.orthop.washington.edu/Education/Clerkships.aspx>

Student Interest Group: No

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Orthopaedics?

Trauma, General Surgery, ER, Medicine, Radiology, Rehabilitation Medicine, (Spinal Cord Injury and General PM&R with amputation) Neurology

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Orthopaedics at another institution?

UCLA, Stanford, Utah, Washington University, Harvard / Brigham and Women's, Mayo, UT San Antonio, OHSU Portland, OR, Rush, Chicago, U of Iowa

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Orthopaedics?

Primary Care, Family Medicine, Anesthesiology, Cardiology / ICU care, Neurological Surgery

If a student is strongly interested in Orthopedics, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

5's: Doing a summer research project in your field, doing a sub-I in your specialty, doing an away rotation in your specialty, obtaining USMLE scores above 235, having a letter of recommendation from a department chair in your specialty, having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal, having a published abstract or poster presentation, election to AOA (Medical Honor Society), achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations, expressing a strong interest in academic medicine.

4's: Having three letters of recommendation from physicians in your specialty, Achieving "Honors" in your specialty's clerkship rotation.

3's: Doing a preceptorship in your field, doing a RUOP (Rural Underserved Opportunity Program) or any other experience in an underserved community, doing an IHOP (International Health Opportunity Program) or any other international experience, participating in community service.

Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?

Establish favorable relationship with Orthopaedic surgery attendings and senior residents during rotation and/or research project

Please list the most common mistakes that students make when they apply to this program:

Lack of solid performance during a local rotation as sub intern. Unrealistic matching of expectations to programs - our specialty is very competitive with few programs accepting students with underwhelming performance parameters.

## Otolaryngology/H&NS

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Department Career Advisors:

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Departmental Career Advising Website: No

Student Interest Group: No

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Otolaryngology/H&NS?

We do not have a formal list. Student Advising is done on an individual basis. In general, we would advise Thoracic, Neurosurgery, Radiology, GI Medicine, Radiation Therapy/Oncology, and ICU Medicine.

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Otolaryngology/H&NS at another institution?

No

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Otolaryngology/H&NS?

Thoracic, Neurosurgery, Radiology, GI Medicine, Radiation Therapy/Oncology, ICU Medicine.

If a student is strongly interested in Otolaryngology/H&NS, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

5's: Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235, Having one letter of reference from someone in this specialty, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal, Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations, Express a strong interest in academic medicine.

4's: Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, a letter of recommendation from a department chair in this specialty, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Election to AOA, Having a Master's Degree (eg.MPH).

3's: Doing a summer research project in this field, doing a sub-I in this specialty, 3 letters of recommendation from physicians in this specialty.

2's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, doing an away rotation in this specialty.

Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?

The key features are grades, board scores, recommendations, outside leadership activities, solid personal statement, and a stellar rotation in Otolaryngology on the UW (UW, Harborview, VA, COH) service.

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Not knowing our department when they come for an interview

## Pathology

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Department Career Advisors:

Departmental Career Advising Website: No

Student Interest Group: No

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Pathology?

Pathology clerkship

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Pathology at another institution?

No

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Pathology?

Med Onc; Radiology; maybe medical examiners rotation.

If a student is strongly interested in Pathology, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

5's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, Having one letter of reference from someone in this specialty, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal, Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation.

4's: Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Election to AOA, Express a strong interest in academic medicine.

3's: 3 letters of recommendation from physicians in this specialty, a letter of recommendation from a department chair in this specialty, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations.

2's: Doing a summer research project in this field, having a Master's Degree (eg.MPH).

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Saying they want to be here primarily because of geography and family.

# Pediatrics & Med/Peds

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Med/Peds:

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Departmental Career Advising Website:

<http://www.washington.edu/medicine/pediatrics/students/current/career>

Student Interest Group: Yes

Faculty Advisor: John Schreuder and Curt Bennett

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Pediatrics & Med/Peds?

For Letters of recommendation early in the year (one of these would be sufficient): Advanced Pediatrics (sub I); Neonatal Pediatrics Clerkship; Pediatric Emergency Medicine; Pediatric Infectious Disease; Pediatric Pulmonology; Pediatric Nephrology, Pediatric Critical Care Medicine. All other electives are excellent preparation for internship and fill gaps not seen in the 3rd year clerkship. Pick areas you are interested in--like adolescent medicine, endocrine, cardiology, genetics, complementary medicine etc

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Pediatrics & Med/Peds at another institution?

We recommend away electives only if the student is interested in a particular program. The choice of elective is determined by student interest and elective availability. Students should not choose electives they have already done at UW (e.g. do another sub-internship). It would be most important for students who did not do as well in their 3rd year clerkship, but should discuss this with the career advisors.

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Pediatrics & Med/Peds?

Pediatric Psychiatry, Orthopedics, Otolaryngology, Ophthalmology, Dermatology, Radiology, Pediatric Surgery, and Electives courses in topics that are interesting to the student

If a student is strongly interested in Pediatrics & Med/Peds, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

5's: Doing a sub-I in this specialty, having one letter of reference from someone in this specialty, a letter of recommendation from a department chair in this specialty.

4's: Participating in community service, Election to AOA, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations.

3's: Doing a RUOP or other experience in an underserved community, IHOP or other international experience, Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Being bilingual, Having an interest in practicing in a rural or underserved areas, Express a strong interest in academic medicine.

2's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, doing a summer research project in this field, doing an away rotation in this specialty.

Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?

Most people who want to be pediatricians will find a program that is a good match for them. There is a lot of variability in how competitive the selection process is for programs and this can only be determined through conversations with this career advisor. Please talk to us early and often, to help refine your career pathway!

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Not carefully proof reading their application with resultant typing/spelling errors. Not being engaged/interested during the interview with everyone they interact with (including staff). Not being polite to everyone during the interview process (faculty, residents, and staff.)

## Plastic Surgery

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Student Interest Group: No

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Plastic Surgery?

Plastic Surgery Sub-I

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Plastic Surgery at another institution?

Plastic Surgery Sub-I

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Plastic Surgery?

Surgery Sub-I, Orthopedics, Otolaryngology/HNS

If a student is strongly interested in Plastic Surgery, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

5's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, Doing a sub-I in this specialty, 3 letters of recommendation from physicians in this specialty, Election to AOA, Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations.

4's: Doing a summer research project in this field, Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235, Express a strong interest in academic medicine.

3's: Doing a summer research project in this field, Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, a letter of recommendation from a department chair in this specialty.

2's: Doing an away rotation in this specialty, participating in community service, having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal, Having a published abstract or poster presentation.

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Discuss how their "artistic sense" will make them a good plastic surgeon.

Refer to the field as "plastics"

## Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

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Departmental Career Advising Website:

Student Interest Group: Yes, for Psychiatry and Neurology

Recommended 4<sup>th</sup> year rotations/electives:

Sub I in Medicine (If interested in adult psych) Sub I in Pediatrics (if interested in child psych)

Cardiology, Dermatology, Endocrinology, Neuroradiology, Pediatric Neurology

One or more of the following:

Consult/Liaison Psychiatry

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Addiction Psychiatry

Emergency Psychiatry

Geriatric Psychiatry

Outpatient Psychiatry

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Psychiatry at another institution? Not necessarily

If a student is strongly interested in Psychiatry, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

5's: Having one (preferably two) letters of reference from someone in this specialty, Achieving "Honors" in the core psychiatry rotation and/or psychiatry electives.

- 4's: Participating in community service, Doing a summer research project in this field, Doing a sub-I in this specialty, Having an interest in practicing in a rural or underserved areas, Express a strong interest in academic medicine.
- 3's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, Doing a RUOP or other experience in an underserved community, IHOP or other international experience, 3 letters of recommendation from physicians in this specialty, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations, Having a Master's Degree (eg. MPH), Being bilingual. Doing an away rotation in this specialty.
- 2's: Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Election to AOA.

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Not getting help with their personal statement (e.g. with grammar, spelling, flow, etc.). Being excessively self-promoting in their personal statement. Not making it clear why they are interested in the particular residency program(s) they are applying to.

## Radiation Oncology

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Departmental Career Advising Website:

Student Interest Group: No

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Radiation Oncology?

Sub I in Radiation Oncology

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Radiation Oncology at another institution?

We generally recommend doing away rotations in Radiation Oncology.

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Radiation Oncology?

Oncology, Radiology, Surgical Oncology, Pathology

If a student is strongly interested in Radiation Oncology, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

- 5's: Doing a sub-I in your specialty, Having three letters of recommendation from physicians in your specialty, Achieving "Honors" in your specialty's clerkship rotation, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations, Doing a summer research project in your field, Doing an away rotation in your specialty, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Election to AOA (Medical Honor Society), Obtaining USMLE scores above 235, Having one letter of reference from someone in your specialty.

- 4's: Doing a preceptorship in your field, , Having a letter of recommendation from a department chair in your specialty, Expressing a strong interest in academic medicine, participating in community service, having three letters of recommendation from a physicians in your specialty, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal.
- 3's: Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, having a Master's Degree (eg.MPH), Being Bilingual.
- 2's: Interest in practicing in a rural or underserved area.

**Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?**

Although we will support any student who wants to match to our specialty, the value of identifying an interest in the specialty early is hard to understate. Most successful applicants to residency programs have not only done research in the field, but either published it or presented it in at least poster form at national meetings.

The best letters of recommendation are from faculty with whom you have had a long professional relationship. It is best to try to forge those relationships early. In our program, some of our faculty view the quality of the letters of recommendation as very important. At our program, we want at least 2 letters from radiation oncologists. More would be great, but a truly outstanding letter from a primary care physician is better than a mediocre letter from a radiation oncologist. We want to train outstanding physicians who happen to specialize in radiation oncology.

**Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:**

Deciding to do away rotations late or at places that might not match their needs. Best to discuss possible away rotations with a career advisor by mid-3<sup>rd</sup> year.

Although it is not a “mistake”, developing an interest in radiation oncology late, particularly if one does not have a demonstrated excellent research portfolio in another medical specialty, is a challenge. It is one thing for an MD/PhD student to identify rad onc as a career option at the beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> year; it is another for an otherwise strong student with no research experience to identify rad onc in September of 4<sup>th</sup> year.

Doing radiation oncology sub-Is early. Tough balance, but we want you to be ready to shine when you rotate, but also not wait too long.

## Radiology

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**Departmental Career Advising Website:** No

**Student Interest Group:** Yes

**Faculty Advisor:** Dr. Medverd

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Radiology?

General clerkship, interventional radiology, nuclear medicine, and radiology research.

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Radiology at another institution?

Not specifically.

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Radiology? No.

If a student is strongly interested in Radiology, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

5's: Doing a summer research project in this field, Participating in community service, Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Election to AOA, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations, Express a strong interest in academic medicine.

4's: Doing an away rotation in this specialty, having one letter of reference from someone in this specialty, having a Master's Degree (eg.MPH).

3's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, Doing a RUOP or other experience in an underserved community, IHOP or other international experience, Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework.

2's: Being bilingual, having an interest in practicing in a rural or underserved areas.

Do you have any additional recommendations for students who are committed to matching in this specialty?

Find out as much as possible about radiology and make sure it is the right field for you.

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Not applying early, applying after mid September.

## Rehabilitation Medicine

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Departmental Career Advising Website:

Student Interest Group: No

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Rehabilitation Medicine?

We create a rehab-specific elective on a case-by-case basis. Focus is usually on musculoskeletal.

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Rehabilitation Medicine at another institution?

We encourage students to explore other institutions' opportunities to help them understand the field better.

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Rehabilitation Medicine?

Neurosurgery, orthopedics, anesthesiology/pain.

If a student is strongly interested in Rehabilitation Medicine, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

- 5's: Doing a sub-I in this specialty, having one letter of reference from someone in this specialty,
- 4's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, Participating in community service, Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations,
- 3's: Doing a summer research project in this field, doing an away rotation in this specialty.
- 2's: Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235, a letter of recommendation from a department chair in this specialty, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Election to AOA, Express a strong interest in academic medicine.

## Surgery

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Student Interest Group: Yes

Faculty Advisor: Leah Backhus MD

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Surgery?

SICU clerkship; general surgery sub-internship

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Surgery at another institution?

No, except under special circumstances

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Surgery?

Gastroenterology, cardiology, radiology, anesthesiology, pulmonology, medicine sub-internship

If a student is strongly interested in Surgery, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

5's: Participating in community service, Having one letter of reference from someone in this specialty, a letter of recommendation from a department chair in this specialty, Achieving "Honors" in this specialty's clerkship rotation.

4's: Doing a sub-I in this specialty, Having a Step I USMLE scores above 235, 3 letters of recommendation from physicians in this specialty, Election to AOA, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations.

3's: Doing a summer research project in this field, Doing a RUOP or other experience in an underserved community, IHOP or other international experience, Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Having an interest in practicing in a rural or underserved areas, Express a strong interest in academic medicine.

2's: Doing a preceptorship in this field, doing an away rotation in this specialty, having a Master's Degree (eg.MPH), Being bilingual.

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Not seeking out specific advice or enough advice, not applying to the proper mix of programs, Unrealistic expectations of competitiveness, Poor scheduling of 4th year time.

## Urology

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Student Interest Group: No

What electives do you recommend for students interested in matching into Urology?

Recommend taking UW urology rotation since it is often not a required medical student rotation and will enable students to meet UW urology faculty for letters of recommendation.

Do you recommend that students take an elective in Urology at another institution?

If taking the UW urology rotation students can rotate in urology at Seattle Children's Medical Center, Harborview Medical Center as well as the UW. They can also take a 2-week rotation in female urology at the UW.

Are there any electives outside this specialty that you recommend to students interested in matching into Urology?

We do not have a formal list. Student advising is done on an individual basis.

If a student is strongly interested in Urology, please rate how important each of the following activities and performance factors are for a successful residency match. Scale: 5 = highly important. 1 = less important.

- 5's: Obtaining USMLE scores above 235, Having one letter of reference from someone in your specialty, Having three letters of recommendation from physicians in your specialty, Having a published abstract or poster presentation, Achieving "Honors" in your specialty's clerkship rotation, Achieving 4 or more "Honors" in required clerkship rotations, Expressing a strong interest in academic medicine
- 4's: Obtaining multiple "Honors" grades in second year coursework, Having a letter of recommendation from a department chair in your specialty, Having at least one published paper in a peer reviewed journal. Election to AOA (Medical Honor Society)
- 3's: Doing a preceptorship in your field, doing a sub-I in your specialty
- 2's: Doing a summer research project in your field, Doing a RUOP (Rural Underserved Opportunity Program) or any other experience in an underserved community, Doing an IHOP (International Health Opportunity Program) or any other international experience, Doing an away rotation in your specialty, Participating in community service.

Please list the most common mistakes students make when they apply to your specialty:

Not demonstrating academic interest, not applying to proper mix of programs, not demonstrating ability to be a team player, saying they want to be at UW because of geography and family