

Career Planning and Residency Matching Support at UICOMP

Choosing a specialty is a process that begins during the M1 year. Students should be organized and methodical in their approach to residency selection, but the student who is undecided is not alone. There are many sources of information and assistance available: advisors, department chairs, faculty, residents, senior students who have completed their application process, and former students. The college provides both formal and informal programming to assist students with career choices. These include, but are not limited to:

- Longitudinal Career Advising Theme, starting with Class of 2021
- Specialty and Residency Fairs and Panels
- Specialty information programs by Student Interest Groups
- CV and Personal Statement Workshops & Individual Coaching
- Interviewing Workshops
- Financial Planning programs
- “Myers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator and Career Choice” program
- Fourth Year Planning Night offered in January or February of the M3 year
- Books and resources in Student Affairs and UICOMP-P Library
- ERAS, NRMP and other matching service support

The UICOMP Blackboard suite provides comprehensive information and links to guide the student. Within the UICOMP Clerkship & Course Coordination “course” students can click on the “Career Planning” button on the left side of the screen and find information organized by topic. “Class of ...” folders offer timely information for each year’s seniors, and are accessible to all students for review. Link directly to Blackboard from the UICOMP homepage, or by clicking [HERE](#).

Students are encouraged to take advantage of *Careers in Medicine* (CiM) resources, available online at <https://www.aamc.org/cim/>. CiM is designed to help make an informed decision about specialty and to provide guidelines for future career choices. The student’s AAMC/AMCAS identification number is used to access CiM.

Match Lists for Peoria

Public reports of annual residency match results for the Peoria campus are posted online at <http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/education/md-student-life/ceremonies-and-events/match-day/>

Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)

Medical Student Performance Evaluations (informally known as the Dean's Letter) are composed as the student transitions from M3 to M4 year. Beginning in the summer of the senior year, students make individual consultation appointments with the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs to discuss the MSPE and the residency application and matching processes.

The MSPE is a permanent record of the student’s medical education. As such, it includes:

1. Identifying information regarding the student and the medical school.
2. Three descriptive “noteworthy characteristics” unique to the student.
3. Academic history and progress of the student—including clinical grades and narrative summaries from clerkship directors.
4. Explanations of delays, gaps, remediation, disciplinary incidents, or leaves of absence.
5. Statement of student’s comparative performance at the U of I College of Medicine in relation to peers, expressed as a quartile rank. See: <http://medicine.uic.edu/education/md-student-services-and-support/registrar/mspe-quartile-in-class-calculation/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAREER PLANNING, CONTACT THE ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS at 309-671-8410