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Sent on behalf of Dr. Emily Greenberger:

Dear Class of 2023,

I hope you're getting excited for your transition to 4th year! It's definitely a fun and unique time, but I know it can also be stressful. As the course director for the elective Preparation for Practice (MD 1000), I wanted to give you a sense for the schedule and content so you can make your plans.

Key changes to this year:

- 1) **Week 1 will be ALL ASYNCHRONOUS except for one live student panel on the evening of March 30.** I know how important it will be to take a break after finishing clerkships, so I want you to be able to rest and travel. All assignments will be due at the end of April.
 - a. You should budget about 10-12 hours total for reviewing the materials in Week 1 and a minimum of 2-3 hours to complete the assignments.
- 2) **Week 2 will be mostly SYNCHRONOUS, so you should plan to be on campus for this week.**
- 3) **You must enroll in both weeks to get credit for the course.**
- 4) **A vacation week and gap week will shift to different times in your schedule if you enroll in this course.**

Preparation for Practice 2022

Course Director: [Emily Greenberger, MD](#)

Course Administrator: [Emma Faustner](#)

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Course objectives:

- 1) Learn the residency application steps and begin your personal statement, curriculum vitae, and MSPE (Medical Student Performance Evaluation, formerly known as the Dean's Letter) section
- 2) Solidify field preferences and develop your identities as professionals who are compassionate, ethical, and reflective.
- 3) Learn content to help succeed in required 4th year Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine required rotations.
- 4) Develop skills as teacher, advocate, business professional, etc. for future career exploration and development.

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Week 1: March 28- April 1 ALL ASYNCHRONOUS, primarily video recordings	Week 2: June 27-July 1 MOSTLY SYNCHRONOUS and In-person
A student's perspective on the residency application – current fourth year students walk you through their experiences and give tips	Interview Workshop with Dr. Elise Everett
SYNCHRONOUS - Recently-matched student Q&A panel Wed, March, 30, 7-8:30pm	Lunch with program directors and specialty advisors
Writing the personal statement – tips for reflective writing, and what program directors are looking for	Ethics in Medicine with Dr. Tim Lahey
Writing the curriculum vitae – tips and examples	Teaching in Medicine with Dr. Lewis First
Approaching the ERAS application	Mini-MBA course – 2 day intensive on the business of Medicine with MBA instructor Mark Youndt
Asking for Letters of Rec and writing your MSPE section (your contributions to the Dean's Letter)	Design Thinking in Medicine with Dr. Mitchell Tsai
Program Director Panel – What are they looking for?	Trauma Exposures in the Clinical Environment with Dr. Karen Lewicki
Tips and strategies for success in the Acting Internships, Emergency Medicine, and the fourth-year – student and resident-led	Financial advice for transitioning to residency – Financial Aid Office
Completing a brief self-assessment of your strengths and weaknesses and forming a learning plan for fourth-year.	
Week 1 assignments – due after 4 weeks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Your MSPE (Dean's Letter) section 2) Your fourth-year learning plan 3) <i>Optional: Drafts of your personal statement and CV for feedback from a recently-matched fourth year student</i> 	Week 2 assignments: TBD

**Students who do not enroll in the course will have access to the asynchronous content.*

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions!

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