

Dear students,

The Clerkship Orientation Bridge is a required week-long introduction to the Clerkship Year that will begin on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>. The staff and faculty have been working hard to make the remote delivery as lively and interactive as possible. **All students**, regardless of their campus assignment (Burlington, Connecticut, LICs) will all attend the same sessions.

The Clerkship Orientation Bridge is a 1 week orientation to the clerkship, not to be confused with the anesthesia bridge week, the global health bridge week, or the palliative care bridge week. In this week, faculty members and hospital staff will lead remote sessions on how to be successful in the clerkship year and provide an overview of hospital services. Online modules have also been identified to provide you with a foundation for skills in patient safety and competencies that will enable health care providers to better treat the increasingly diverse U.S. population.

The Orientation Bridge Calendar will be released by the end of the week in VIC Calendar. Please read this email carefully because it contains important information about your upcoming bridge.

**Dates:** April 20-24, 2020

**Times:** Please look at your VIC Calendar for exact times of sessions.

**Assignments:** Located in the Clerkship Bridge course in VIC Portal, under the “Clerkship Orientation Bridge” tab.

**Location:** Remote – please look for the ZOOM meeting link in each VIC Calendar Activity Notes.

**Attendance:** All ZOOM sessions are mandatory. We will automatically take attendance by the use of ZOOM, if you have a problem attending, per the [LCOM Attendance Policy](#), please email [Dr. Elise Everett](#) for an excused absence before the start of the Clerkship Orientation Bridge week.

### **Clerkship Orientation Bridge Week Grading Policy**

The Clerkship Orientation Bridge is pass/fail. In order to receive a passing grade, the student must:

1. Attend all ZOOM sessions;
2. Complete all online modules/assignments/surveys as indicated in VIC Portal/VIC Calendar;
3. Complete attestation forms in Clerkship Orientation Bridge VIC Portal as indicated;
4. Make-up assignments completed per session missed.

**ZOOM** – In order to support LCOM faculty, staff and students during the COVID situation, COMTS has providing all LCOM users with a premium Zoom license for video conferencing. Attached are instructions for getting started, and tips for getting the most out of the product. Please call COMTS support center with questions about setting up ZOOM, Mon – Fri, 7:30 – 5:00 **802-488-5553**

### **ZOOM Session—**

The following sessions will be offered remote via ZOOM.

#### **Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> –**

- Clerkship Welcome with Dr. Elise Everett, Clerkship Level Director
- The Learning Environment – Film 1: Perspective of learners
- Structuring & Documenting Clinical Encounters

**Tuesday, April 21th –**

- MAT Waiver Training: The “X Waiver” training is part of a longitudinal addiction medicine curriculum for students at the LCOM in an effort to ensure that the next generation of physicians are prepared to deliver quality, compassionate care to patients with opioid use disorder. The waiver training will allow students to understand the magnitude of the opioid use disorder including how to diagnose the disorder and to gain an understanding about the various treatment options and management options are available for individuals with this condition. Students will learn that opioid use disorder is a chronic disease and the waiver training will give students a framework to understand the disease before entering their clinical clerkships. The students will see patients with opioid use disorder, some in recovery and some with active use, and have a better understating of the disorder after the waiver training. Completion of the certificate will allow the students, upon their completion of residency, to prescribe buprenorphine as part of a medication-assisted treatment (MAT) plan. As part of the training, students will need to complete 3 separate surveys: a pre-training knowledge assessment, a post-training knowledge assessment, and a required survey for SAMSHA tracking completion. You will receive 3 separate emails with links to complete these via Limesurvey and further instructions. These surveys are a required aspect of this training. Students will have the opportunity to virtually interact with two of our faculty who are known nationally in the field of addiction, Drs. John Brooklyn and Sanchit Maruti, by having the opportunity to ask questions and have a dialogue during the training.

**Wednesday, April 22 –**

- Virtual Lunch with Wellness Committee (optional)
- COVID 19 Presentations
- Professionalism, Communication, and Reflection 2 – half the students will meet in their PCR 2 groups Wednesday, April 22, and the other half the following Wednesday, April 29. See VIC Calendar for details.

**Thursday, April 23rd –**

- Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections
- Electronic Health Records
- Nutritional Services
- Case Management

**Friday, April 24th –**

- The Learning Environment – Boundaries Session
- The Learning Environment – Feedback Session
- The Learning Environment – Film 2: Perspective of teachers/staff

**Online Modules/Assignments/Attestations/Surveys –**

The following online modules/assignments/attestations/surveys have been given protected time in VIC calendar. Please complete all by the deadline indicated below.

Structuring & Documenting Clinical Encounters Assignment - *to be uploaded to VIC Portal by 10:00am Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.*

The MAT Waiver Training Certificate, Survey & Attestation- *to be uploaded to VIC Portal by 11:59pm April, 24<sup>th</sup>.*

The IHI's Patient Safety Module certificate- *to be uploaded to VIC Portal by 11:59pm April, 24<sup>th</sup>.*  
The IHI's Root Causes & Analysis Module certificate - *to be uploaded to VIC Portal by 11:59pm April, 24<sup>th</sup>.*  
The Culturally Competent Care Modules certificate - *to be uploaded to VIC Portal by 11:59pm April, 24<sup>th</sup>.*  
UVMHC EPIC Training (to be completed by ALL students) by May 8th  
UVMHC Hospital Mandatories (to be completed by ALL students) by May 8th

**Monday –**

**What to Expect on Monday Morning, April 20:**

1. **PRE-WORK: Structuring & Documenting Clinical Encounters (Independent Learning Session):**  
All students will be given time in the morning of April 20<sup>th</sup> to review the documents that will be discussed during the afternoon Structuring & Documenting Clinical Encounters Workshop. There is an assignment that must be completed by 10am and uploaded to VIC Portal ahead of the afternoon workshop. Complete on your own and be ready for the 1:00pm workshop.
2. **Structuring & Documenting Clinical Encounters (Workshop):** ZOOM attendance is mandatory for this session on clinical notes. Come prepared to discuss your pre-work at this session.

**Evaluations of Clerkship Orientation Bridge Week:**

Evaluations will take place in Oasis, and will be open at the beginning of Clerkship Orientation Bridge Week so that you can fill them out progressively (just make sure not to submit before the end of the week!)

There are 3 questions about each session. Please only fill out session evaluations about sessions that you attended. There will be a few questions about the Clerkship Orientation Bridge Week overall at the end of the evaluation that are **required**. Evaluations need to be submitted within **2 weeks** after the end of the Clerkship Orientation Bridge week. Clerkship Orientation Bridge evaluations are considered end-of-course evaluations and are **required**. Therefore, in line with [Policy 550](#), failure to submit an evaluation about the Bridge week will result in professionalism concerns.

For Clerkship Orientation Bridge, evaluations will close on **Friday, 5/1 at 11:59pm**.

Please make sure to review the additional information about clerkship year evaluations that will be provided by Dr. Leigh Ann Holterman during Bridge Week.

The OMSE point people for this course are Audree Frey, the Clinical Education and Global Health Coordinator, and Jacqueline Drouin, the Clinical Education Coordinator. They are wonderfully bright and are happy to respond to any logistical questions you may have about the Clerkship Orientation Bridge.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, April 20th at 10:15am!

Best,

Elise Everett, MD & the Clerkship Team  
Clerkship Level Director

**Frequently Asked Questions about Delays in the Clerkship Year**

View all [clerkship policies](#) here

1. *Do I still need to get my PPD by a certain deadline?*
  - a. There is no deadline as we are currently waiting for the official clinical start date to be announced. Students in Vermont can make an appointment at Student Health Services after the May 15 “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order has been lifted.
2. *When will I be mask fitted?*
  - a. Typically, during the Clerkship Orientation Bridge all students are fitted for a N95 mask. This will take place in the future.
3. *I am part of the CT Cohort – do I need to complete the UVMC EPIC Training and UVMC Hospital Mandatories?*
  - a. Yes. All students (including CT and LIC students) are required to complete these EPIC/PRISM Training Assignment & Hospital Mandatories by May 8<sup>th</sup>. CT students – please check your email the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> for instructions on how to complete the training.
4. *When will I get a pager and locker?*
  - a. Pagers will be issued to students closer to the official clinical start date.
5. *I just completed the Medical Spanish Course. What do I do now?*
  - a. Please send your certificates to [jdrouin@med.uvm.edu](mailto:jdrouin@med.uvm.edu). These will be uploaded into OASIS.
6. *There is a lot of online learning and I think I might need an accommodation. What do I do?*
  - a. At any time during your clinical years, you can reach out to the Student Accessibilities Services Office at [access@uvm.edu](mailto:access@uvm.edu) or by emailing [studentcomservices@med.uvm.edu](mailto:studentcomservices@med.uvm.edu) to find out how to receive accommodations and other support services.
7. *I have many, many more questions about my clerkship year! What should I do?*
  - a. The faculty and staff in the Office of Medical Student Education is here to support you.

**Sign up for a Drop-in Meeting:**

- [Dean for Medical Education](#)
- [Deans for Students \(preclinical, clinical, CT Campus\)](#)
- [Director of Academic Achievement](#)
- [Director of Learning Environment](#)
- [Director of Student Wellbeing](#)