STATEMENT 3.2.0 – AN OVERVIEW OF THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS
Undergraduate Medical Education

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I. PURPOSE
The third year of the undergraduate medicine curriculum consists of Clerkship. This is followed in fourth year by Clinical Science Electives and Integration & Transition.

II. DEFINITIONS
Clerkship  Begins in September of third year and consists of a one-week mandatory introduction program followed by 51 weeks of an integrated clerkship. This includes 48 weeks of clinical rotations and three weeks of vacation.

Clinical Science Elective  Taken in the fall term of fourth year in areas of interest to the students.

Integration & Transition  Classroom sessions in the spring term of fourth year.

III. STATEMENT

1.0 The Clinical Clerkship allows students to apply their basic knowledge acquired in the first two years of medical school in the clinical setting.
2.0 Students will be assigned to clinical care teams and will work under the supervision of faculty and house staff with varying levels of seniority.
3.0 All students will experience a broad range of clinical exposure, including a mandatory minimum of four weeks of clinical training in an approved centre outside of the London or Windsor teaching hospitals.
4.0 Students will be assigned to clinical units participating in the care of patients and will care for patients in the office, clinic, or hospitals under direct supervision of faculty and residents.
5.0 Students will have the opportunity to take graded responsibility for patient care in a supportive setting where a balance will be established between time for service work and education.
6.0 The Clinical Clerkship is a single course of 8 course weights. The rotations that are the core components of the clerkship are:
   6.1 Family Medicine – 1.0 weight   6 weeks
   6.2 Internal Medicine – 2.0 weights  12 weeks
   6.3 Obstetrics & Gynaecology – 1.0 weight  6 weeks
   6.4 Paediatrics – 1.0 weight   6 weeks
   6.5 Psychiatry – 1.0 weight   6 weeks
   6.6 Surgery – 2.0 weight  12 weeks
7.0 Sixteen weeks of Clinical Science Electives will be chosen in areas of interest to the students. Further information regarding this part of the curriculum will be provided separately.

7.1 The OSCE is the final summative assessment of Medicine 5401, Clinical Science Electives. While enrolled in Integration & Transition (Medicine 5402) students complete the OSCE.

7.2 Successful completion of the OSCE is required (an overall grade of PASS) to pass Clinical Science Electives.

7.3 Successful completion of the OSCE is required to graduate from the Doctor of Medicine Program.

7.4 A student who receives a grade of FAIL on the OSCE may be offered remediation at the discretion of the Progression & Awards Committee.

7.4.1 As per the Statement on Student Assessment in UME, remediation is a privilege and may not be offered upon failure of the OSCE.

7.4.1.1 Failure on the OSCE may require a student to withdraw from the program.

7.4.2 If remediation is offered, and a score of FAIL is achieved on the remediation, a student may be asked to withdraw from the program.

7.4.3 If remediation is offered, graduation may be delayed if there is insufficient time to complete the terms of remediation as assigned.

8.0 Students who fail to complete the requirements for any portion of the Clinical Clerkship will be required to complete remedial work during the Clinical Science Electives period.

9.0 During the fourth year Integration & Transition, students return to the classroom in January for a review of basic medical sciences as applied to clinical medicine. Further information regarding this part of the curriculum will be provided via OWL.