



Countdown to Reaccreditation:

November 5, 2018:

Accreditation Materials Submitted

January 27-30, 2019:

LCME Site Visit

We Value Your Feedback

Your perspectives on the School of Medicine's educational programs are important to us. [Email us](#) if you have comments or suggestions.

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Bridges Curriculum: Key Policies

Learn the Essential Elements for UCSF School of Medicine Bridges Curriculum Teaching Faculty. Please be familiar with [policies and procedures](#).



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Countdown to Reaccreditation and Successful LCME Site Visit Simulation

This month, we celebrated another milestone toward our reaccreditation, as more than 100 faculty, residents, students, and staff participated in a simulation of the accreditation visit scheduled for January 2019. Three distinguished deans from other medical schools visited UCSF for two and a half days to learn about UCSF and our compliance with various accreditation standards. The site visitors expressed their admiration for UCSF's strong, collaborative leadership, dedication to advancing medical education, and deep commitment to diversity in medical education. The site visitors noted that our students, residents, and faculty clearly embodied the School of Medicine's mission and they left deeply inspired. They also provided helpful feedback about areas to strengthen prior to our site visit in January, 2019.

Reaccreditation is a time to review and reinforce the fundamental processes and principles that make UCSF an outstanding institution. As we approach the final steps toward accreditation visit in January, we will be dedicating our next bulletins to highlighting key LCME accreditation concepts that are central to UCSF's mission.

This Month's Topic: Clinical Assessment and Site Equivalency

UCSF offers its medical students a remarkable array of learning opportunities. Through our parallel curriculum tracks, the UCSF Joint Medical Program at Berkeley, the PRIME-US program, and joint degree programs: MSTP, OMFS, and MD/MAS, we provide our students with the ability to select a curriculum that meets their interests and needs.

During the clinical years, our clerkship students train at over 16 inpatient hospitals and over 50 outpatient facilities and clinics through core education affiliations with UCSF Health, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG); the San Francisco VA Health Care System (SFVAHCS); Kaiser Permanente Northern and UCSF Fresno (including Community Regional Medical Center).

Several key principles unite all of these sites and learning opportunities to ensure we provide equivalent learning experiences for our students:

- Regardless of site, all students must meet UCSF's Core Graduation Competencies and are assessed by the same core clerkship learning objectives.
- All sites use the same standardized faculty and student evaluations available through the MedHub system.
- The Educational Evaluations team and Technology Enhanced Education units provide regular reports to course and clerkship directors and governance committees to compare metrics across clerkships and sites to ensure all students receive equivalent education.

Regardless of site, as outlined in our Core Clinical Experiences and Midpoint Feedback and Foundations 2 Grading and Assessment Policies, all students:

- Receive mid-clerkship feedback
- Are observed by a physician performing a patient history and physical exam
- Receive grades within six weeks

These fundamental processes and procedures ensure that students receive equivalent educational experiences regardless of where they train.

For More Information

Find LCME-related information on the Medical Education website.

Review archives of previous LCME Bulletins, here.

Find answers to frequently asked questions about LCME.



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