

## UCSF School of Medicine • Bridges Curriculum Clinical Immersive Experiences (CIEx) in F2

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

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#### **What is a CIEx (Clinical Immersive Experience)?**

CIExes are elective opportunities meant for career exploration or skills building in areas of clinical interest. Students will have six 2-week blocks during which they will participate in three to four 2-week CIExes.

#### CIExes are broken down into 4 different categories:

- *Integrative: students spend time in different specialties to learn about particular disease/organ systems in an integrative way (for example: hematology elective include times in the lab to look at smears, time with pathologists to look at bone marrow biopsies, and time seeing in- or outpatients with hematologic diseases)*
- *Subspecialty: students spend time on a subspecialty service, seeing patients and participating in a team that often includes fellows and attendings.*
- *Apprenticeship: students spend time with one or two attendings (in clinic, in the hospital, in the OR) to better understand a day in the life of somebody in their specialty of interest.*
- *Clinical skills building: students spend time focusing on a particular skillset, e.g. clinical skills, diagnostic reasoning, EKG reading, etc.*

#### **When do students sign up for CIExes?**

All students will sign up for CIExes in mid-November prior to the start of their F2 year. We acknowledge that student career interests may change, so students are welcome to add/drop CIExes up to 8 weeks prior to a CIEx start date (though students will not be able to sign up for a CIEx if it is already full).

- *CIExes are offered throughout the year from January to December in 2-week blocks (some are 4-week blocks). However, not every CIEx is offered every block, and most CIExes can accommodate only 1-2 students at a time.*

#### **What is the schedule for CIExes?**

During a two-week CIEx, students will spend a total of 8 days in the elective. Students will be away one week on Wednesday for their Foundational Science Day (with the FCM seminar/IDS113 curriculum), and the other week for their Family and Community Medicine day which will vary by student (but will never be on Monday). They will have weekends off.

#### **Where will CIExes be held?**

CIEx locations vary based on the clinical site.

#### **Are CIExes mandatory?**

Yes, students are required to participate in 3 CIExes during F2. Depending upon availability, students may optionally complete a fourth CIEx.

#### **How do students in PISCES, KLIC, VALOR, or Model ZSFG participate in CIExes?**

All students must complete 3 CIExes during F2, regardless of track. Students in PISCES, KLIC, or VALOR should check with their directors about preferred CIExes

#### **How do students in Fresno participate in CIExes?**

Fresno will have site-specific CIExes. Kasan Jones, [kjones@fresno.ucsf.edu](mailto:kjones@fresno.ucsf.edu) is the administrative contact.

#### **What are the grading requirements?**

All CIExes are pass/fail; attendance and active participation are required to receive a passing grade. Students must also complete 2 SMART goals at the start of the CIEx and a self-reflection at the end of each CIEx.

#### **What if a students' area of interest is not represented in the course catalog?**

Unfortunately, not all specialties have the capacity to accommodate students in their clinical setting. However, if students or faculty notice opportunities to develop a CIEx, and have a CIEx faculty lead in mind, we would welcome the opportunity to engage with the faculty lead to create a CIEx. Please reach out to Sarah Goglin ([sarah.goglin@ucsf.edu](mailto:sarah.goglin@ucsf.edu)) and Leslie Sheu ([leslie.sheu@ucsf.edu](mailto:leslie.sheu@ucsf.edu)).

#### **Who is the main contact?**

Please reach out to Sara Clemons ([sara.clemons@ucsf.edu](mailto:sara.clemons@ucsf.edu)) for questions or concerns.