



Specialty Advising: Pediatrics

Overview: Pediatricians need to have a strong foundation in a wide variety of medical and surgical problems as they relate to children. Students pursuing a career in pediatrics should focus on electives and selectives that give the student responsibility for diagnosis and management of diverse patients spanning from birth to early adulthood. Use the time available to you during your MS4 year to remedy any self-identified gaps in knowledge. [OPDA Guide for Pediatrics](#)

Suggested Selectives/Sub-Internships:

- PEDI 4003- General Pediatrics Selective (Ambulatory)
 - PEDI 4006- Pediatric Cardiology (Ambulatory)
 - PEDI 4009- Pediatric Gastroenterology (Ambulatory)
 - PEDI 4013- Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (Ambulatory)
 - PEDI 4016- Pediatric Allergy/Immunology/ Infectious Disease
 - PEDI 4018- Child Neurology
 - PEDI 4020- Pediatric Endocrinology
 - *PEDI 4023- Neonatology/NICU (Inpatient)
 - PEDI 4029- Pediatric Pulmonology
 - PEDI 4031- Pediatric Nephrology
 - PEDI 4036- Pediatric Critical Care/PICU (Inpatient)
 - PEDI 4039- Child Abuse Pediatrics
 - *PEDI 4040- Inpatient Pediatrics (Inpatient)
- *We advise registering for at least one (or both) of these courses if pursuing a Pediatric Residency

Curriculum Elective Requirements for UME

Away Rotations:

Not required for Pediatrics. However, it may be useful to seek an away rotation if you have a particular interest in a certain program or need to be in a specific location for personal reasons.

USMLE Step 2:

It is generally a good idea to have completed Step 2 prior to the beginning of interview season. Interviews are typically held from mid-October into January. Taking Step 2 early (before September 1st) will ensure your score is available for viewing with your ERAS application.

Pediatrics Counseling:

The Department of Pediatrics offers individual career/application guidance to all students potentially interested in the specialty.

For further information visit the [American Academy of Pediatrics “Path to Pediatrics: Medical School”](#).

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