

# A Preclinical Curriculum for Professional Identity Formation through Reflection, Social Analysis, Team Orientation and Enrichment

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## Objective

We developed a novel required, longitudinal preclinical course to develop reflective practices and critically analyze the historical and social contexts underpinning medical practice in the US.

We explicitly discuss the "hidden curriculum" and provide credit for work often categorized as "extra-curricular"

## Background

The I-RESTORE course
Identity Formation through Reflection, Social
Analysis, Team Orientation and Enrichment
is informed by professional identity formation
literature and draws on structural competency
training, emphasizing concepts including structural
inequality and racism.

## Design

Two weeks in the first year, four-week block during the summer after, two weeks in the second year. Includes mandatory sessions on communication. advocacy in medicine, group coaching sessions.

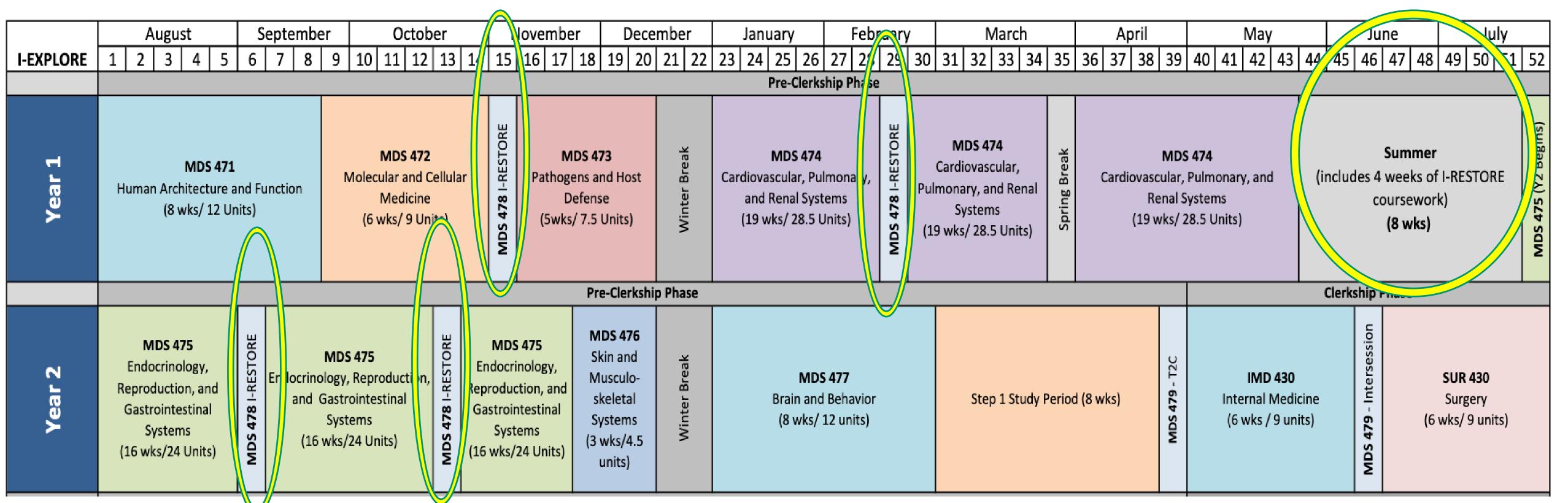
Elective sessions on career exploration, leadership, and personal development, life-long learning, and inter-professional experiences, form their "learning passport".

The summer block is a selective, focused experience in research, community engagement, lifestyle medicine, global health, or an externship.

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# Longitudinal Curriculum



## Standard Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
independent	Required Curriculum	Required Curriculum	Areas of Scholarly Concentration Time	independent
scholarly work,				scholarly work,
exam remediation, unstructured time	Required Coach Meeting OR Learning Passport Work	Required Coach Meeting OR Learning Passport Work	Required Coach Meeting OR Learning Passport Work	exam remediation, unstructured time

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## LCME Competencies

**Total Competencies Met By Course: 12** 

Top Four Most Common Competencies Longitudinally:

- 1) LL5: Personal Identity Formation
- 2) IPCS5: Awareness of Emotions
- 3) IPCS3: Understanding of Health Care Workers' Roles
- 4) SBP3: Social Determinants of Health

## Outcomes

Survey results: students appreciate panel discussions on career exploration and roles in healthcare teams, self-reflection exercises, coaching sessions, and opportunities to engage in activities including yoga and nutrition-focused cooking classes. Students expressed disappointment that elective sessions were scheduled simultaneously, forcing them to make selections.

# Strengths and Limitations

Students value this novel curriculum and identify the need for careful logistics management to optimize opportunities for varied experiences. We have just completed the first full two year cycle of the course. Ongoing evaluations of new iterations of the course are planned

## Generalizability

This longitudinal course addresses LCME standards on professional identity formation, structural competency, and inter-professional work in the preclinical curriculum.

We recommend that social scientists and medical anthropologists inform program design to ensure conceptual rigor.

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