

## 2025-2026 Delayed Clerkship FAQ

### How do I input my Lottery Preferences?

- You will enter preferences for BOTH lotteries. Upon logging in, you will see a dropdown to navigate between the M3 and M4 pages, and you will need to complete preferences for both.
- You will see M3 pages for each clerkship, but only need to complete preferences for clerkships you delayed.
- The lotteries are run in parallel, and will not produce conflicts.

### When will I learn my lottery results?

- You will learn M3 and M4 lottery results at the same time, by the end of January.

### How will my Fall schedule work

- The 'Transition to Fourth Year' week is mandatory, and will be completed by all rising M4 students the week of 4/7, regardless of whether they have delayed clerkships.
- You can participate in M4 rotations prior to completing all M3 clerkships, if scheduling permits, in specialties of clerkships you have completed. For example, if you have completed the Surgery clerkship, you can participate in Surgery Sub-Is and electives.
- You cannot participate in a Sub-I or elective/subspecialty in the area of a delayed clerkship, until that clerkship is complete. For example, if you delayed Pediatrics, you cannot do any Peds Sub-I or electives until you've completed the clerkship.
- You cannot complete an outside elective in the area of a delayed clerkship, until the clerkship is complete.  
\*Some outside electives require that you have completed all M3 clerkships and promoted to M4 in order to participate\*

### Step 2

- You are required to take the Step 2 Study Block -after you've completed your last core clerkship- so it may fall outside blocks 9, 10, and 11. This will be scheduled as part of the M4 lottery, and may need to be moved depending on your individual lottery results.
- Core clerkships must be completed before taking Step 2 (excludes the selective, as that material will not be included in Step 2). You should take your Step 2 as close as possible to completion of your core clerkships.
- If you are planning to graduate in 2026 you are expected to sit for Step 2 by November 1, 2025. You can petition the SEPC if a later date is needed.

### Off-Blocks

- The M4 schedule is designed with up to 16 weeks of unscheduled time, some of which is used for Step 2 Study, interviews, and work on your longitudinal project. Time spent completing delayed clerkships comes out of this unscheduled time; your schedule will need to be structured carefully.

### Expected Graduation

- If you have delayed 12 weeks or more your expected graduation is May, 2027. You will be registered as a part-time M3 for Fall 2025, and can either take LOA for Spring 2026, or petition the SEPC to promote to M4 in 2026, and complete the M4 year over 3 semesters.
- If you have delayed fewer than 12 weeks your graduation is listed as May, 2026. You must meet with your SAO Dean and the Registrar to map out your schedule. If you are interested in exploring a modified curriculum, completing M4 over four, part-time semesters, please meet with your SAO Dean and the Registrar.