

Modified Curriculum Overview & FAQ

Modified Curriculum is a general term used to describe changes to the pace and/or duration of the M3, and more commonly M4 curriculum at CAMED.

Moving onto the modified curriculum enables a student to spend up to 4 semesters completing a given year of medical school.

This is most often seen as 4, part-time semesters. In some cases this might be seen as 1 full-time and 2 part-time semesters (and a semester of Leave), or even two (nonconsecutive) full-time semesters, and two semesters LOA.

Students may move onto the modified curriculum for a range of reasons, and it is inherently flexible to enable support of a range of individual personal circumstances.

To move onto a modified curriculum, students must petition the [SEPC](#). This involves submitting a form and accompanying statement. Depending on the nature of the request, these petitions can be granted with or without appearing before the SEPC.

Prior to moving onto a modified curriculum, students must meet with:

- SAO Dean
- Registrar
- Student Financial Services

During a part-time semester, students will be registered and charged half-time. For a given curricular year (M3 or M4) students will ultimately be charged for one full year of tuition. Exact amounts may vary if tuition increases from one year to the next, and students will be responsible for student fees and health insurance coverage for each active semester.

To be registered as a part-time student, a minimum of 8 weeks of rotations must be completed. If a student is completing M4 across 4 part-time semesters, they will need to take 12 credits in one of those semesters to reach the required 36 weeks of rotations to graduate. Up to 14 weeks of rotations may be completed without registration shifting to full-time.

If a student has completed all requirements in 3 consecutive part-time semesters, they can elect to be registered as full-time in the Fall of their second year, and take a LOA for the Spring semester in which they will graduate.

For any semester in which a student wishes to take LOA, or be registered as a full-time student, they will need to submit a (brief) petition to the SEPC. This will enable those records changes to be made.

FAQ

When will I go through the lottery? You will go through the lottery prior to your first M4 year. If you complete a Sub-I and Geriatrics that year, you will not go through the lottery a second time. However, if you have any outstanding required courses, you will go through the lottery a second time.

How many rotations do I need to take each semester? At least 8 weeks is required for part-time enrollment, up to a maximum of 14 weeks.

How many M4 rotations can I take in total? No more than 48 weeks of rotations can be completed in M4.

Will I need to complete the longitudinal requirement both years? Students on the modified curriculum must track work on their longitudinal project in the second of two years.

When will I need to take Step 2? Step 2 must be taken by November 1 in the second year of the modified curriculum.

Will I need to complete the Transition to 4th Year twice? The Transition to 4th Year program needs to be completed once, upon completion of M3. However, students are responsible for completion of clinical compliance requirements in April of **both** years.

How will this impact my charging? Tuition is **almost** the same. Part-time tuition is half of full-time tuition, and the expectation is that a student will ultimately be charged for one “full year”. However, if there is a tuition increase from one year to the next, students will be responsible for the new tuition rates their second year. Additionally, students are charged fees for each active semester, and should anticipate expenses related to cost of living for the additional year. Students are required to meet with Student Financial Services prior to moving onto a modified curriculum.