Two Programs to Support Student Success in an Integrated Pre-Clinical Curriculum: Deceleration and Early Clinical Training

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Consortium projects

Please list your projects for the next phase of the consortium, including a one-sentence description.

1) Deceleration Program: Develop and assess a deceleration program that will permit students who want or need to progress at a slower pace to focus on development of their study skills and consolidation of knowledge in the preclinical curriculum.

2) Impact of a preclinical clinical skills curriculum: Assessment of the impact of an intensive preclinical clinical skills curriculum on subsequent student performance during clerkships.

Deceleration Enhanced Mastery Program

Year 1 – Summer Enhanced Mastery Program

Year 2 & 3 – Alternating Blocks Deceleration

Need/Gap Addressed

1) Deceleration Program

- Students’ ability to reduce coursework within a term to “decelerate” or slow down has diminished due to the progressive and integrated curriculum.
- A deceleration program will provide better ongoing support to students from diverse backgrounds.
- Manage financial burden by developing program to decrease cost associated with leave of absence or withdrawal from medical school.
- Support students’ academic learning skills in preparation of transition from UME to GME

2) Impact of Preclinical Skills Program

- Study the value of early and sustained clinical skills development.
- Develop strategies to improve UME clinical skills development and success in clinical clerkships and beyond.
- Determine how a rigorous preclinical skills curriculum influences clinical faculty evaluation of student performance.

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