

# Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LIC) General Information and Policy Guide

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Students participating in the 6 core clerkships, Community Medicine and Doctoring 3, as part of the Longitudinal Integrated Curriculum (LIC) are expected to master the same content and complete the same activities as students participating in traditional block clerkships. The primary differences are in clerkship logistics and deadlines. These differences are outlined below:

- 1) **Assessment by faculty:** Formative assessments will occur at least every 6-8 weeks during the first half of the academic year and at least twice during the second half of the academic year. The LIC Clerkships Administrator will review with students individually on a regular basis, the assessments of faculty, encounter summaries as reported in Student Academics, project progress, and examination results (both “practice” and NBME clinical subject exam). A final summative assessment for each clerkship will occur at the completion of the requirements of the LIC.
- 2) **E\*Value entries:** Students participating in the LIC will be responsible for entering the same number of total patients, same diagnoses/conditions and same procedures into E\*Value as students participating in traditional block clerkships. Entry of patients, diagnoses/conditions and procedures will be monitored throughout the year, and progress discussed at each formative assessment (above). Students should enter patient encounters on a daily basis. Students will enter ALL encounter data under the course “LIC (Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship)”, while attaching the clerkship faculty with whom they worked for that encounter.
- 3) **Project submission:** Students participating in the LIC will be responsible for completing the same required projects as students participating in block clerkships. Progress on each project will be monitored and discussed at each formative assessment (above).
  - Any required project that is due at the end of the first week of the clerkship during a traditional block clerkship, will be **due by the end of the 6th week of the LIC.**
  - Any required project that is due during the middle of the clerkship (weeks 2-5 of a traditional 6 week clerkship or weeks 2-7 of a traditional 8 week clerkship) will be **due by the end of the first half of the academic year.**
  - **Any other required clerkship project—including those typically due at the end of a traditional block clerkship--will be due by the end of the second half of the academic year.**
  - **Note: Any project may be completed and turned in at any time before the deadlines above.**

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- 4) **NBME Clinical Subject Examinations:** Students participating in the LIC will be able to **take the initial NBME Clinical Subject Examination in any of the core clerkships any time after January 1** (or after successful completion of 6 months of the LIC). **First attempts at all 6 required clerkship NBME Clinical Subject Exams should be completed by May 1** (to allow for potential remediation before the end of the academic year). The decision of when to take an exam should be made after consultation with the LIC Clerkships Administrator with additional input from other faculty advisors as needed. The student must request and schedule the examination through the regional campus Student Support Coordinator at least 2 weeks in advance of the planned exam date. Testing of LIC students will usually occur at the regional campus on days when NBME clinical subject exams are being taken by students completing the traditional block clerkships, which are conducted on the last Friday of those rotations. Similar to students taking block clerkships, students who fail the initial attempt of an NBME Clinical Subject Exam will be given a second opportunity to pass this exam within 90 days of the first take of the examination. Students participating in the LIC will be provided with NBME self-assessment exams to assist in their preparation for the NBME Clinical Subject Exam.
- 5) **Grades:** Students participating in the LIC are registered in 2 six-month blocks. Students will receive “I” grades at the end of both Summer and Fall Semesters, and will receive a final grade for each clerkship at the end of Spring Semester.
- 6) **D3:** Most D3 didactic sessions will be facilitated by the LIC Clerkships Administrator at the location of the LIC. Occasionally, students will travel to the Tallahassee Regional Campus for a D3 session. There is no separate clinical Longitudinal Experience requirement for students completing D3 as part of the LIC. Students participating in D3 as part of the LIC will complete both the individual EBM project, and one of the group projects.
- 7) **Community Medicine:** Students will be enrolled in Community Medicine during the first six months of the LIC, and will complete the Community Medicine requirements by the end of the Fall Semester.