

CATEGORICAL

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH | SCHOOL OF MEDICINE | DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

WHY THE CATEGORICAL PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH?

At the core of every great internal medicine training program is a strong categorical curriculum. As the foundation of our internal medicine program, the Categorical Program offers broad exposure to inpatient, outpatient, general, and subspecialty medicine through cutting-edge teaching methods, well-structured rotations, and technologically advanced systems. The patient diversity is extraordinary because not only are we a leading tertiary care center for the area, but we also have affiliations with primary community and specialty hospitals. Our Department of Medicine is a major recipient of NIH-sponsored grants to the School of Medicine, which ranks fifth in NIH research funding. In 2016, the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) ranked 12th on the annual *U.S. News & World Report* Honor Roll of America's "Best Hospitals." Nationally, UPMC is ranked for excellence in 15 of the 16 specialty areas, and is among the top 10 hospitals in four specialties.

WHAT MAKES THIS PROGRAM DIFFERENT FROM THOSE AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS?

We stand by our mission statement of developing physician leaders, which is becoming increasingly important in the current health care delivery system. Multidisciplinary team rounds with the resident as leader are the model for all inpatient services. In the outpatient areas, trainees are partnered with the same outpatient clinic preceptor teams in their continuity clinics in order to most effectively learn longitudinal care skills and enhance mentoring. Our innovative curriculum provides something for everyone by emphasizing flexibility in the second and third years; dedication to mentoring allows for individualization of professional development. However, this is done in ways that do not compromise unity and camaraderie of the group as a whole. Our Resident Career Development Program ensures that interested trainees are paired with subspecialty mentors early and provides flexibility in scheduling to allow for research months, beginning during the intern year, if desired.

WHAT DO GRADUATES DO?

The career options for graduates from the Categorical Program are endless. Academic careers as physician scientists,



clinician-educators, and expert clinicians are examples of many careers chosen by our residents. The majority of graduates secure positions in top-tier fellowship programs at UPMC and across the country in a wide variety of subspecialties, details of which can be found on our website under the tab "Fellowships and Beyond." Graduates have also pursued successful careers in hospitalist and ambulatory medicine at both academic and private institutions.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Apply using the **NRMP number 1652140CO**. If space allows, applicants identifying an interest after matching to one of the other tracks also may be considered for a position in the Categorical Program.

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UPMC MEDICAL EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

12 Block Schedule includes full-day, weekly continuity clinic every other block.

CATEGORICAL PROGRAM PGY1

SIX MONTHS: Inpatient Floors

- General Medicine: **Two to three months**
- Cardiology: **One month**
- Hematology/Oncology: **One month**
- Medical ICU or CCU: **One to two months**

ONE MONTH: Ambulatory block

FOUR MONTHS: Electives

TWO WEEKS: Night float

CATEGORICAL PROGRAM PGY3

FIVE MONTHS: Inpatient Floors

- General Medicine: **Two months**
- Cardiology: **One month**
- ICU (Medical ICU or CCU): **One to two months**

TWO MONTHS: Ambulatory block

THREE TO FOUR MONTHS: Electives

FOUR WEEKS: Night float

CATEGORICAL PROGRAM PGY2

FIVE MONTHS: Inpatient Floors

- General Medicine: **Two months**
- Cardiology: **One month**
- Hematology/Oncology: **One month**
- ICU (Medical ICU, CCU, or VICU): **One to two months**

ONE MONTH: Ambulatory blocks

TWO TO THREE MONTHS: Electives

ONE MONTH: Outpatient geriatrics

ONE MONTH: Night float

ONE MONTH: ED

ONE MONTH: Neurology

MISSION STATEMENT

Through an innovative curriculum of individualized training and mentorship, we are dedicated to developing physician leaders who will actively transform the science of medicine, and provide compassionate, evidence-based care to their patients.