

MD - MECHANISM OF DISEASE (PATH)

PATH 1111 Pathology Summer Course (14 Credit Hours)

T1 & T2 summer courses may be required for students who need to remediate pre-clinical coursework. Contact your course director for more information.

PATH 2002 Mechanisms of Disease (14 Credit Hours)

The Mechanisms of Disease course is designed to help students develop an understanding of the causes and mechanisms of disease and the associated structure and function. Students are expected to develop the skills of observation, interpretation, and integration needed to analyze human disease. Specifically, when provided with the clinical history, the anatomic lesions, and the laboratory data of a patient, students are expected to determine the most likely diagnosis and explain the pathogenesis of the disease.

PATH 2003 Advances in Pathology Research (1 Credit Hour)

PATH 2004 Mechanisms of Disease - MS (5 Credit Hours)

PATH 4000 Pathology (4 Credit Hours)

The Pathology elective introduces the medical student to the field of pathology. The elective runs for four weeks with a choice of 2 weeks each in Surgical pathology, Cytopathology, Dermatopathology or Hematopathology. The student will participate in the pathology rotation at TMC and will experience the spectrum of responsibilities of a pathologist including interactions with clinicians. This includes but is not limited to gross dissections, microscopic evaluation, frozen section evaluations, ancillary techniques, and histologic diagnosis with differential diagnostic considerations. The student will work closely with the pathology residents and faculty on service. The student will attend tumor boards. This elective runs Monday through Friday and begins at approximately 8:00 am and ends at approximately 5:00 pm each weekday.

PATH 4040 Pathology Research (4 Credit Hours)

This course is an independent research elective for students in their clinical years: students must identify a faculty PI and negotiate content and deliverables with the faculty.

PATH 4210 Cytopathology (2 Credit Hours)

In this elective, students will learn the value of the clinical application of cytopathology to include: diagnosis, differential diagnosis, ancillary tests and therapy. Students will learn to understand the clinical significance of morphologic changes in healthy and diseased cells from cytologic examination of gynecologic and non-gynecologic specimens, including superficial and deep fine needle aspirations. Students will participate in the fine needle aspiration service as well as daily cytology sign-out. Student will work closely with the cytology fellow, resident and staff cytopathologist.

PATH 4220 Dermatopathology (2 Credit Hours)

The dermatopathology elective introduces the medical student to the field of dermatopathology, a subspecialty of anatomic pathology and dermatology. During this elective, the student will participate in the dermatopathology service and will experience the spectrum of responsibilities including interactions with clinicians. This includes microscopic evaluation, ancillary techniques, and histologic diagnosis with differential diagnostic considerations. The student will work closely with the Dermatopathology fellows, pathology residents and faculty on service. The clerkship runs for two weeks, Monday through Friday and begins at approximately 8:00 a.m. and ends at approximately 5:00 p.m. each weekday.

PATH 4230 Hematopathology (2 Credit Hours)

Students will encounter about 20 new cases, involving CBC's, blood smears, bone marrow biopsies, flow cytometry, molecular diagnostics, coagulation studies, hemoglobin electrophoresis and protein electrophoresis. The student will gather pertinent clinical history on assigned cases, and preview slides with the hematopathology fellow. At each afternoon's sign-out with the faculty and fellow, the student will have the opportunity to present their brief case histories and to summarize the laboratory data at hand. Morphologic evaluation and case interpretation will take place during sign-out. The student will also have an opportunity to observe specimen work-up in the flow cytometry lab. Every evening, the student will be given sample cases to solve that reflect the kinds of cases seen at sign-out. These exercises will be reviewed with the course director every morning.

PATH 4240 Surgical Pathology (2 Credit Hours)

The Surgical Pathology elective introduces the medical student to the field of surgical pathology, a subspecialty of anatomic pathology. During this rotation, the student will participate in the surgical pathology rotation at either Tulane Medical Center or UMCNO and will experience the spectrum of responsibilities of a surgical pathologist including interactions with clinicians. This includes but is not limited to gross dissections, microscopic evaluation, frozen section evaluations, ancillary techniques, and histologic diagnosis with differential diagnostic considerations. The student will work closely with the pathology residents and faculty on service. The student will attend the tumor boards. The clerkship runs Monday through Friday and begins at approximately 8:00 am and ends at approximately 5:00 pm each weekday.

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PATH 5500 Clinical Preceptorship - Path (1 Credit Hour)

Preceptorships are available to T1 & T2 students who are interested in the specialty. Students must identify a physician to shadow. Students must have their preceptorship approved in advance by the Senior Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs.

PATH 5540 Pathology Research (1 Credit Hour)

5000-level research opportunities are available to T1 & T2 students who are interested in the specialty. Students must identify a faculty member with whom to conduct research. Students must have their research prospectus form approved in advance by the Senior Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs.

PATH 6100 Pathology Research Elective (2,4 Credit Hours)**PATH 6300 Mechanisms of Disease 1 (5 Credit Hours)**

The course integrates the study of the nature of disease with the structural and functional changes that accompany those disease processes. This course is for graduate students and not intended for medical students.

PATH 6310 Mechanisms of Disease 2 (5 Credit Hours)

This course follows Mechanisms of Disease 1. It is intended for graduate students and not intended for medical students.

PATH 6400 Molec & Cellular PATH (4 Credit Hours)**PATH 7600 Cancer Biology and Pathology (3 Credit Hours)****PATH 9000 Pathology Visiting Student (4 Credit Hours)**

This rotation is available only to visiting MD students, from US schools of medicine, in the clinical phase of their training: Tulane SOM does not accept visiting students from international schools of medicine. Visiting MD students must apply through AAMC's VSAS system to be eligible to enroll; pre-clinical visiting MD students are not eligible.

PATH 9020 Pathology Visiting Student (2 Credit Hours)

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PATH 9980 Pathology Master's Research (6 Credit Hours)

Master's Research is mandatory for students in the 2-year M.S. in Molecular and Cellular Pathobiology program to conduct research to fulfill the thesis requirement. It is the student's responsibility to choose a Pathology faculty member as the thesis advisor by the end of the second semester. It is expected that the student spend a minimum of 20 hours a week working on the thesis project. The thesis is expected to be completed in two semesters and must be approved by a thesis committee, consisting of three faculty members.