

**YALE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE POLICY**

**RE-ENTRY TO THE WARDS FOR NON-MD/PHD STUDENTS TAKING TIME AWAY
FROM CLINICAL WORK**

Background

It is essential that students who have been away from clinical study return to clerkships with adequate clinical skills. The Educational Policy Committee, upon the recommendation of a subcommittee of clerkship directors and others, has determined that students who have not had clinical experience for longer than one year, and students who are absent for any significant period of time prior to starting third year, must engage in a clinical “warm-up” period prior to entering clerkships. Students who have maintained clinical skills during absence by participating in a longitudinal experience generally do well when re-entering the clinical setting. It is vital that students have choices to accommodate their clinical interests, complicated schedules, and research commitments.

Policy

To assure flexibility, the following tracks have been created:

Experience/Action	TRACK A	TRACK B	TRACK C
Clinical experience prior to absence	6 month clinical experience in the third year prior to absence	6 months clinical experience in the third year prior to absence	No or brief clinical experience in the third year prior to absence
Clinical experience during absence	At least one year of longitudinal experience, e.g., Wednesday Evening Clinic or other appropriate weekly or equivalent of weekly clinical experience	None or less than one year of longitudinal clinical experience	None
Actions required at least 6 months prior to re-entry	1. Mandatory meeting with the Director of Re-Entry 2. Mandatory meeting with Registrar to confirm clerkship schedule	1. Mandatory meeting with the Director of Re-Entry 2. Mandatory meeting with Registrar to confirm clerkship schedule	1. Mandatory meeting with the Director of Re-Entry 2. Full participation in Transition is required prior to re-entry. And, while not required, re-entry in June with a rising third year class is both highly recommended and in the best interest of the re-entering student
Actions required prior to re-entry	1. Participation in WEEKLY Wednesday	1. Individualized clinical warm-up,	1. Individualized clinical warm-up,

	<p>Evening Clinic or equivalent within 1 year prior to re-entry. If students are away from clinical pursuits for greater than approximately 1 year, they may need to follow track B after consultation with the Director of Re-Entry</p> <p>2. Meeting with Academic Advisor</p>	<p>usually at least one month in duration, as determined by the Director of Re-Entry</p> <p>2. Faculty-observed clinical encounter (at the warm-up site or with standardized patient)</p> <p>3. Meeting with Academic Advisor</p>	<p>usually at least one month in duration, as determined by the Director of Re-Entry</p> <p>2. Faculty-observed clinical encounter with standardized patient</p> <p>3. Meeting with Academic Advisor</p>
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Additional Information:

- 1. Tran-si-tion must be completed prior to entering the wards. If students have been away from the wards for longer than a year, they may need to repeat parts of Tran-si-tion as needed.**
- 2. Upon re-entry for all students, clerkship directors will be notified to facilitate optimal placement for the student**