

3/10/09 Oasis Q&A Session FAQs:

Preference-Choices

- The maximum number of preference-choices is now 250, which would give you up to 25 choices for the 10 requirements.
- We think it is a very good idea that you choose a minimum of 5 preference-choices for each rotation/start date selection, as this will position you to have one of your preference-choices placed on your schedule.
- You must fulfill both the Specialty and Sub-Internship requirements.

Pediatric Sub-Internship

- Contact Jackie Kurzeja, jkurzeja@uic.edu, regarding scheduling this rotation. This rotation begins on the same 4 week schedule as Medicine Sub-I.

Medicine Sub-Internship

- If you completed your Medicine Clerkship on campus (UIH or WSVA), it is recommended that you schedule your Sub-I off campus.
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- If space permits, you may be able to change your schedule to fit your preference.

When making your Sub-I preference-choice in the lottery selection, you should rank your higher choices based on the rule stated above. However, you can include preference-choices for other sites as they fit your calendar, but they are not guaranteed.

Career Electives

(scheduled for a total of 4 weeks, where 2 weeks will fulfill the Specialty requirement and 2 weeks will fulfill the Elective requirement)

- If you are interested in choosing a Required Specialty as a Career Elective, with the exception of Emergency Medicine, below are the available Oasis preference-choice dates and locations:
 - Anesthesiology: beginning on 7/20/09; 8/17/09; 9/14/09 at UIH & WSVA only
 - Dermatology: beginning on 6/22/09; 7/20/09; 8/17/09 at UIH only
 - Neurology: beginning on 6/22/09; 7/20/09; 8/17/09 at UIH & Christ only
 - Ophthalmology: beginning on 6/22/09 at UIH only
 - Orthopaedics: beginning on 6/22/09; 7/20/09; 8/17/09 at UIH only
 - Otolaryngology: beginning on 6/22/09; 7/20/09; 8/17/09 at UIH
 - Radiology*: beginning on 7/6/09; 8/3/09; 8/31/09 at UIH
 - Urology: beginning on 6/22/09; 7/20/09; 8/17/09 at UIH only

*Because Radiology's career start date is off the regular 4 week calendar by two weeks, the only dates you can request are in two weeks blocks. So, if you are interested in the 4 week career elective, **do not** include preference-choices for any other Specialty during the following dates: 7/20/09 if you choose 7/6/09, 8/17/09 if you choose 8/3/09 or 9/14/09 if you choose 8/31/09.

- Emergency Medicine
 - Preference-choices will be made during the Catalog Elective Stage 2 Lottery. During the Stage 1 Lottery, we recommend that you do not schedule any preference-choices in the time frame you want to do the Emergency Medicine Career Elective.

If you've already taken a Specialty during your M3 year and also want to take it as a Career Elective in the dates listed above, then you will include it in your Stage 1 preference-choice selections with a rank. Four week electives, in these Specialties, will be available throughout the clerkship year and will be included in the Stage 2 Catalog Elective Lottery. The four week calendar for all Electives begins on 6/22/09 and every four weeks thereafter.

Rank Ordering-Prioritizing your preference-choice schedule

- The rank order for your schedule is in increments of 10, where 10 is the highest priority.
- You can only have one number one priority. Because Oasis automatically rennumbers priorities by tens, when you make priority changes and save them, 10 is priority number one and 20 is priority number two, etc. This is done to allow you to change priorities and move things around.
 - To re-order priorities, use numbering between the current order numbers (ie. 11, 12, 13, 15 to order between 10 and 20, etc.)

- Order your preference according to your choice of course/start date & location, where, if you don't get the first rank/choice then you would take the second, then the third, etc.
- You should have multiple choices for every combination so that if one falls through then another choice might be available.
- Once a course preference-choice selection is placed, your next round begins with the next unplaced selection in your priority list.
- Any selections that are not available when it is your turn in the lottery it will be skipped and the lottery will continue to search your priority list for a selection that is available.
- If you run out of placeable choices for a particular course, you will need to schedule it with OSA after the lottery process is complete. So, you must include enough choices. Choose 10, 15 or 20 selections for each rotation.
- Once all the slots in a course/start date & location are filled, then further requests for the course or start date are marked unplaceable and discarded.
- Just to reiterate, if you “get” a course or start date selection, other choices for that course or start date will not be considered.