The curriculum for the Internal Medicine Residency Program of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences is designed to meet program accreditation standards (ACGME Program Requirements for Residency Education in Internal Medicine effective July 1, 2015) and board certification requirements for graduates (American Board of Internal Medicine Policies & Procedures for Certification effective February 2015). Some of the requirements that have informed the development of our curriculum are listed below.

**ABIM Requirements**

**ACGME Program Requirements for Residency Education in Internal Medicine**
See: [http://www.acgme.org/acgmeweb/Portals/0/PFAssets/ProgramRequirements/140_internal_medicine_07012015.pdf](http://www.acgme.org/acgmeweb/Portals/0/PFAssets/ProgramRequirements/140_internal_medicine_07012015.pdf)

The requirements state that residents’ clinical experiences must include:

1. At least 1/3 of the residency training time must occur in the ambulatory setting, and 1/3 must occur in the inpatient setting;
2. Required critical care rotations, which cannot be fewer than 3 months nor more than 6 months;
3. Exposure to each of the internal medicine subspecialties and neurology;
4. An assignment in geriatric medicine;
5. Opportunities for experience in psychiatry, allergy/immunology, medical ophthalmology, office gynecology, otorhinolaryngology, non-operative orthopedics, palliative medicine, sleep medicine, and rehabilitation medicine;
6. Opportunities to demonstrate competence in the performance of procedures listed by the ABIM as requiring only knowledge and interpretation;
7. A longitudinal continuity experience with the resident serving as the primary physician for a panel of patients; this experience must include a minimum of 130 distinct half-day outpatient sessions;
8. An assignment in emergency medicine for at least 4 weeks, but not more than 2 months;
Required Clinical Rotations in the UND Internal Medicine Residency Program:

The following clinical rotations are required:

**PGY-1**
1. 5 months Inpatient Internal Medicine (Sanford)
2. 1 month Critical Care Medicine (Sanford)
3. 1 month Cardiology (Sanford)
4. 1 month (2 half-month blocks) Night Float (Sanford)
5. 1 month Sanford Ambulatory Block (Sanford)
6. 1 month VA Primary Care (VA)

**PGY-2**
1. 3 months Inpatient Internal Medicine (Sanford)
2. 1 month Critical Care Medicine (Sanford)
3. 1 month Cardiology (Sanford)
4. 1 month (2 half-month blocks) Night Float (Sanford)
5. 1 month Emergency Medicine (Sanford)
6. 1 month VA Subspecialties (VA)
7. ½ month Women’s Health (Sanford)

**PGY-3**
1. 3 months Inpatient Internal Medicine (Sanford)
2. 1 month Critical Care Medicine (Sanford)
3. 1 month Cardiology (Sanford)
4. ½ month Night Float (Sanford)
5. 1 month Community Medicine (Sanford or other sites by special arrangement)
6. 1 month Geriatrics (Sanford)
7. Any required rotations not completed during PGY-1 or PGY-2 years
**Continuity Clinic**

PGY-1 residents will be assigned to attend required orientation sessions for the continuity clinic during the month of July. PGY-1 residents will be scheduled to see their own panel of patients in the continuity clinic during the months of August through June, exclusive of vacation and other leave time. PGY-2 residents are scheduled to see their own panel of patients in the continuity clinic throughout the academic year, exclusive of vacation and other leave time.

Residents are not scheduled for continuity clinic during night float rotations or when assigned to an off-site elective rotation.

Residents are scheduled for half-day continuity clinic sessions once per month during inpatient internal medicine rotations.

Residents are scheduled for half-day continuity clinic sessions once per week during required inpatient rotations in critical care medicine, cardiology, and during the required rotation in emergency medicine.

Residents are scheduled for half-day continuity clinic sessions twice per week during certain required ambulatory rotations (including geriatrics, women’s health, the VA subspecialties block, and community medicine) and during all elective rotations (inpatient or ambulatory).

First-year residents are scheduled for half-day continuity clinic sessions 4-5 times per week during assignments to the Sanford ambulatory block and the VA Primary Care block.
Required Educational Conferences

There are two regularly scheduled series of required educational conferences:

1. **Case Conferences** are scheduled at Sanford in the Clinic Auditorium from 11:30 AM – 12:10 PM most weekdays. Each day, a designated resident is assigned to present a case to an assigned faculty facilitator. Case conferences feature interactive discussion emphasizing clinical reasoning skills and patient management of a wide variety of internal medicine patients from both the ambulatory and inpatient settings.

2. **Noon conferences** are scheduled most weekdays at Sanford in the Clinic Auditorium from 12:15 – 1:00 PM. Noon conferences of several different types are scheduled:
   a. **Core curriculum conferences** address the broad spectrum of disorder seen in the practice of general internal medicine, including content drawn from the internal medicine subspecialties, some non-internal medicine specialties, and relevant non-clinical disciplines.
   b. **Journal club**
   c. **Patient Safety conferences**

It is of paramount importance that residents attend case conferences and noon conferences. The minimum requirement is 60% attendance for each year.
Scholarly Activity

All residents are required to complete a scholarly project prior to finishing the program. In most cases this will involve participation in an original research project.