



# OUM ADVISORY PROGRAM

- Many OUM students have spent years dreaming of becoming medical practitioners, even while navigating and building very successful pre-medical school careers. Helping them realize that dream is the goal for OUM's faculty and the entire University community.
- To ensure success, OUM has established an unmatched Advisory Program of full-time Academic Advisors and Research Advisors to support its students through their pre-clinical curriculum and required research projects.



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## ACADEMIC ADVISORS

- Serve as a student's primary contact during pre-clinical study with regard to monitoring academic status and program progression.
- Provide students with guidance regarding all aspects of academic life, from navigating policies and procedures to offering assistance or feedback with coursework and overcoming obstacles.
- May also be on OUM's teaching faculty, which makes them well prepared to counsel students through their pre-clinical studies.
- Are familiar with licensing requirements in their country of residence and, perhaps, additional countries where they may have lived, studied, or practiced before joining the OUM faculty.

## ROLE & CREDENTIALS

- For up to one hour each week, Academic Advisors help students master and feel confident about material from their coursework, providing feedback following quizzes/exams, and addressing any knowledge-based deficiencies.
- The study of medicine is unique. Academic Advisors help students create study plans and build time-management skills that may not have been part of their undergraduate or graduate school studies.
- A student's Academic Advisor also serves as a coach for benchmark exams such as the USMLE Step 1 and Step 2, which are required of students intending to practice in the United States.
- All Academic Advisors hold a registered medical degree or PhD in one of the basic sciences. In North America, a Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), as a medically registrable qualification, also is permitted.

## REQUESTING AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR

- Academic Advisors are available upon request for students in good academic standing. While not compulsory, students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this important support.
- Many incoming students request their Academic Advisor upon enrollment, so that they are able to begin working together immediately after Orientation.
- Students experiencing academic difficulty are required to obtain an Academic Advisor, and many have since thrived due to their Advisor's counsel.
- Students are responsible for scheduling and maintaining meetings with their Advisors and ensuring that any cancellation is provided in writing with as much advance notice as possible.

# RESEARCH ADVISORS

## ROLES

As part of the Research Program, experienced Research Advisors are available to assist students in all aspects of their required research projects, such as:

- Selecting a research topic and developing a research question.
- Designing the study/project.
- Guiding literature search.
- Choosing the best methods for statistical analysis.
- Reviewing the prospectus and the manuscript drafts prior to submission.

## MEETINGS

- As students become ready to begin their research project, they first meet with the Director of Research to be assigned a Research Advisor.
- Meetings with Research Advisors are initiated by students, as needed, when they need assistance with their project.
- Research Advisors may recommend that students attend Research Club to hear ideas and gain a better understanding of the research process.

## RESEARCH PROSPECTUS

- Once a student's research prospectus has been written, it is presented to the Research Club and approved by the Director of Research.
- Students must have their prospectus approved before they are able to begin clinical rotations and are highly advised to get an early start on the process.

## AFTER-HOURS ADVISOR SUPPORT

- OUM offers After-Hours Advisor Support to provide pre-clinical students with 24-hour assistance.
- OUM's global community in multiple time zones makes it difficult to define "regular business hours." With an international student body, pre-clinical students may need assistance when their Academic Advisor is not available.
- By opening an advising ticket in the same way IT support is requested, all advising staff are notified. An advisor will respond, ensuring fast and efficient resolution to student questions.
- This after-hours support supplements regular academic advising sessions.



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