

Longitudinal Clinical Clerkship (LCC) Program Information

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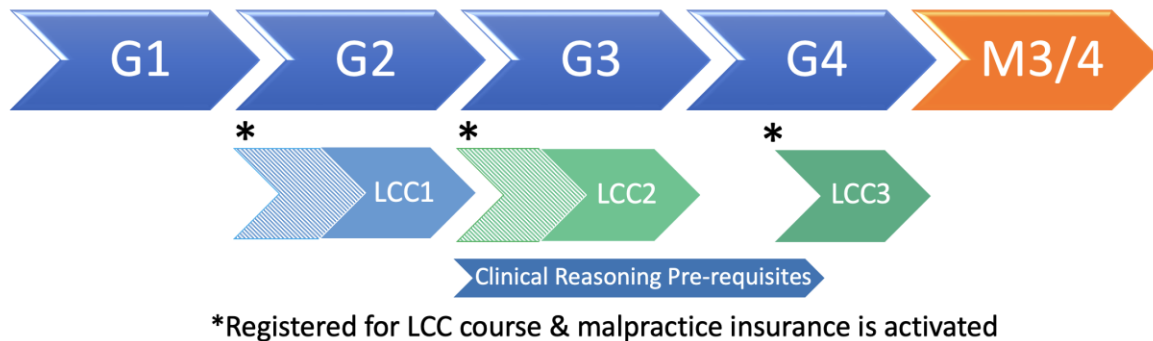
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Background of the LCC Program

The Longitudinal Clinical Clerkship (LCC) Program is directed by Dr. Corrine Kliment. Marcus Miller is the coordinator of the program, assisted by Kathy Prigg. All Students are required to complete two LCCs during their time in the PhD Program. We typically encourage students to plan to complete their first LCC during their second (G2) year, and the second LCC during their third (G3) year of the program. This ensures that students have enough time to complete both LCCs before beginning to prepare for their thesis defense.

Prior to returning to medical school, students are required to complete a Junior Hospitalist service, which is called the LCC3. More information on this specific course, as well as pre-requisite requirements, can be found on page 8.

Because LCCs 1, 2, and 3 involve direct patient contact, all students are enrolled in medical malpractice insurance only when the MSTP office completes the student course registration.



You can see a flow chart, which shows the full progression of the LCC experience, from the first LCC, to pre-requisites for the LCC3, to completing the LCC3, on the final page of this document.

LCC Program Description

Under the supervision of a licensed physician/School of Medicine faculty member, students will evaluate new and returning patients in a general or specialty outpatient clinic and plan and conduct appropriate evaluation and therapeutic approaches. Occasionally the clinical experience may be in the inpatient setting. The Attending physician (LCC Mentor) will oversee student's learning of advanced clinical skills in patient interviewing and physical diagnosis, with an emphasis on focused symptom-

based examination. The student will be involved in decision-making regarding the need for hospitalization and longitudinal care. The student will have extensive opportunity for follow-up care of patients with chronic disorders both for evaluation of new symptoms and for health maintenance. While common outpatient procedures and efficient time management skills will be covered, particular emphasis will be placed on the role of the clinician investigator in the care of patients.

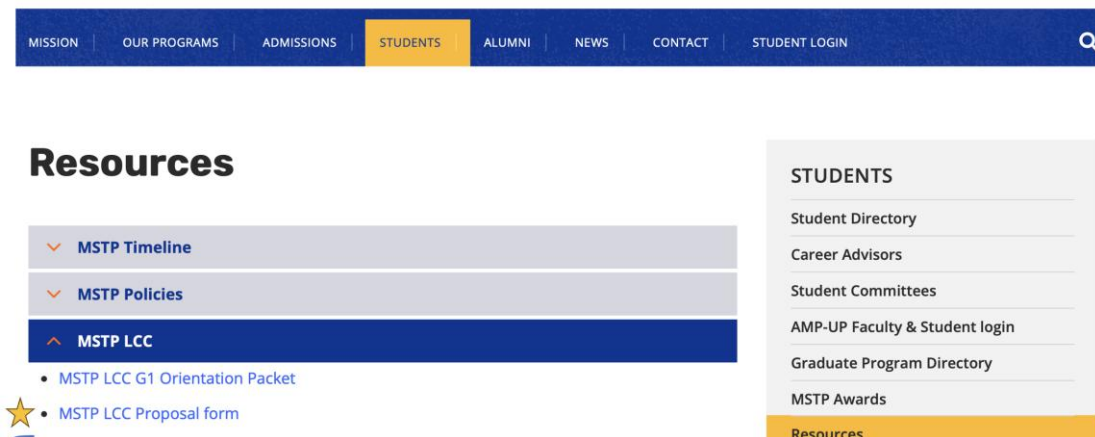
Each LCC experience must consist of a **total of 20 half days or 10 full days (or a combination of these)**. For example, if you attend a half day clinic per week, your LCC will last approximately 5-6 months.

Objectives of the Program

- Integrate medical and graduate training over the course of a combined degree program.
- Become proficient in evaluation and management of patients according to a specific specialty.
- Become efficient in managing complex outpatient medical problems.
- Expand the Learner's skills in performing a history & physical, clinical data comprehension and formulation of a succinct and appropriate assessment and plan for a patient.
- Learn specific outpatient practice methods related to clinical research.

Required forms for LCC 1 and 2

On the Student Resource LCC Tab (you must sign in through Pitt Passport), you will find the examples of the required forms for each part of the LCC1 and LCC2. **These forms can also be found on the MSTP website under the Resources page.**



The screenshot shows the MSTP website's navigation bar with links: MISSION, OUR PROGRAMS, ADMISSIONS, STUDENTS (highlighted), ALUMNI, NEWS, CONTACT, and STUDENT LOGIN. Below the navigation bar is a 'Resources' section with three expandable tabs: MSTP Timeline, MSTP Policies, and MSTP LCC (selected). Under the MSTP LCC tab, there are two items: 'MSTP LCC G1 Orientation Packet' and 'MSTP LCC Proposal form' (marked with a star icon). To the right is a sidebar menu titled 'STUDENTS' with links: Student Directory, Career Advisors, Student Committees, AMP-UP Faculty & Student login, Graduate Program Directory, MSTP Awards, and Resources (highlighted).

LCC 1 & 2 Proposal form

This form should be filled out by the student and signed by your proposed LCC mentor prior to beginning the LCC.

- If you need help finding a mentor that fits your specific interests, please email Dr. Corrine Kliment at ckliment@pitt.edu and copy Kathy at KathyPrigg@pitt.edu
- Once the proposal form is submitted it will be routed to the LCC mentor for signature and then to Dr. Kliment. After it has been completed, it will automatically be sent to Justin Markuss from the MSTP Program to register you for the LCC course. Once you have been successfully registered for the LCC, your malpractice insurance will be activated.
- The following are the dates by which you need to notify us of plans so you can be registered. We encourage you to plan ahead!

Fall LCC - Aug. 1

Spring LCC - Dec. 1

Summer LCC-April 1

At the completion of an LCC:

You must have 2 forms submitted to receive your grade:

Combined Final Report and Mentor Grade Evaluation Form (completed by the Student and Mentor, signed by Dr. Kliment)

Student Evaluation of Mentor Form (completed by the Student, confidential)

The Final Report and Mentor Grade Evaluation Form

Link: [2026 MSTP LCC 1&2 Final Report and Mentor Grade Evaluation](#)

- This form should be completed within 2 weeks of the final session of your LCC

block, and you should have it signed by your mentor at the end of your LCC. The form can be found in this manual or on the MSTP website under resources. Once you fill out the form and submit it, it will be routed to your mentor for their evaluation and grade. It will then be routed to Dr. Kliment and copies will automatically be sent to Kathy and Justin Markuss for submission of your grade. Again, the deadline is 2 weeks from the final LCC session. Once the MSTP office receives this final form, your LCC is officially complete.

The Student Evaluation of Mentor Form

The [Evaluation of Mentor form](#) is where students provide feedback on the teaching by the Mentor. This form is found on the MSTP website under resources. Once submitted, it will be reviewed by the LCC leadership. This form is kept strictly confidential and helps us to direct future students who are interested in completing LCCs with physicians who have previously served as mentors.

LCC3/Junior Hospitalist Course Description:

Two weeks of a junior hospitalist service are required for the preparation of the return to medical school. This course is a general medicine service with three residents and one attending. Each MSTP student will be paired with a resident on this internal medicine clerkship following one-two patients, interviewing and examining patients, writing notes, and presenting patients to residents and the attending during rounds. Students receive structured feedback from the resident and attending during these two weeks.

An LCC3 student evaluation form will be filled out by your chief resident and sent to Kathy Hansell-Prigg (kathyprigg@pitt.edu) at the conclusion of the rotation. You will fill out the LCC3 Student Feedback form. We strongly encourage students to fill out this form. We appreciate and value feedback from students as we can to see where we might need to make improvements for the future. All responses will be kept highly confidential.

Pre-Requisites for LCC3/Junior Hospitalist Service

1. [LCC3 Prerequisites Survey](#) – MUST BE SUBMITTED before you can take LCC3.
 - a. [2024 – 2026 Clinical Reasoning Conference \(CRC\) and Morbidity and Mortality \(M&M\) Dates](#)
2. Students must show successful completion of LCC1 and LCC2.



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3. Students can attend eight hours of either the Clinical Reasoning, Clinical case conference, or M&M Conferences. The General Medicine CRC and M&M are located at noon on select Thursdays at Montefiore Hospital. Clinical Case conference that are specialty specific can also count towards part of the 8 hour requirement. Students can also choose to attend these conference virtually and can contact Kathy Hansell-Prigg (kathyprigg@pitt.edu) for the current Zoom/Teams information. Use the LCC3 Prerequisites Survey to track your sessions and notify Kathy of your progress.
 - a. Zitelli Rounds Conference at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. These conferences are held on Friday mornings and are broadcasted virtually via Microsoft Teams.
 - b. OB-Gyn Grand Rounds at Magee Hospital. These seminars are held on Tuesday mornings in an Auditorium at Magee Women's Hospital and are also broadcasted virtually via Microsoft Teams.
4. In lieu of completing these eight hours of conference attendance, students can choose to take the Master Diagnosticians course, which is held on select Tuesdays during the winter and is directed by Dr. Thuy Bui. More information on course registration is typically released in October, and students must notify us if they wish to enroll, as this course has limited space and fills up very quickly. As an additional alternative, students are able to attend eight hours of the morning report at Montefiore. Please contact Kathy Hansell-Prigg (kathyprigg@pitt.edu) for more info on these meetings.
5. Once these requirements have been completed, the student is able to register for their LCC3/Junior Hospitalist service. This service must be complete before the student is eligible to return to medical school.

[Longitudinal Clinical Clerkship 3 Student Evaluation Form](#)

[LCC 3 Student Evaluation \(This is the Mentor evaluation of how the student performed on the clerkship\)](#)

LCC3 Flow Chart

