

**CRITICAL DEADLINES
2018-2019**

December 31, 2018 – Deadline to take USMLE Step 2 CS/CK exams for June 2019 graduation.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

It is critical to keep the School of Medicine Registrar's Office informed of your current mailing address and primary phone number so that we can find you should problems arise. It is also important to access the SISWeb (<http://sisweb.ucdavis.edu>) to update your mailing address. Please make sure to update current address changes for both "mailing" and "billing" addresses.

DECEMBER 2018 GRADUATION

Each year some students choose to graduate in December. In order to graduate in December a student must have finished all fourth year requirements and been approved by the School of Medicine Registrar as having passed the graduation requirements. Students graduating in December 2018 may "walk" at commencement with the Class of 2019 and be listed in the June 2019 commencement brochure as a December 2018 graduate.

Listed below are some "pros" and "cons" of graduating in December:

Pros:

- Flexibility of your third and fourth year schedule – student can take a leave; pursue another degree (Ph.D., MPH, etc.), research, travel abroad, etc.
- If experiencing academic difficulties, a student can extend to December and still graduate in the same year and save the financial expenses of two more Quarters.
- Student can use January through July (after the December graduation) for working, research, childcare, or whatever else you wish to do, prior to starting Residency.

Cons:

- If on financial aid, repayments of loans begin 6 months after you are no longer enrolled, thus prior to the beginning of your Residency.
- Student will go through the Residency/ERAS process with next class (Class of 2018) and Match in March of 2018, after their December graduation date. During the Match process you will be assisted as a current student.
- Students will no longer have medical health (WHA), Vision (VSP) or dental (Premier) insurance coverage. With a December 2017 graduation, medical, dental and vision insurance plans are terminated as of 12/31/2018. If a student needs health, vision and/or dental coverage from January to the time their Residency begins the following July, they will need to arrange for their own coverage. Students are not UC employees, therefore, not eligible for COBRA extended coverage.
- If you intend to graduate December 2018, you must meet with the fourth-year curriculum manager or advisor, along with the SOM Registrar and Financial Aid Director for approval.

Helpful Information:

- **Review SISWeb at** <http://sisweb.ucdavis.edu>
- **Enrollment or Graduation Questions:** SOM Registrar's Office hs-studentrecords@ucdavis.edu
- **Financial Aid Questions:** SOM Financial Aid Office hs-financialaid@ucdavis.edu
- **Curriculum Schedule Questions,** Polly Latow, Clinical Curriculum Manager (916) 734-4984, phlatow@ucdavis.edu, or Denise Nelson, Residency Application & Elective Administrator, (916) 734-3530, danelson@ucdavis.edu