

Curriculum renewal at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine

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It has been more than fifteen years since the last curriculum renewal occurred. During the review for the most recent LCME review of the College, opportunities were identified to better prepare today's medical students to prepare for the future practice of medicine. These include the need for greater integration between courses and clerkships, and between material presented in the basic sciences and the clinical disciplines. As medical knowledge increases exponentially, the provider of the future will need to be well-versed in electronic information retrieval and evidence-based practice principles including biostatistics and epidemiology.

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With this in mind a curriculum review and modeling process began in the summer of 2010. Dr. Elson participated in one of the first modeling committees and Dr. Elson and Stockdale continue to be involved on an ad hoc basis as planning goes forward.

Here is a diagrammatic of the new curriculum as envisioned. In the new curriculum it is likely that clinical clerkship experiences will begin earlier. Another feature of the new curriculum is increased elective or selective for the students. For more details and current status of the project, please follow this link: <http://www.healthcare.uiowa.edu/2020/index.html>

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