

# Required spring meeting with SSFA - Class of 2026

## 1) Schedule a time to meet with your specialty-specific faculty advisor, as soon as possible after receiving your initial USMLE score/result this spring.

- Meetings can be in-person or via zoom
- Your Specialty-Specific Faculty Advisor must be from the official list
- SSFA list is available at: <https://medicine.uiowa.edu/md/curriculum/about-curriculum/fourth-year-advanced-curriculum>
- If you've changed specialty interests since last August, you need to select a new advisor

## 2) Required Self-reflection to share with SSFA:

### a. Honors Hours: courses where you earned H or H-?

If applicable, list those here \_\_\_\_\_

### b. Any past course failure, clinical exam attempt failure, or additional USMLE attempts?

If applicable, list those here \_\_\_\_\_

### c. How competitive would you rank yourself for matching in your desired specialty?

(1= not matching, 10 = no worries, I can match anywhere). \_\_\_\_\_

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

## 3) Additional discussion topics for your SSFA meeting:

- Discuss your preparedness and competitiveness in desired specialty
- Review your core and advanced grades
- Reflect on your clinical evaluation scores and feedback
- Discuss how your advanced clerkships have gone so far
- Review your upcoming clerkship schedule and discuss any potential changes
- Review the Guide to Specialty-based Pathways for your specialty, as-needed
- Residency application strategy
- Discuss other questions you may have

## 4) Submit copy of this completed verification form with advisor signature through online survey [https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6mTVoPgh5A80Zi6](https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6mTVoPgh5A80Zi6)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Specialty Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date with SSFA \_\_\_\_\_

### Specialty-Specific Faculty Advisor

Advisor Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*This meeting should occur as soon as possible after receiving your first USMLE result.

All meetings must occur no later than April 30th