



AICM – Advanced Introduction to Clinical Medicine

This is a 16 week program held at Jackson Park Hospital (JPH) in Chicago Illinois. This is a unique program which combines both preparation for USMLE Step 1 and An Introduction into Clinical rotations. Upon arrival students will meet with a medical advisor, who will be the student's primary mentor throughout the program. The course is broken up into two parts, 8 weeks of USMLE preparation called Advanced Preclinical Review (APR) and 8 weeks of intro to clinical rotations called Advanced Introduction to Clinical Medicine (AICM). For simplicity the entire 16 week program is called AICM. Upon completing AICM you will need to meet the Pre-Exam Requirement to be certified to take USMLE Step 1. This consists of two separate exams;

1. NBME's Comprehensive Basic Science Self-Assessment (CBSSA) exam with a score of 650 or higher.
2. Saint James' in-house evaluation exam through Exam Master with a score of 75% or higher

** Pre-Exam Requirement for any student requesting third or fourth certification;*

1. NBME's Comprehensive Basic Science Self-Assessment (CBSSA) exam with a score of 700 or higher.
2. Saint James' in-house evaluation exam through Exam Master with a score of 80% or higher

Keep in mind these Pre-Exam Requirement exams **must be passed within 30 days of each other.**

FAQ:

Q: When can I sign up for AICM / how do I sign up for AICM?

A: Sign-up for AICM will now only be open to students in the fourth semester of Basic Sciences. All students wishing to sign up must send an e-mail to aicm@mail.sjism.org in the first 2 weeks of starting their 4th semester of Basic Sciences, when we will have open enrolment for AICM. Due to the limited capacity, placements will be on a first come first serve basis. As of now, each AICM class can have only 15 students, and there is one class starting in the beginning of every month.



To sign up please send an email to aicm@mail.sjism.org with the following information;

- Full Name
- Student ID
- Campus you are attending
- Telephone number
- Address to which Clinical Package will be sent (US or Canada only)
- Which month you are interested in starting (within 3 months of finishing basic science)

** Previous Basic Science students can call SJSM directly to discuss availability*

Q: I am an international student. Will I need to apply for US visa on my own?

A: Yes. However we can provide you with a supporting Visa letter to present at the border to verify you will be entering the states to continue your education.

You will need to fill out the official request form.

Bonaire <http://bonaire.sjism.org/files/bonairevisa.pdf>

Anguilla <http://anguilla.sjism.org/files/anguillavisa.pdf>

Please send correspondences pertaining to this request to sjismcoordinator@mail.sjism.org.

Also please include the correct mailing address the letter should be sent to. Please do not request these letters more than 6 weeks in advance of your start date. This request is your responsibly please remember to take care of this as you cannot cross the border without it.

Q: Is AICM the kind of course that can be taken online or outside of US?

A: No. This course is only offered to our student through JPH, and has to be taken in person in Chicago.

Q: What materials are needed for AICM?

A: Here is a list of items you will need

- Laptop
- First Aid for the USMLE Step1, latest edition, by Tao Le, Vikas Bhushan, and Neil Vasan3
- USMLE Diagnostic and Prognostic exams will be taken in center during the first and last week from you arrival. No USMLE scores or any other exams will be accepted as a substitution. Detailed information will be given upon arrival (Not included in your tuition).



- USMLE Q-Bank will be needed at a later time. Detailed information will be given upon arrival. (Not included in your tuition)
- Register with www.advancedpreclinical.com where all the presentations and documents are available. (Detailed information will be given upon arrival).
- Drug Test (will be done at JPH, not included in your tuition)
- Stethoscope
- Pen light
- Reflex hammer
- Maxwell Quick Medical Reference

Q: What is the schedule for AICM?

A: The general schedule for the APR is Monday thru Friday 8 am – 3 pm, however 2-3 weeks before starting the course you will receive a detailed schedule. A full Clinical schedule will be given to you at the beginning of the 8th week once you are about to start Clinical Rotations.

Q: Is there any required paperwork for AICM?

A: Yes. Before starting the course you will receive a clinical packet via Email or USPS to the permanent address we have on file for you. This packet contains the required forms that will need to be submitted along with the Clinical Handbook. These forms need to be submitted to SJSM 1-2 weeks before starting the course in order to confirm your slot. All the paper work **MUST** be submitted by the deadline or you will forfeit your slot, be charged the cancellation fee, and be moved to the next available opening.

JPH also has required paperwork for their student registration process, and this will be sent to you via email 1 week prior to starting AICM. This paperwork can be turned in on the first day of attendance at JPH.

Q: Will I get credit for AICM

A: Yes. You will get 16 weeks of elective rotation credit

Q: Does SJSM provide housing in Chicago?

A: No. SJSM will provide you with contact information to local landlords. However we have no affiliation with any of the rental units.

Q: When does AICM start each month and when does it end?

A: AICM courses start the first Monday of the month unless it's a holiday, in which case it would start Tuesday. Because of holidays or unexpected time off we cannot give an exact end date. AICM ends 16 weeks from the time you started.



Q: Can I take the Pre-Exam Requirements before finishing AICM?

A: No. You will be required to take the NBME as part of the AICM course. The Exam Master can only be taken after completing AICM. In order to complete the Pre-exam requirement, both tests have to be passed within 30 days of each other.

Q: Can I take time off after completing AICM?

A: Yes. We recommend 6-8 weeks to assimilate the information learned during AICM. You may start the USMLE application process during this time.

Q: What if I need to change my start date?

A: Once scheduled, a rotation cannot be cancelled. If a student cancels the rotation for any reason within three weeks of the start of the rotation, a rotation cancellation fee of \$500 will be charged. You are responsible for informing the AICM Coordinator directly if you request a leave of absence or will not be attending for any reason.

Q: What happens after I meet the Pre-Exam Requirements?

A: Please contact Magda Gerwel, Assistant Registrar at 847-375-0543 or operations@mail.sjism.org

Q: What is the dress code during AICM?

A: The dress code is business professional. Student White Coat, Tie (men), No Jeans, Gym Shoes or Open Toe Shoes. (No scrubs during orientation week)

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