

# BRIDGES CURRICULUM: DID YOU KNOW?

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## FOUNDATIONS 1

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**Foundations 1** will help you build foundational scientific knowledge and clinical skills, and develop skills in inquiry, interprofessional teamwork, and systems improvement.

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## CLINICAL MICROSYSTEMS CLERKSHIP

In your first year of medical school, you will be a contributing member of a health care team. In UCSF's unique **Clinical Microsystems Clerkship**, you will work to understand and improve patient care while learning the latest in clinical diagnosis and communication.

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## UCSF'S INQUIRY CURRICULUM

Throughout your medical student career, **UCSF's Inquiry Curriculum** will guide your transformation from a sophisticated consumer of biomedical science to a producer of cutting-edge research or other scholarly work in biomedical, social science, or educational science, or another area of interest that's individual to you.

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## COACH

You will be partnered with a **Coach** – a faculty member who plays a key role in your Clinical Microsystems Clerkship. Your coach will continue to mentor, support, and advise you throughout your medical student career.

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## PHYSICIAN IDENTITY WEEKS

You will participate in **Physician Identity Weeks** throughout the curriculum with activities to consolidate and build upon your learning and provide space for reflection, personal growth, and career exploration.

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## FOUNDATIONS 2

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During **Foundations 2** you will be immersed in a clinical learning experience where you will care for patients in eight core disciplines. UCSF offers access to an unparalleled diversity of clinical learning sites serving a variety of patient populations and communities throughout San Francisco, the Bay Area, and beyond.

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## ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING

The Bridges Curriculum embraces the philosophy of **assessment FOR learning**. In Foundations 1 and core clerkships, you will be assigned grades of pass/fail. You will be provided with meaningful assessments based on direct observation and real-time feedback on your own performance. This approach prioritizes equity and fairness, increases teamwork, and improves your learning and well-being.

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## CAREER LAUNCH

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**Career Launch is all about you.** Your final phase of Bridges is personalized to align with your individual career goals. You will have the support of talented UCSF faculty from over 40 departments, centers, and institutes to guide you in this phase of medical school as you prepare to embark on the exciting next steps of your career.

**NEXT STOP:  
To residency  
and beyond!**