

Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology MSSP

Program Overview

This MSSP is designed for students interested in oncology (medical, surgical, or radiation). It provides exposure to the field through shadowing, research, didactics, and mentorship. All students benefit, regardless of ultimate specialty, due to cancer's broad impact on patient care.

The University of Cincinnati Cancer Center (UCCC) offers access to 90+ cancer specialists and multiple clinical sites. UC has been accredited by the Commission on Cancer since 1934.

Program Goals

- Understand subspecialties within cancer care
- Learn about team-based, multidisciplinary oncology care
- Explore the role of research and evidence-based practice in oncology

Year-by-Year Structure

Didactic Activities (M1/M2)

- Avg. 2 activities/month: Grand Rounds, Journal Clubs, Tumor Boards, Seminars, etc.
- Oncology MSSP-specific meetings (2x/year)
- Shadowing & group meetings count toward requirements

Clinical Experience

- M1/M2: 16+ hours shadowing (outpatient oncology)
- M3: Priority placement in 2-week Clinical Oncology Elective
- M4 (optional): Variety of electives in Med Onc, Rad Onc, Peds Onc, Pathology, Surgery

Summer Research (M1-M2)

- Minimum 200 hours over 7 weeks
- Option 1: Clinical + retrospective research (abstract submission goal)
- Option 2: Basic/translational research (pending availability)
- Requires CITI training

Service/Leadership (8 hours over 4 years)

- Options: Interest groups, screening clinics, Ride Cincinnati, retreats

Program Details

Course Director: Dr. Teresa Meier (Radiation Oncology)

Coordinator: Michelle Reinhart

Students Accepted Per Year: 4

Summer Research Stipend: \$3,500

Funding: Department of Radiation Oncology

Mentorship:

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- Attending: Dr. Meier
- Resident: Dr. Sarah Feldkamp
- 1-2 annual meetings with Dr. Meier + additional guidance as needed