Each student is required to complete one continuity experience developed to provide:

**Enhanced continuity of contact between each medical student and one or more faculty physicians familiar with the student’s educational needs and achievements**
- better sense of each student’s progress in gaining clinical skills
- individualized coaching to address specific educational needs
- more detailed and accurate feedback on students’ clinical skills, clinical reasoning, and professionalism
- mentoring for professional goals and career plans

**Enhanced understanding of management of illness episodes and patient experience of illness**
- follow patients through an entire illness episode, across the continuum of inpatient, outpatient and home health care
- experience the complex web of referrals, hand-offs and interactions between different clinical services and care sites that take place before and after hospitalization
- observe short- and intermediate-term outcomes of treatment
- learn how a delivery system coordinates care for its patients
- appreciate the patients’ perspectives as they pass through the different phases of care

**Continuity Strategies**
- Embed students for 12 to 24 weeks at the same clinical site to increase efficient and effective use of services and resources at that site
- Pair up students with one faculty member who would have substantial contact with the student over the entire course of the experience