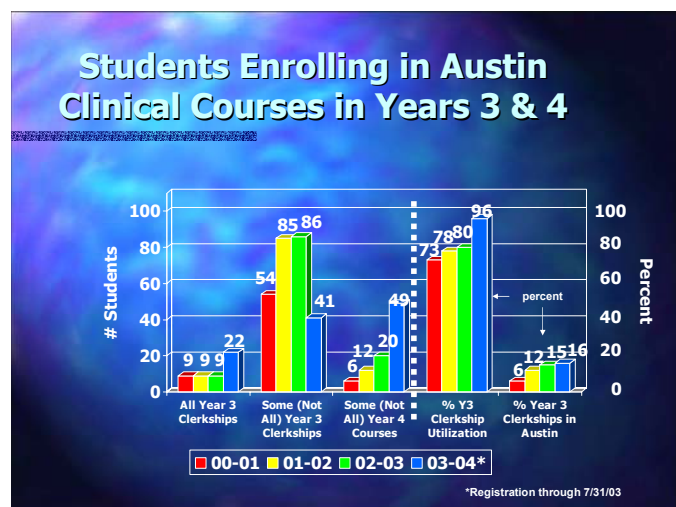


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Section I Update on Student Programs

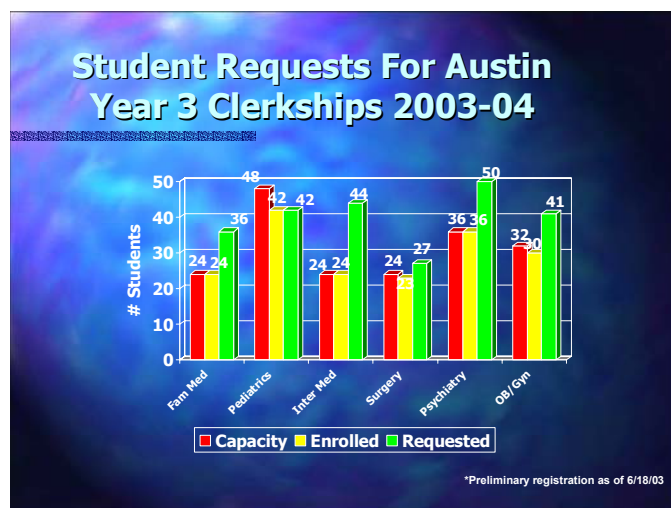
Student Participation in Austin Programs

Student enrollment in Austin continues to increase. The number of Austin-based (year-round) students increased from 8 to 22 in 2003-04, representing a substantial shift from most students spending only one or two clerkships in Austin in previous years. Year 4 enrollment in Austin clerkships and electives has also increased, with enrollment more than doubling since last year.



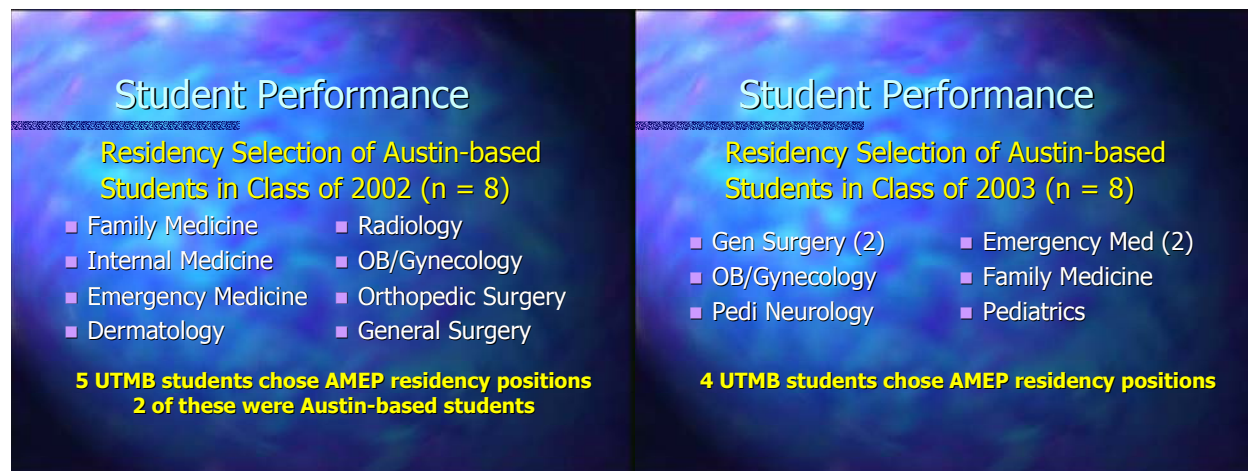
Most of the Year 4 enrollment increase reflects students who were Austin-based for Year 3 clerkships. Current capacities are almost completely utilized, and the total number of clinical rotations (Year 3 and 4) has increased to 263, a 23% increase over the last year. Utilization does not reach 100%, despite excess volunteers, because course openings do not always match the time periods of student requests. While a few students are added throughout the year, over 90% of positions are filled before the academic year begins.

Popularity remains high for all Year 3 clerkships, and for the first time, substantial numbers of students requesting clerkship assignments could not be accommodated. Accommodating student demand was particularly challenging in Internal Medicine, where requests for assignment exceeded capacity by nearly a 2:1 margin. A decrease in Psychiatry capacity related to closure of the Austin State Hospital residency training program is not yet fully resolved, but is currently accommodated by extension of student experiences to the Seton Shoal Creek facility, which is has assumed oversight of the residency training program. Similar capacity issues exist for required Year 4 clerkships in Senior Surgery, Neurology and Emergency Medicine and many electives, which typically can accommodate only 1-2 students per month. The introduction of an elective month in Year 3 has introduced a new demand for additional electives in Austin as well.



Student Outcomes

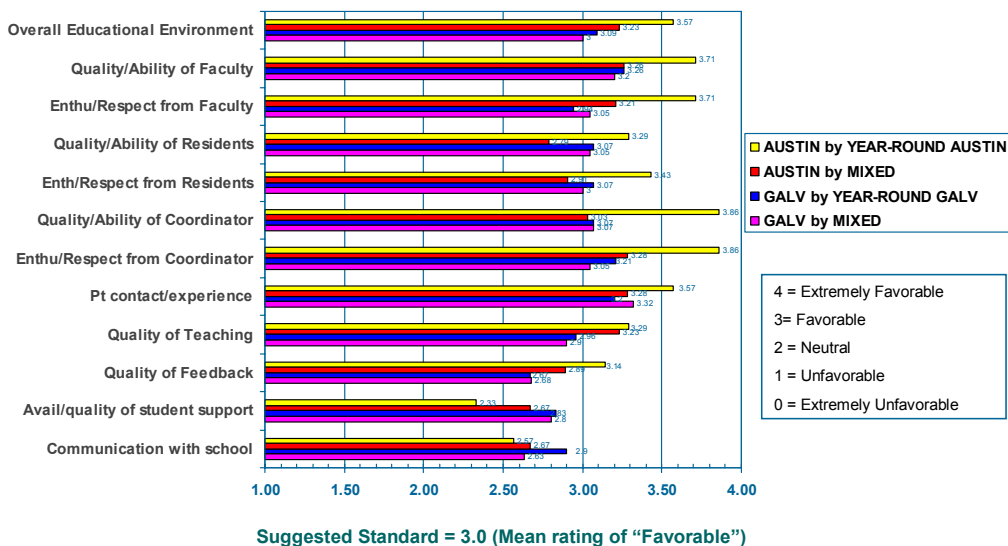
The career choices of Austin-based students in the **National Residency Matching Program (NRMP)** for the classes of 2002 and 2003 are shown below. In 2003, four UTMB students matched with Austin Medical Education Program (AMEP) residency programs.



Global evaluations of Austin experiences by students continue to be favorable, with ratings typically exceeding those on the Galveston campus. However, students identified a need to improve communication between Galveston and Austin courses and coordinators, and smoother access to administrative services; these issues have received increased attention this year.

Year 3 Clerkship Evaluations: Global Evaluations

Galveston and Austin Sites 2002-2003



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Section II Enhancements in Progress

Student informational brochures and more comprehensive course listings are being developed. Information about Austin course opportunities will be distributed earlier and more broadly than in previous years, and more comprehensive web-based information will be provided. The Office is exploring ways to make more course content available to students electronically through narrated PowerPoint files of faculty lectures. More frequent student meetings with local faculty and the Associate Dean are planned. The Scholars in Education Program sponsored by the Office of Educational Development is now available to Austin-based faculty, the first of whom is participating in the program this year. Updating of the program's televideo technology is also underway.

Section III Priorities and Future Developments

Expansion of student capacities, particularly in Year 4 required and elective courses will be priorities in 2003-04. Administrative personnel and oversight will need to increase as student participation expands, and resources are being focused support this function. Opportunities exist for further development of educational cooperation with Seton/AMEP (joint graduate medical education and clinical programs), UT-Austin (student research electives, combined MD-PhD program, Medical Education Scholar program), and the VA System (clinical and research opportunities).