



Policy Title:
M1/M2 Remediation

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LCME Standards

9.9 – Student Advancement and Appeal Process

10.3 – Policies Regarding Student Selection/Progress and Their Dissemination

Scope

University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia faculty, staff, and medical students

Policy Statement

Course assessments are used in medical education to determine students' understanding of required content. This policy sets a standard for remediation based on student performance on course assessments.

Procedures

I. Pre-Clerkship Course Completion Expectations

Pre-Clerkship Coursework is defined as the coursework required prior to the clerkship phase of the Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree. To be successful in the Pre-Clerkship Courses, a student must complete all coursework with a grade of Satisfactory.

To be successful in the M1 courses, a student must complete all coursework with a final grade of Satisfactory. If an M1 student is unsatisfactory in a course, they will follow the remediation processes described in Section II.

For M2 blocks, the student must complete the assessments within the block with an overall grade of Satisfactory and also pass the final National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) to receive a Satisfactory grade for the block. If a student does not pass the NBME final at the end of a block, they will receive an Incomplete in the block and are required to take the NBME final again prior to the start of the spring semester for fall blocks and prior to mid-May for the Spring blocks. If a student fails the block NBME final a second time, the student will receive



an Unsatisfactory for the block and follow the processes described in Section III of this policy. For M2 courses, the student must complete the course with a final grade of Satisfactory; if the student received an Unsatisfactory, they will follow the remediation processes described in Section III.

II. M1 Remediation Expectations

- A. A student who is unsatisfactory in a course will remediate the course at the conclusion of the academic year if not required to remediate a whole M1 semester or year or to go for academic review by the Academic Review Committee (see II B and C below).
- B. A student who is unsatisfactory in more than eight hours of M1 courses, including courses across both fall and spring semesters, must repeat the first year of medical school. If all unsatisfactory courses are in the spring semester, the student must repeat the spring semester with a student option to repeat the fall semester.
- C. A student who is not successful remediating M1 coursework is not eligible to remediate the coursework a second time. A student who encounters this situation will be referred to the Academic Review Committee for dismissal.
- D. The failed and remediated course(s) will be noted in the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) and on the transcript and the Academic Review Committee will be notified of the failed and remediated courses.

III. M2 Remediation Expectations

- A. A student who is unsatisfactory in a system block or course will remediate the block or course at the conclusion of the academic year if not required to remediate the full M2 year or to go for academic review by the Academic Review Committee (see III B, C, and D). Remediation of a block includes re-taking and passing all formative and summative block assessments including the final NBME.
- B. Academic deficiency is defined as a failed NBME final on the first attempt, an unsatisfactory grade in a system block, or an unsatisfactory grade in a course. Note that within a system block, a failing final grade and a failed NBME (on the first or second attempt) only counts as one academic deficiency. Any combination of four academic deficiencies leads to repeating the M2 year.
- C. A student can remediate up to a combination of three blocks and/or courses as long as they do not exceed a total of eight (8) credit hours or include more than two system blocks. A student must have completed the block or course, including the NBME, and receive a final grade to be eligible for remediation.
- D. A student who repeated either semester of the first year of coursework is not eligible to repeat the second year of coursework. A student who is not successful in remediating M2 coursework is not eligible to remediate the coursework a second time. A student who encounters either of these situations will be referred for academic review by the Academic Review Committee for dismissal.



- E. Failing the first attempt at an NBME block final or unsatisfactory grade in any courses/blocks will be noted in the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE). The unsatisfactory grade(s) in a course/block will also be noted on the transcript.

Contacts

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History

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