COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY GUIDELINES

USMLE STEP 1 POLICY

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Objectives

- Establishes a window of time in which students may begin their first clerkship without posting a passing USMLE Step 1 score
- Establishes a policy regarding deferrals of USMLE Step 1
- Establishes a policy for participating in the Clerkship Lottery following a leave of absence from the curriculum.
- Establishes a deadline by which students must pass USMLE Step 1 or defer the remainder of the year.

Guidelines

1. Students must complete USMLE Step 1 15 days before the Transition to Clerkships course.
   a. Students will be allowed to complete up to 2 weeks of Rotation 1 pending their Step 1 score.
   b. This 2-week period is only granted for Rotation 1.
   c. Students receive credit for course work completed during this 2-week period only if this Step 1 attempt is successful.

2. If a passing score has not been received at the end of this 2-week period, the Associate Dean for Curriculum will determine if the student must defer the remainder of Rotation 1 pending a passing score.

3. If the student receives a failing Step 1 score, the student will withdraw from the current clerkship and will be required to post a passing score before returning to clerkships.

4. Students must pass USMLE Step 1 and begin clerkships by Rotation 3 or they will defer the remainder of the year and begin with the following class.

5. Students returning to the MD Program after a leave of absence or students requiring more than 1 attempt at USMLE Step 1 are required to post a passing score prior to participating in the clerkship lottery event.

6. A student may request a deferral of USMLE Step 1 and Clerkship Rotation 1 in the event of a unique or special circumstance. See ‘Third Year Deferrals and Fourth Year Credit Policy’ for guidelines and procedure.