



**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.

### **II. M1 Course Completion Expectations**

To be successful in the M1 courses, a student must complete all coursework with a grade of Satisfactory.

- A. A student who is unsatisfactory in a course will go through the Academic Review process to determine if they are eligible to remediate the course. If eligible, remediation will take place at the conclusion of the academic year.
- 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 failures are in the spring semester, the student will 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 process for dismissal.



- D. The failed and remediated course(s) will be noted in the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) and on the transcript.

### III. M2 Course Completion Expectations

To be successful in the M2 coursework, a student must complete all system blocks with a grade of Satisfactory and a passing NBME score. Students must complete other coursework with a grade of Satisfactory.

- A. A student who is unsatisfactory in a system block or course will go through the Academic Review process to determine if they are eligible to remediate the course. If eligible, remediation will take place at the conclusion of the academic year.
- B. Any combination of four unsatisfactory performances (failed system block NBME, failed system block, or failed course) leads to repeating the year. Within a single system block, a failing final grade and failing NBME counts as one unsatisfactory performance.
- 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 fails the NBME for a system block will retake the NBME before the end of the academic year.
- E. 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 to the Academic Review process for dismissal.
- F. Unsatisfactory performance(s) with the NBME or the course/block will be noted in the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE). Unsatisfactory performance(s) of a course/block will be noted on the transcript.

### Contacts

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### History

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