Policy Title
Timeliness of Grade Reporting

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LCME Standards
9.5 Narrative Assessment
9.8 Fair and Timely Summative Assessment

Scope
This policy applies to all University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville (USCSOMG) individuals who submit grades and evaluations for biomedical sciences and clinical clerkships and courses.

Policy Statement
Final module grades will be available to the student within one week of the final summative exam for M1 and M2 modules. Final clerkship grades will be available to the student within 6 weeks of the end of a M3 or M4 clerkship or elective rotation.

Clinical clerkship grades and narrative feedback are due to the Office of Academic Affairs no later than 4 weeks upon the conclusion of the clerkship. The Office of Academic Affairs will have 2 weeks to review and post grades and narrative feedback for student availability.

Reason for Policy
The Liaison Committee on Medical Education states in accreditation element 9.8 that “A medical school has in place a system of fair and timely summative assessment of medical student achievement in each course and clerkship of the medical education program. Final grades are available within six weeks of the end of a course or clerkship.”

Procedures
A central grade submission tracking system in the Office of Academic Affairs is designed to track grade submission timeliness for the clinical courses and offer feedback to course directors regarding compliance with timeliness on an ongoing basis. Data from this tracking system may be reviewed semi-annually by the Assistant and Associate Deans of Academic Affairs.

For M1 and M2 summative grades, Module Directors may report unofficial grades to students in Canvas. Any grade entered in Canvas is considered unofficial and should be reported as points earned out of the total number of points available. All of the following will be reported to the Director of Assessment by the Module Director
within 1 week upon completion of the module and within 2 weeks upon completion of any remediation: 1) all summative scores 2) final average 3) final grade and 4) Module Director comments. The grades must be reviewed and approved by the Module Director. The final grade will be reported by the Module Director as Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory in Banner within one week as the official gradebook.

For clinical evaluations, individual faculty and residents will receive up to two automatic individual notifications as reminders to complete the student performance evaluations. With the third and final reminder, the respective Clerkship Director and Vice Chair of Academics will be included on the notification.

**Sanctions**
Any failure and/or delay in grade submission must be approved by the Office of Academic Affairs. Clerkship Directors who fail to submit clinical clerkship grades and narrative feedback within 4 weeks without approved notification are subject for review by the Assistant and Associate Deans of Academic Affairs and respective departmental Vice Chair of Academics. Individual faculty and/or residents who fail to comply to submit evaluations in a timely manner will be reported to the Clerkship Director, respective departmental Program Director (when applicable) and Vice Chair of Academics.

**Additional Contacts**
Office of Academic Affairs
Vice Chair of Academics
Clerkship Director(s)
Clerkship Coordinator(s)

**Related Information**
USC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook

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