

Academic Assistance

Academic Counseling

All students will need to maintain grades of “Satisfactory” or “C” or better in all courses and clerkships throughout medical school. If a student is having academic difficulty, academic counseling or tutoring may be suggested. It is always advisable for students to seek academic assistance from instructors/course directors immediately during a course or clerkship - rather waiting until examinations or final grades are issued.

Despite the self-discipline and good study habits that students developed, which has gotten them into medical school, there are many occasions when students may need assistance for the first time in their career. In addition, guidance is necessary to help students make up for work lost because due to an illness (or any other unforeseen event).

Students are requested to make an appointment with their Small Group Advisor or an Associate/Assistant Dean for counsel and advice concerning academic problems unresolved by discussions with course/clerkship directors. All students select faculty advisors during the Application Phase. These advisors assist primarily in residency planning and preparation of the senior year schedule.

Resources

Students are provided with a handbook that addresses many issues which confront students in medical school, including effective study methods and time management. Students will meet regularly with an academic Dean to review their progress throughout medical school. In addition, special information sessions are held throughout the curriculum to advise students on topics such as preparation for USMLE examinations and residency applications.

Counseling and Tutoring

In addition to their Small Group Advisor or an Associate/Assistant Dean, students in academic difficulty have the opportunity for counseling and assessment through a partnership between the school and an outside entity.

Students who are in academic difficulty in the first or second year of medical school, as defined by the Student Progress and Promotions Committee, may request tutoring. Course Directors will work in concert with the Assistant Dean for Medical Education and Student Affairs to develop a tutoring plan.

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