



Office of the Dean
School of Medicine

Policy Title: Policy on Clerkship Failures and Remediations

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Responsible Dean: Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education

**Relevant LCME Element:
(if applicable)** n/a

Policy Statement/Purpose:

All third-year clerkships are graded using a combination of clinical grades, didactic activity grades (i.e., TBL, small groups), and the score on the final National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) subject examinations. Students who are not successful in one of these components may require remediation, as below.

Policy Guidelines:

Clerkship Directors will assign a grade of “Incomplete” to a student who passes all clinical and other requirements of the clerkship but fails the NBME examination. This grade will be changed to a “Pass” once the examination is retaken and passed successfully, regardless of the score of the retake examination.

Clerkship Directors will assign a grade of “Fail” to a student under the following circumstances:

- The student does not turn in all requirements (booklets, other assignments, online modules) by 14 days after the examination.
- The student fails a second attempt of the NBME examination.

Clerkship directors may assign a grade of “Fail” to a student under the following circumstances:

- The student receives a failing evaluation for one or more clinical components of the clerkship.
- The student displays unprofessional behavior during the clerkship.

If a student receives a grade of “Fail” for a clerkship, they may remediate the clerkship, with specific length and requirements as determined by the clerkship director. If the student passes all clinical and other requirements of the remediated clerkship but fails the NBME, they may have one additional attempt to take it. If they pass the NBME the second time, they will receive a grade of “Pass” for the clerkship. If they fail the second attempt at the NBME, they will receive a grade of “Fail” for the clerkship remediation.