Technical Standards Affirmation Policy

Roles and Responsibilities

Policy Contact	Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Assistant Dean for Admissions
Responsible	Office of Student Affairs (OSA) and Office of Admissions (OOA)
Accountable	OSA, OOA
Consulted	Admissions Committee, MEAC
Informed	SOM Students

Scope and Purpose

The Technical Standards Affirmation Policy is intended to meet the requirements and expectations of the LCME Element 10.5. The policy establishes procedures for ensuring all students (with or without the need for reasonable accommodation) possess the attributes and abilities required to progress through each phase of the MD program curriculum and graduate from the program. All matriculating, enrolled, and transfer students are covered by this policy.

Policy Statement

All accepted applicants to the School of Medicine are required to attest to meeting the technical standards required for the MD program.

Students will reaffirm their compliance with the technical standards for the MD program annually.

All students returning after a leave of absence from the MD program will be required to reaffirm they still meet the technical standards, regardless of the year in the program when they are resuming their studies.

All transfer students accepted into the Clerkship Phase of the MD program will have to attest they meet the technical standards at the time of application and again upon matriculation (prior to the start of the first core clerkship).

Procedures

1. All individuals accepted into the MD program (including transfer students), will attest they meet the current technical standards (with or without reasonable accommodation). Documentation will be maintained with each application as supporting documentation. All applicant information will be maintained by the Office of Admissions (OOA).
2. The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) will ensure the completion of the associated attestation form annually as each cohort progresses through the curriculum.

3. All medical students returning from a leave of absence will review and affirm they meet the current Technical Standards policy prior to their return in any year of the MD program.
4. The Office of Admissions and Office of Student Affairs will verify compliance with this requirement and report the status of the incoming class and each enrolled cohort to CCC annually.

Exceptions

No exceptions have been identified or approved for this policy.

Sanctions

Medical students who fail to complete the reaffirmation of compliance with the technical standards for the MD program, at the times specified in this policy, will have a hold placed on their registration for the current term.

Definitions

Technical standards for the admission, retention, and graduation of applicants or medical students: A statement by a medical school of the: 1) essential academic and non-academic abilities, attributes, and characteristics in the areas of intellectual-conceptual, integrative, and quantitative abilities; 2) observational skills; 3) physical abilities; 4) motor functioning; 5) emotional stability; 6) behavioral and social skills; and 7) ethics and professionalism that a medical school applicant or enrolled medical student must possess or be able to acquire, with or without reasonable accommodation, in order to be admitted to, be retained in, and graduate from that school's medical educational program. (LCME)

Forms

Attestation Form

Related Policies/Procedures

Technical Standards: Essential Requirements for Admissions
Advancement, Graduation, and Dismissal
Leave of Absence

LCME Standards

Element 10.5 Technical Standards

A medical school develops and publishes technical standards for the admission, retention, and graduation of applicants or medical students in accordance with legal requirements.

History

Revised:

Approved: