

USMLE

Policy Statement

See also the policy on Advancement, Graduation & Dismissal.

USMLE Step 1

Students must take USMLE Step 1 prior to beginning clerkships. The standard entry date for clerkships is determined by the School and displayed on the official Office of Medical Education (OME) calendar. Any requests to take Step 1 and enter clerkships earlier must be approved by the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) and OME. Upon approval from OSA and OME, students may choose to take USMLE Step 1 up to 4 weeks after the standard entry date for clerkships without penalty. A student may submit a request to OSA and OME to extend Step 1 preparation up to an additional 4 weeks. The student's adjusted start date for clinical rotations will be determined by OSA and OME. Students who are granted an extension must participate in regularly scheduled Practice of Medicine 3 activities. A student who requires an extension of greater than 8 weeks beyond the standard entry date for clerkships must request a Leave of Absence (LOA). A delay in taking Step 1 beyond 4 weeks after the standard entry date for clerkships must be noted in the MSPE as a gap in medical education.

Students who delay Step 1 without approval will have an adjusted start date for clinical rotations determined by OSA and OME. An unapproved delay in taking Step 1 will be noted in the MSPE as a professionalism concern.

A student who is required to remediate one or more pre-clerkship courses must do so prior to taking USMLE Step 1. The student must meet with OSA and OME to determine the timing of Step 1 and start of clinical rotations.

In the event of any USMLE Step 1 examination failures, a remediation plan including the re-examination date must be approved by OSA and OME. An extended remediation plan may require an LOA. [See the policy on Advancement, Graduation & Dismissal.]

Dual-degree students must take Step 1 prior to transitioning into their graduate program.

USMLE Step 2

Students must take USMLE Step 2CK before graduation. Students cannot take Step 2 before completing all core clerkships (excluding emergency medicine and anesthesiology) without approval from OSA and OME.

Sanctions

Failure to adhere to this policy will result in referral to the Advancement Committee for action and will be noted in the MSPE.

Related Policies/Procedures

Advancement, Graduation & Dismissal

Leave of Absence

Professionalism

History

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