Clinical Course Grades, Years 1–4

Policy Statement

Students are required to pass all components stipulated in the clerkship syllabus in order to pass the clerkship. Clinical course grades may be comprised of the following: assessment in clinical performance, assessment of professionalism, Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE) assessment, a final exam (written and/or oral), a paper, attendance, and other performance assessments specified by the Clerkship Director. Students who do not pass all required components will be failed and referred to the Committee on Student Scholastic Standing (COSSS).

Reason for Policy

It is important that students be able to pass all clerkships and demonstrate mastery of content as specified in each of the clerkship content areas.

Procedures

• The Clerkship Director is responsible for clearly defining performance expectations of students in the syllabus. This is to include: objectives, what components of the clerkship must be passed and at what level, and what is required to receive honors, excellent, satisfactory or fail.

• Mid-rotation feedback is required (See policy on Mid Course and Clerkship Feedback, Years 1-4)

• End-rotation feedback is desirable
  o If a significant problem is identified but does not result in failure, the site director should notify the course director and the Director of Student Support, Jill Eck, jeeck@umn.edu.
• If failure of a student is imminent, the attending physician must notify the site director immediately, who in turn must notify the course director
  o The attending physician, site director, and course director will discuss the student’s academic problem and recommend a plan for improvement. The course director or designated site director will then meet with the student to discuss the concerns and the plan for improvement. This meeting should occur as soon as possible after the identification of the problem, and definitely before the completion of the rotation.
  o The plan for improvement should be communicated to the Director of Student Support and to the student’s Advisor.

Related Information

• Policy: Mid Course and Clerkship Feedback, Years 1-4