

Curricular Change Policy

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The Educational Policy Committee (EPC) and its track-specific subcommittees, the Phoenix EPC (PEPC) and the Tucson EPC (TEPC), may modify aspects of the curriculum, graduation requirements, and educational or student progress policies *at any time* before a student completes the requirements for graduation. Approved change(s) will designate an effective date or affected student cohort, but may affect all students.

Rationale:

Medical curricula are different in structure and delivery than those experienced by students in the larger university. Whereas students with a declared major are largely free to take courses in any order, the medical curriculum is characteristically a strict sequence of offerings to which students have very little discretion. Thus, when aspects of the medical curriculum need to be modified, those modifications and their effects on requirements cannot be avoided by ongoing medical students because no alternative can be offered. Thus there is no possibility that medical students can be assured the curriculum or the graduation requirements in place upon their entry will be exactly those they will experience throughout their entire programs.

Note: The ArizonaMed curriculum is a single program with two tracks; one based in Phoenix, the other in Tucson. There are program-wide requirements that all students must meet, regardless of their home track. However, there are other requirements and curricular features that apply only to the Phoenix or Tucson tracks. Students are responsible to know and meet both the program-wide requirements, as well as those established for their home tracks.