



Policy on Dismissal from the College of Medicine

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Summary

This policy establishes conditions that, if met, will subject a medical student to academic dismissal from the Doctor of Medicine degree program, including but not limited to failure to progress through the curriculum, failure to meet academic or programmatic requirements, failure to satisfy the professionalism component of an academic course, or failure to adhere to the Grading and Progression Policy.

This policy further establishes conditions that, if met, will subject a medical student to conduct dismissal from the Doctor of Medicine Degree program, including Honor Code violations, unprofessional conduct in extracurricular activities or interactions, violations of clinical site policies (including HIPAA), or other violations of the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) Student Code of Conduct.

Applicability & Scope

This policy applies to medical students across all phases of the curriculum. Section I of the Policy applies to medical students in the 4-year MD program; Section II applies to medical students in the Primary Care Accelerated Medical Pathway (PCAMP) track.

This policy is effective with the 4-year MD program's Class of 2027, and the PCAMP track's Class of 2027.

Definitions

None

Policy Statement

I. Academic Dismissal from the 4-Year MD Program

- A. A student who meets any of the following conditions will be subject to academic dismissal from the Doctor of Medicine degree program:

- 1) **The student fails the same course twice.** This includes any course in the curriculum, including blocks, longitudinal courses, clerkships, electives, transition, and intersession courses.
 - 2) **The student fails two different clerkships, electives, or intersession courses.**
 - 3) **The student fails three different preclerkship blocks.**
 - 4) **The student fails to take and timely pass USMLE Step 1 within the timeframes stated in the [Grading and Progression Policy](#).**
 - 5) **The student fails to timely pass USMLE Step 2 CK within the timeframe stated in the [Grading and Progression Policy](#).**
 - 6) **The student fails to satisfactorily progress through the curriculum.** The Student Progress Committee may dismiss a student for failure to satisfactorily progress through the curriculum, failure to meet academic or programmatic requirements, failure to satisfy the professionalism component of an academic course, or failure to adhere to the [Grading and Progression Policy](#).
 - 7) **The student fails to academically progress within the required timeframes.** Students must satisfactorily complete the Preclerkship, Clerkship, and T2R Phases of the 4-year MD program within the timeframes stated in the [Grading and Progression Policy](#).
 - 8) **The student is not enrolled, on an approved leave of absence, or on an approved academic delay.** At all times, all students must be continuously enrolled in the M.D. or dual-degree program curriculum, on an approved leave of absence, or on an approved academic delay. Failure to enroll, obtain a leave of absence, or obtain approval for an academic delay for a period of 3 months will result in academic dismissal. Failure to meet the conditions to return from a leave of absence, including absences for failure to meet the [Technical Standards](#), will result in an academic dismissal.
 - 9) **The student refuses a Technical Standards Evaluation.** A student who refuses a [Technical Standards evaluation](#) or is non-compliant with the evaluation process is not permitted to continue in the curriculum.
- B. A student who is subject to academic dismissal will be notified of this by the Office of Curricular Affairs, which will simultaneously notify the student's House Dean and the Student Progress Committee. The student may request in writing a review by the Student Progress Committee within 5 business days.
 - C. If the Student Progress Committee recommends upholding the academic dismissal, the student is permitted to appeal to the Student Appeals Committee, in accordance with procedure.
 - D. A student who is dismissed may reapply to the College of Medicine – Tucson through the standard application process.

II. Academic Dismissal from the Primary Care Accelerated Medical Pathway (PCAMP) Track

- A. A PCAMP student who meets any of the following conditions will be subject to academic dismissal from the PCAMP track of the Doctor of Medicine degree program. Students who are dismissed from the PCAMP track may have the option to integrate into the 4-year MD program, unless they also meet any of the conditions for dismissal from the 4-year program under Section I.

- 1) **The student fails any two courses within a phase, including the same course twice.** This includes any course in the curriculum, including blocks, longitudinal courses, clerkships, electives, transition, and intersession courses.
 - 2) **The student fails to take and pass the USMLE Step 1 by the deadline stated in the [Grading and Progression Policy](#).**
 - 3) **The student fails to take and pass the USMLE Step 2 CK by the deadline stated in the [Grading and Progression Policy](#).**
 - 4) **The student fails to satisfactorily progress through the curriculum.** The Student Progress Committee may dismiss a student for failure to satisfactorily progress through the curriculum, failure to meet academic or programmatic requirements, failure to satisfy the professionalism component of an academic course, or failure to adhere to the [Grading and Progression Policy](#).
 - 5) **The student fails to academically progress within the required timeframes.**
 - a) PCAMP students must satisfactorily complete the Preclerkship, Clerkship and Transition to Residency Phases of the MD program's PCAMP track within the timeframes stated in the [Grading and Progression Policy](#).
 - 6) **The student is not enrolled.** At all times, all PCAMP students must be continuously enrolled in the MD program curriculum's PCAMP track. Failure to enroll will result in academic dismissal.
 - 7) **The student refuses a Technical Standards Evaluation.** A student who refuses a [Technical Standards evaluation](#) or is non-compliant with the evaluation process is not permitted to continue in the curriculum.
- B. A PCAMP student who is subject to academic dismissal will be notified of this by the Office of Curricular Affairs, which will simultaneously notify the student's House Dean and the Student Progress Committee. The student may request in writing a review by the Student Progress Committee within 5 business days.
 - C. If the Student Progress Committee recommends upholding the academic dismissal, the student is permitted to appeal to the Student Appeals Committee, in accordance with procedure.
 - D. The Student Progress Committee will determine whether the student may have the option to integrate into the 4-year MD program curriculum. If this is permitted, the student will meet with the Student Progress Committee to determine their academic plan, including where the student should integrate into the curriculum.
 - E. A PCAMP student who is dismissed from the PCAMP track **and** who met the conditions for dismissal from the 4-year MD program may reapply to the College of Medicine – Tucson through the standard application process.
 - 1) A PCAMP student who is dismissed and subsequently readmitted to the college is not eligible for the PCAMP track.

III. Conduct Dismissal

- A. A student who meets any of the following conditions will be subject to conduct dismissal from the Doctor of Medicine degree program:
 - 1) [Honor Code](#) violations, including academic dishonesty,
 - 2) Unprofessional conduct in extracurricular activities or interactions,
 - 3) Violation of the [Alcohol and Drug Screening Policy](#),

- 4) Violations of clinical site policies (including HIPAA), or
- 5) Other violations of the Arizona Board of Regents Student Code of Conduct ([ABOR Policy 5-308](#)).

Related Information

Policies

- [ABOR Policy 5-308: Student Code of Conduct](#)
- [COM-T Policy 1-101: Grading and Progression Policy](#)
- [COM-T Policy 1-104: Technical Standards](#)
- [COM-T Policy 1-105: Technical Standards Evaluation Policy](#)
- [COM-T Policy 1-106: Student Progress Committee Procedures and Process for Dismissal](#)
- [COM-T Policy 1-107: Student Appeals Committee Procedures](#)
- [COM-T Policy 4-101: Honor Code Policy and Committee Procedures and Process for Dismissal](#)
- [COM-T Policy 4-104: Drug and Alcohol Screening Policy](#)
- [University of Arizona Student Disciplinary Procedures](#)

Revision History

2025/3/3: The Vice Dean for Medical Education approved revisions to include policy for the PCAMP track, clarify alignment with the Grading and Progression Policy, Student Progress Committee Procedures, Alcohol and Drug Screening Policy, and other minor clarifications.

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