

# Current Step 2 CK Policy as of April 2019

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## **USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK) General Requirements**

1. Students must be enrolled in School of Medicine coursework in order to sit for USMLE examinations. Students are not permitted to take an examination while on leave of absence.
2. Students are not permitted to withhold USMLE score results from the School of Medicine.
3. Students are not permitted to take USMLE Step 2 CK until they have successfully demonstrated readiness to the Council on Curriculum.
4. Students must pass the USMLE Step 2 CK examination within three attempts (time permitting).
5. Failure to pass USMLE examinations on the first or second attempt may result in a revised or extended curriculum.
6. Students earning a third-attempt failing score on any USMLE examination meet criteria for separation (dismissal) from the program and will be placed on immediate administrative leave of absence. Graduation and deadline criteria are not suspended in order to permit three attempts on an examination.
7. Students on track to graduate in May of Year 6 must sit for the USMLE Step 2 CK examination by December 31 of Year 6. Failure to take the examination by this deadline may have consequences for participation in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP).
8. Passing scores on all USMLE examinations must be received by the Council on Evaluation by April 30, prior to May commencement ceremonies of Year 6, for any student to be eligible to participate in those ceremonies. Students graduating in August or December of Year 6 must submit passing Step 2 CK scores to the Council on Evaluation prior to graduation.

# Requirements and Readiness Criteria for Taking USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK)

## 1. Requirements for Taking the USMLE Step 2 CK Examination

- A. All students must successfully complete the following clerkships:
  - MED 9501: Year 5 Docent Rotation
  - MED 9503: Pediatrics
  - MED 9505: General Surgery
  - MED 9506: Obstetrics & Gynecology
  - MED 9571: Psychiatry
- B. Students must show readiness to sit for USMLE Step 2 CK by achieving a qualifying score on Step 1 that is greater than one standard deviation below the average national mean. Students must have achieved a qualifying score of 209 on their first attempt at Step 1 to be cleared to take Step 2 CK.

## 2. Readiness Criteria for USMLE Step 2 CK

- A. Students who achieve a qualifying score on Step 1 will be permitted to sit for Step 2 CK.
- B. Students who fail to achieve the qualifying score must complete the following:
  - Meet with the USMLE Step 2 CK counselor to determine any necessary curriculum changes, establish a readiness plan and set a Comprehensive Clinical Skills Examination (CCSE) date.
  - A student scoring 74 or above on the CCSE is automatically cleared to register and sit for USMLE Step 2 CK.
  - A student scoring 68-73 on a first-attempt CCSE must schedule a second CCSE, but does not need to meet with the USMLE Step 2 CK Counselor.
  - A student scoring 67 or below on a first-attempt CCSE is not permitted to schedule a second CCSE. The student must meet with the USMLE Step 2 CK counselor and show readiness in order to register for a second CCSE. The USMLE Step 2 CK counselor will determine any necessary curriculum changes.
  - No more than two attempts are permitted on the CCSE examination.
  - Students failing to reach the required CCSE score of 74 after two attempts must show readiness with criteria determined by the USMLE Step 2 CK Counselor.
  - An unexcused absence from a scheduled CCSE examination will result in a forfeiture of that attempt and the student will enter Step 2 CK remediation as if they had failed the CCSE.

## Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK) Failure Policy

### A. Failure after first or second attempts

- The student must meet with the USMLE Step 2 CK Counselor and his/her ETC as soon as possible to alter their curriculum and determine readiness criteria.
- When readiness criteria are met, the USMLE Step 2 CK Counselor will clear the student to retake Step 2 CK.

### B. Failure after third attempt

- The student meets criteria for separation (dismissal) from the program per Council on Evaluation policy.
- The student will be automatically placed on an administrative leave of absence and will remain on administrative leave of absence until their status in the program has been determined per Council on Evaluation policy.

### **POLICY ADMINISTRATION**

**Responsible for policy:** Council on Curriculum

**Authorized by:** Council on Curriculum

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