

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

1. Students must be enrolled in School of Medicine coursework 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 to permit three attempts on an examination.

## **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. All students must successfully pass USMLE Step 1.

### **2. Readiness Criteria for USMLE Step 2 CK**

- A. Students who pass Step 1 AND 4 out of the 5 NBME subject exams on first attempt for the clerkships listed above will be permitted to sit for Step 2 CK.
  - Students who meet the qualifying requirements are not required to take a CCSE; however, they may petition the Council on Curriculum to take a Comprehensive Clinical Skills Examination (CCSE) for personal preparation. Students will be

required to pay for the exam through a charge to their student account and are required to follow the remediation process below if they receive a failing score.

B. Students who fail to achieve the qualifying requirements must complete the following:

- Contact their ETC and the Curriculum Coordinator to set a date and take the Comprehensive Clinical Skills Examination (CCSE).
- A student scoring 218 or above on the CCSE is automatically cleared to register and sit for USMLE Step 2 CK.
- A student scoring 204-217 on a first-attempt CCSE must schedule a second CCSE, but is not required to meet with the USMLE Step 2 CK Counselor.
- A student scoring 203 or below on a first-attempt CCSE is not permitted to schedule a second CCSE. The student is required to meet with the USMLE Step 2 CK counselor and successfully complete an individualized performance improvement plan to register for a second CCSE.
- Students failing to reach the required CCSE score of 218 after two attempts must show readiness for Step 2 CK 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 their ETC as soon as possible to 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 administrative leave of absence and will remain on administrative leave of absence until their status in the program has been determined by the Council on Evaluation.

### **POLICY ADMINISTRATION**

**Responsible for policy:** Council on Curriculum

**Authorized by:** Council on Curriculum

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