

# Policy on Continuous Quality Improvement

## OBJECTIVE

To ensure a high quality medical education program.

### **LCME ELEMENT – 1.1 Strategic Planning and Continuous Quality Improvement**

*A medical school engages in ongoing planning and continuous quality improvement processes that establish short and long-term programmatic goals, result in the achievement of measurable outcomes that are used to improve programmatic quality, and ensure effective monitoring of the medical education program's compliance with accreditation standards.*

## SCOPE & APPLICABILITY

This policy governs the Office of Assessment and Quality Improvement as it carries out the coordinated processes that the school uses to collect and analyze data on an ongoing basis which is provided to councils and committees at the school to assist them in achieving long and short-range programmatic goals.

## POLICY

- The UMKC School of Medicine engages in ongoing planning and continuous quality improvement processes that establish short and long-term programmatic goals, resulting in the achievement of measurable outcomes that are used to improve programmatic quality, and ensure effective monitoring of the School of Medicine's educational programs' compliance with accreditation standards.
- The key areas that will be monitored as part of the quality improvement process include the following:
  - UMKC School of Medicine identified areas of focus,
  - UMKC School of Medicine strategic plan goals,
  - Accrediting body standards and elements that were cited in a previous accreditation visit,
  - Accrediting body standards and elements that directly or indirectly affect the core operations of the school,
  - Accrediting body standards and elements that include language that monitoring is required or involve a regular-occurring process,
  - Accrediting body standards and elements that include policies that must be congruent with current operations of the school, and
  - New or recently revised accrediting body standards and elements.

## PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES

- The assessment and quality improvement team is comprised of the following personnel:
  - Assistant Dean for Assessment and Quality Improvement
  - Accreditation Specialist
  - Database Manager
  - Instructional Designer
- Resources
  - Information technology infrastructure for the collection, storage, and reporting of data

## **POLICY ADMINISTRATION**

Responsible for policy: Office of Assessment and Quality Improvement

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