



Policy Title: Progression Policy	Curricular Structure: ASCEND
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## **RELEVANT LCME ELEMENT(S):**

9.9 Student Advancement and Appeal Process

10.3 Policies Regarding Student Selection/Progress and Their Dissemination

#### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

This policy outlines the requirements for students enrolled in the MD Program to advance through the triphasic medical curriculum: Phase 1 (Pre-Clerkship phase), Phase 2 (Clerkship phase), Phase 3 (Integration and Transitions phase). Enrolled students will be systematically reviewed by the Promotions Committee for formal advancement to Phase 2, to Phase 3, to Scholarly Year and to be considered for graduation. Reviews will encompass all specified areas of academic performance, professionalism and technical standards. Students whom the Promotions Committee determines have met these requirements within the noted time frames will be considered making satisfactory academic progress and eligible for formal advancement.

## **POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

#### Progression from Phase 1 (Preclerkship Phase) to Phase 2 (Clerkship Phase)

To make satisfactory academic progress in Phase 1 and be approved by the Promotions Committee for advancement to Phase 2 and the elective offerings, students must meet all the following requirements by the end of Phase 1:

- 1. Pass or remediate all required Phase 1 modules
- 2. Meet all requirements of Phase 1 THINQ curriculum
- 3. Complete Phase 1 PEAKS requirement
- 4. Meet MD Program Technical Standards





5. Students must have an approved remediation or completion plan in place for all modules, THINQ requirements, PEAKS and complete the plan before the beginning of Phase 2.

Additional considerations for advancement to Phase 2:

Students may retake examinations for two modules in Phase 1. Students will automatically receive a Fail grade for the third module and will need to be reviewed by the Promotions Committee. Students who appear before the Promotions Committee will be reviewed to determine eligibility for promotion, including alteration of timeline, remediation, implementation of learning and wellness plans, and up to and including dismissal.

Students must complete the following Phase 1 academic requirements:

- A. Semester 1 Requirements:
  - Modules to be completed:
    - Basecamp
    - Molecular, Cellular and Genomic Foundations
    - Anatomy
    - Immunology-Microbiology
    - Pathology
    - Practice of Medicine 1 (POM 1)
- B. Semester 2 Requirements:
  - Modules to be Completed:
    - Neuroscience
    - Behavioral Science
    - Hematology
    - Cardiology
    - Pulmonary Medicine
    - Practice of Medicine 2 (POM 2)
- C. Semester 3 Requirements:
  - Modules to be completed:
    - Endocrinology
    - Gastroenterology
    - Genitourinary (GU), Sexual and Reproductive Health
    - Renal
    - Musculoskeletal





- Practice of Medicine 3 (POM 3)
- D. THINQ Longitudinal Module
- E. Phase 1 PEAKS Assessment

## Progression from Phase 2: Clerkship Phase to Phase 3: Integration and Transitions Phase

To make satisfactory academic progress in Phase 2 and be approved by the Promotions Committee for advancement to required Phase 3 modules and clerkships, students must meet all the following requirements prior to the start of Phase 3:

- 1. Pass or remediate all required Phase 2 required clerkships
- 2. Meet all requirements of Phase 2 THINQ curriculum
- 3. Successfully complete Phase 2 PEAKS assessment
- 4. Meet MD Program Technical Standards
- 5. Students must have an approved remediation or completion plan for all Phase 2 required clerkships, modules, THINQ, and PEAKs in place and complete it before Phase 3 starts.

Additional considerations to be considered for advancement to Phase 3:

Students who have failed two or more Phase 2 required clerkships may not progress to Phase 3 unless reviewed and approved by the Promotions Committee. Students who appear before the Promotions Committee will be reviewed to determine eligibility for promotion, including alteration of timeline, remediation, implementation of learning and wellness plans, and up to and including dismissal.

Students must complete the following Phase 2 academic requirements:

- A. Phase 2 Academic Requirements:
  - Transition to Phase 2 Module
  - Clerkships to be completed:
    - Emergency Medicine
    - Inpatient Medicine
    - Neurology
    - Obstetrics and Gynecology
    - Palliative Medicine
    - Pediatrics
    - Psychiatry
    - Surgery-Anesthesiology





#### B. Phase 2 PEAKS Assessment

# Progression from Phase 3: Integration and Transitions Phase to formal consideration for graduation from the MD Program

To make satisfactory academic progress in Phase 3 and be approved by the Promotions Committee for advancement to consideration for MD Program graduation, students must meet and/or remediate all the following requirements by the end of Phase 3:

- 1. Complete all graduation requirements.
- 2. Successfully pass or remediate Phase 3 PEAKS assessment by the end of Phase 3.
- 3. Meet MD Program Technical Standards

Additional considerations to be considered for advancement:

Students who have failed two or more Phase 3 required modules, acting internships, or clerkships cannot progress to graduate unless reviewed and approved by the Promotions Committee. Students who appear before the Promotions Committee will be reviewed to determine eligibility for promotion, including alteration of timeline, remediation, implementation of learning and wellness plans, and up to and including dismissal.

## A. Phase 3 Academic Requirements:

- Required modules, acting Internships, and clerkships to be completed:
  - Transition to Phase 3 Module
  - o Chronic Care Clerkship
  - Acting Internship in one of the following areas:
    - General Surgery
    - Medicine
    - Pediatrics
    - Emergency Medicine
    - Subspecialty Surgery: Cardiothoracic Surgery, ENT, Orthopedic Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Urology, and Vascular Surgery
  - o Transition to Residency Module
- THINQ
- B. Phase 3 PEAKS Assessment
- C. Electives weeks





The Graduation Requirements Policy further outlines all requirements for graduation from the ISMMS MD Program.

## **PROCEDURES:**

- A. Monitoring of Academic Progress:
  - The Office of Curricular Affairs will oversee and ensure students' completion of modules, clerkships, acting internship, and longitudinal requirements according to the MIS and CIS.
- B. Documentation and Records:
  - Module, acting internship, and clerkship directors are responsible for submitting final grades and evaluations to the Office of Curricular Affairs (OCA), which will then submit them to the Office of Assessment and Evaluation (OAE) for review. Once grades are released, they will also be sent to the Office of the Registrar, which maintains the official student records.
- C. Assessment and Remediation:
  - If a student fails to meet module, acting internship, or clerkship competencies, remediation policies will be enacted.
- D. Clearance for Phase Progression:
  - Students may assume they are approved for progression unless otherwise notified by the Office
    of Student Affairs.
- E. Promotions Committee: Phase Progression Review
  - The student academic records are provided by the Office of Curricular Affairs and Registrar.
  - The Office of Student Affairs reviews academic records and academic plans at Promotions Committee meetings.
  - Progression reviews by the Promotions Committee occur annually.
  - The Office of Student Affairs notifies the Office of Enrollment Services and the Office of Curricular Affairs about any students who do not meet progression requirements.

#### **RELATED POLICIES:**

Graduation Requirements Policy Electives Requirements Policy Scholarly Product Policy Remediation Policy Promotions Committee Policy

#### **REVISION HISTORY:**