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Pillar 2 Comprehensive Clinical Science Subject Exam Testing (CCSE) Policy

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I. REASON FOR THIS POLICY

To set policy regarding the Comprehensive Clinical Science Subject Exam (CCSE)

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

To receive a satisfactory score on the first administration of the examination, the student must score at or above the 5th percentile nationally.

Students who score below the 5th percentile will be required to remediate the exam and be placed on Monitored Academic Status. This will involve a retake of the exam within 2 weeks

of the original administration. No dedicated time off from regular Pillar 2 activities will be granted during this period.

If the student scores below the 5th percentile on their second attempt, their grade for first semester course IMC 715 Medical Knowledge I will be deemed a "U", or unsatisfactory. Unsatisfactory students will stay on Monitored Academic Status and will also be referred to the Student Progress and Conduct Committee (SPCC) for review and the development of a tailored support program.

Students will need to complete a third attempt no later than two weeks after their midyear shelf exams. If the student does not score above the 5th percentile on the third attempt to remediate the IMC715 Medical Knowledge I 'U" grade, they will take a Leave of Absence and re-enter Pillar 2 the following year.

The CCSE is also administered a second time at the end of the second semester of Pillar 2. To pass the 2nd semester administration of the CCSE, the student must score at or above the 15th percentile nationally.

If a student scores below the 15th percentile on this administration of the exam they will be required to remediate the examination, like the 1st semester, within two weeks of the exam and will not be able to start Pillar 3 until the exam has been passed.

If the second attempt results in a score above the 15th percentile it will be scored according to the conversion table for that cohort of students, but the student will not be able to achieve higher than a "B" in IMC 716 Medical Knowledge II.

Should the student not score above the 15th percentile on the second attempt they will be not pass IMC 716 Medical Knowledge II with a "D" grade and will be referred to SPCC at the completion of the semester for consideration of dismissal and are not eligible to start Pillar 3 until SPCC has determined the next course of action.

Students who fail the CCSE the second time in either semester are eligible to be enrolled in a remediation course in the term immediately following and will have to pay for the remediation.

The transcript of any student who successfully completes a remediation of IMC 715 Medical Knowledge I or IMC 716 Medical Knowledge II will have the original grade and a notation of "R" for remediation displayed.

The remediation grade will be utilized in the calculation of the grade point average (GPA).

III. DEFINITIONS

Not Applicable

IV. PROCEDURES

Students are required to take the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) Comprehensive Clinical Science Subject Exam during the 1st and 2nd Semesters of their Pillar 2 year.

Before the first administration of the CCSE for any cohort of students, the CCSE Examination Conversion Table will be provided in the Pillar 2 D2L shell.

V. RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS AND TOOLS

D2L.sdbor.edu > Pillar 2 – Class of [year] > Calendar, Handbooks & Resources Links > CO[year] CCSE Exam Conversion Table