

Grading Policy Detail for Phase 1 / Years 1 and 2

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Observation

Students who fail USMLE Step 1 are at increased risk of being unsuccessful in the Match. The School of Medicine is responsible for providing students with a learning experience that prepares them for success on these licensing examinations, including ensuring that the standards to which they are held during Phase 1/Years 1 and 2 are sufficiently high to prepare them for future success. The prior structure (prior to 2017) of the grading policy for blocks in the pre-clerkship curriculum allowed students to obtain failing scores in individual exams without remediation, so long as they ultimately obtained a passing score (>70) on the block. While this was an acceptable strategy for students who obtained one or very few scores in the

Procedure for Entering Grades

1. Failure of a single exam in an academic year.

A student who has received their first failing exam score will be assigned a block grade of PR for the relevant course. If they do not receive any more failing scores, the PR is converted to PA following the standard grading policy at the en