



**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
POLICY ON USMLE EXAMINATION AND CLINICAL
COMPETENCY EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

Dated: June 15, 2021

Supersedes: USMLE Examination and Clinical Competency Examination Requirements for the NYMC SOM dated June 9, 2015

Last Review: August 26, 2021

I. PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for students regarding requirements for USMLE Examination and Clinical Competency Examinations.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of New York Medical College School of Medicine (“NYMC-SOM”) that all students pass the USMLE Step One and Step Two Clinical Knowledge (CK) examinations to graduate from the M.D. Program. In addition, all students must achieve minimal competency benchmarks on the Year 3 Comprehensive Clinical Assessment (“CCA-3”).

III. SCOPE

This policy applies to all medical students.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. USMLE Examinations:

- a. The SOM will certify students to sit for each USMLE examination no more than three (3) times. Three (3) failures on any one of the USMLE examinations is a dismissible action by the Student Academic Performance Review Committee (“SAPRC”).
- b. The SOM recommends that students not attempt any USMLE examination prior to completing prerequisite course curriculum. Any exceptions must be approved by the Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs in advance of student registration for these examinations.
- c. The **USMLE Step One examination** should not be attempted prior to successful completion of the second-year curriculum in its entirety. Passing this examination is a requirement for promotion into Year Three of the M.D. Program. Exceptions to this requirement may be considered by formal request and must be approved by Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

- d. The **USMLE Step Two CK examination** should not be attempted prior to successful completion of the third-year curriculum in its entirety. Passing this examination is a requirement for both certification and participation in the National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP®) and for graduation. In general, students must take and pass the USMLE Step 2CK examination by November 15 of the fourth-year curriculum. Exceptions to this requirement may be considered by formal request and must be approved by Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

B. Year Three Comprehensive Clinical Assessment (CCA-3)

- a. The **CCA-3** examination is a multi-station standardized patient exam, administered during the third year of the M.D. Program, designed to assess the students' medical knowledge, interpersonal communication skills, and diagnostic and critical thinking skills as they relate to patient care.
- b. Students who do not achieve minimal competency benchmarks in all domains on the CCA-3 examination will be subject to individualized remediation programs. If a student is unsuccessful after formal remediation is completed, the student may be subject to additional actions by the SAPRC.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is effective immediately.

VI. POLICY MANAGEMENT

Executive Stakeholder: Dean, School of Medicine
Oversight Office: Office of Undergraduate Medical Education