



**Applies To:** Students

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## **BACKGROUND:**

Clinical year students are required to take an End of Rotation Exam (EORE) administered through PAEA (Physician Assistant Education Association) at the end of each core rotation, excluding the Elective rotation.

There is a total of 7 EORE disciplines including Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Women's Health, Psychiatry, General Surgery, Pediatrics, and Emergency Medicine. PAEA provides access to two versions of each exam for all disciplines except for Family Medicine which has three. Each EORE, for each discipline is taken the week following the completion of a particular rotation.

The PA program is responsible to ARC-PA (Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistants) for maintaining ongoing remediation for students, (per Standards A3.15, A3.17) particularly in the case of the clinical year students that did not meet the passing score required for the EORE.

The scoring requirements for the EORE are determined by the faculty in consideration of the national average scores and self-assessment data and findings as well as the PANCE predicted scores for the CMU PA student

## **PURPOSE:**

To define clear guidelines and action steps for students in the Clinical year regarding remediation for those that are unable to fulfill the academic requirements of the EORE.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

EORE: End of Rotation Exam

Remediation: The process of improving or correcting a situation. Remediation is an ARC-PA requirement for those students that do not show mastery in a subject. (B4.01b)

Callback: The week between each rotation in which the students return to CMU Campus for testing and lectures

## **POLICY:**

Students will be allowed two attempts to pass an EORE specific to one of the 7 required disciplines. If they do not pass the second version of the exam, they will fail the rotation.

After one failed rotation due to poor performance in academic testing they will be allowed to move on to the next rotation but are required to repeat the failed rotation later in their clinical year. They will be required to sit for another EORE; determined by PAEA or the PA program for the repeated rotation.

If a clinical year student does not meet the passing score on the first EORE of a rotation after the failed rotation, they will be paused from the next scheduled 5-week rotation.

During the 5-week timeframe, the student will enter and participate in remediation with the Clinical Education Director and PA program faculty.

Remediation will incorporate the creation of a weekly study plan and weekly face-to-face meetings with a designated faculty member. The faculty member will participate in the remediation of the student at all points of the process. The face-to-face meetings will consist of discussions about content directly related to the most recent failed EORE.

\*The goal of the program is to assign faculty to remediating students based on their area of interest, instruction, or clinical practice.



## Clinical Year Remediation Policy

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Once the 5 weeks of remediation is complete, the student will sit for the second version of the EORE that was failed during callback for their most recent clinical rotation. The student will sit for version 2 of the EORE exam at the same time as their cohort in the callback week.

If they fail the second EORE after completing remediation, they will be paused from progression in the clinical year and attend a scheduled meeting of the Student Progress Committee to determine the program and student's next steps in the student pursuit of PA Education.

### PROCEDURE:

1. If a student were to fail a clinical rotation by failing both versions of the EORE exams for the completed discipline, that student is required to repeat the rotation later in the Clinical Year which will result in a delay in their graduation date.
2. As student progresses to the next scheduled clinical rotation, if they successfully complete the clinical training but fail the first EORE on that discipline, the student will be "paused" in the clinical schedule to implement 5 weeks of remediation.
3. The student will spend the 5 weeks participating in remediation activities as determined by Clinical Education Director and take the second version of the EORE from the most recent clinical rotation at the upcoming Callback.
4. If the student does not pass their 2nd attempt at the EORE, which would at that point equate to a total of 4 failed EORE's and subsequently 2 failed clinical rotations of the 8 required, the student will be paused in the clinical year with the following as possible outcomes.
  - Audit of the courses offered in the didactic year that are remaining and restart the clinical year the following fall with the next PA cohort.
  - Dismissal from the program
  - Further remediation/pause from Clinical Rotations
5. Once a student has resumed clinical rotations the following year after a didactic audit, or once they have already done one pause for remediation, if they do not pass the upcoming EORE, making a total of 5 failed EOREs it will result in the following:
  - Dismissal from the program
  - Audit of the courses offered in the didactic year that are remaining and restart the clinical year the following fall with the next PA cohort (IF they have not done this already)

The result of the students standing in the program will be determined after a meeting between the student and the Student Progress Committee.

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Signature

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