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Clinical Year Student End of Rotation Exam Failure Remediation Policy

APPLIES TO: Students

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, Surgery, Pediatrics, and Emergency Medicine. PAEA provides access to two versions of each exam for all disciplines except for Family Medicine which has three. EORE's for each discipline are taken the week following the completion of the rotation.

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

Minimum acceptable pass scores will be published at the beginning of each clinical year in the clinical year handbook as new rotation/exam specific national mean data is provided by PAEA. Students will pass the EORE if their score is within 1.5 standard deviations below the determined national mean for the discipline-specific exam. If a student scores between 1.25 and 1.5 standard deviations below the national mean, students will pass but be required to participate in a targeted academic intervention outlined by the PA Program Faculty. This intervention will be designed on a case-by-case basis dependent on the student's deficiencies. PAEA feedback will be taken into consideration

PURPOSE:

To explain in detail the proper process of how students will undergo remediation after failing an end of rotation exam throughout the clinical year.

Passing scores are determined using a scaled score, outlined by the the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA).

- Each clinical year student will have two attempts to pass each end of rotation exam.
- In the event that a student fails both attempts, this will result in failure of the rotation, and the student will be required to repeat said rotation.
- Should a student subsequently fail a third end of rotation exam, said student will be placed on a pause spanning the length of the following rotation. During this pause, the student will be required to participate in a remediation course with anticipation that the student will take their second attempt at said end of rotation exam after completion of the course.

PROCEDURE:

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- Should a student be required to participate in a 5-week remediation course, in place of a rotation, they will be notified within 48 hours of their third end of rotation exam failure.



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- The student will be required to complete the standard retest assignment given to all students who fail any end of rotation exam. This assignment will be due the following Monday (Week 1) at 8am.
- A remediation coach will be assigned to any student required to participate in remediation. This coach will meet with the student once a week in person for two to three hours.
- Immediately prior to the weekly remediation discussions, the student will complete a 30-question quiz tailed to areas in need of improvement. The coach will then review the quiz with the student followed by a system-based discussion.
- Students are expected to study at a minimum 30 hours per week.
- Students are expected to email a study schedule each week to their designated remediation coach.
- At the end of the remediation course, the student will take their second attempt at the end of rotation exam. Should the student pass this exam, they will move on in their clinical year. Should the student fail the second attempt, they will fail the rotation and need to complete said rotation again.
- In the event that a student fails two rotations in one semester, they will fail the course and be required to complete the course when it is offered next.

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