

DMS:04 - PRE AND POST-CURRICULUM EXAM POLICY

I. PURPOSE

The Doctor of Medical Science program utilizes pre and post-curriculum exams within the Clinical Major to assess student baseline knowledge, track individual growth, and evaluate the overall effectiveness of the program.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

Pre-Curriculum Examination

All clinical major students entering the program must complete a pre-curriculum exam within the first **three weeks** of matriculation.

This exam will focus on understanding a student's foundational knowledge relevant to the program curriculum. This information will be used by adaptive learning software to identify areas where students may benefit from additional support. The software will provide students with personalized resources that can help students build their understanding.

These exams are not considered a graded component of any course; however, students are required to complete the exams according to the timelines indicated below.

Post-Curriculum Examination

All clinical major students must complete a post-curriculum exam within **one week** of completing the nine clinical modules.

This exam assesses student growth and benchmarks their knowledge against family medicine physicians studying for their board exams.

III. AUDIENCE

This policy applies to all Doctor of Medical Science students.

IV. COMPLIANCE

Failure to complete the pre-curriculum exam will result in a referral to the Student Progress Committee (SPC). Please refer to the SPC section of the student handbook for further details.

Completion of the post-curriculum exam is a graduation requirement. Failure to complete the post-curriculum exam will result in referral to the SPC and may prevent students from receiving their graduation diploma.

V. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Doctor of Medical Science Program Director is the Responsible University Officer for revising and updating this policy.

VI. CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information regarding this policy, please contact the Doctor of Medical Science Program Director.

VII. DOCUMENT HISTORY

Effective Date: January 2025