

Resources for improvement

- We have an unambiguous plan for remediation of failures, which every block committee member needs to know. It was used for all of last year's failures, and it worked well.

“The blocks are considered discreet entities for purposes of grading. Any student that fails a block fails the entire block, even if the student's performance on certain aspects of the block, such as interpretation of pathology, was adequate. Student performance in sub-areas of the block may, however, point out areas of special weakness that can be targeted for remediation.

All remediation of failed blocks will occur in a six week period in the summer between the second and third years of medical school. The remediation will be under the guidance of the block committee for the block, and will consist of a combination of didactics and self-study. Students who fail a single block and successfully remediate in the summer will, with the assent of the promotions committee, proceed to the third year. Students who fail greater than 1 block will, by definition, have failed greater than 15% of the course work for the second year, and will, therefore, be reviewed by the Student Promotions Committee. Repeated failure of a course will also result in review by the Student Promotions Committee.

“The condition grade is for those who have reached near proficiency of the material but have not yet developed sufficient mastery to pass the course. Remediation of the condition grade will routinely take place in the 4 weeks after the end of the semester in which it occurs. However, for very focused deficiencies, remediation may occur before that time at the discretion of the course director.”