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Re: Emily Popler
Class of 2013

The Medical School Performance and Evaluation (MSPE)

In 2007 a new curriculum was begun at Emory that consists of 4 consecutive phases:

1. **Foundations**: Basic Sciences and Specialty Modules (18 months): Graded Pass/Fail.
2. **Application**: Clinical Clerkships, i.e., the traditional 3rd year; March of 2nd year through February of 3rd year (12 months): Graded A-F and a Radiology Course Graded A-F.
3. **Discovery**: In-depth research with a publishable manuscript (5 months): Graded A-F.
   - Students taking one or more years off to pursue another degree (e.g., MPH, MBA, MSCR, etc.) or to do a more in-depth research project (e.g., NIH, CDC and Howard Hughes or Doris Duke Fellowships) are not required to do the 5-month Discovery Phase.
4. **Translation**: traditional 4th year (9 months) includes,
   - 4 required months: Emergency Medicine, Sub-Internship (Medicine, Pediatrics or Surgery) and Critical Care Medicine, Graded A-F and a Capstone Course (Graded P/F);
   - 3 month-long electives, Graded P/F; and
   - 2 “free” months for additional electives or vacation.

At Emory exact class ranks are not used. We have attached a graph of the grade point averages from the Application Phase (clerkships) for the 141 members of the graduating class of 2013.

In the new curriculum, the students of the entering medical school class are divided into 4 societies. Each society is then sub-divided into 4 small groups with 8-9 students/group. Each of these 16 small groups is lead by a Faculty Mentor who meets with his/her students for at least 2 hours twice a week during all 4 years of medical school. I have included in the MSPE, in italics, the comments from the Small Group Society Faculty Facilitators to illustrate how the student performed and worked together in the group setting.

**Students who entered Emory before 2007** matriculated under the old curriculum. They have letter grades for the first 2 years of medical school (basic sciences) in addition to letter grades in each of the clinical clerkships for the Application Phase. They do not have comments from a Society Faculty Facilitator, because the societal structure did not begin until 2007. Thank you for understanding this transition period.