Clerkship Grading/Evaluation Policy

Students are evaluated by their preceptors and clerkship directors based on student performance in the following areas of competency:
• Medical Knowledge
• Patient Care
• Interpersonal and Communication Skills
• Continuous Personal Learning and Improvement
• Professionalism
• Practicing Medicine in a Complex Health Care System

Grades are assigned by each clerkship based on the results of evaluations by preceptors, exams, projects and other assignments given by the clerkship director. Individual clerkship evaluation and grading policies are found in each clerkship section of this Clerkship Guide.

Clerkships, subinternships and electives in Years 3 and 4 are graded on an Honors – High Pass – Pass – Fail basis, with Honors reserved as a grade of distinction.

Grade Appeal Policy
Each course or clerkship director will determine a student’s grade. If the student believes a grade is unfair, the student may request reconsideration directly from the course or clerkship director. Each student is entitled to an explanation of exactly how the final grade was determined and to view the results of component quizzes, examinations, and evaluations that contributed to the final grade. If the student still believes that the grade assigned by the director is unfair, the student should next approach the Department Chair for department-based courses. If the student is still not satisfied with the outcome of the decision, the student may then appeal to the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education in writing stating the reasons why the grade is unfair. For courses that are not departmentally based, the student may appeal in writing directly to the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education. The Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education is the final authority for grade.