Dartmouth
GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Full-Time Status/Good Standing Policy

Summary of Purpose

To explain the definition of full-time student status and good standing.

Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to all Geisel medical students.

Definitions

None.

Policy Statement

A matriculated student in the MD program is considered to be full-time and in good academic standing if they are making satisfactory academic progress in Geisel's curriculum and have no unresolved academic or professionalism concerns, as determined by the Pre-Clerkship or Clinical Committee for Academic Advancement and Growth (PCAAG or CCAAG), the Academic Progress Committee (APC), and/or the Professional Standards and Conduct Board (PSCB).

Specific criteria that contribute to the determination of good academic standing include the following:

Tracked by the Office of the Registrar:

- The student is not dismissed or suspended.
- The student is in compliance with all medical school requirements and policies at the time of documentation of good academic standing. Students with course failures or failures of elements of courses and who are engaged in an approved remediation plan, as documented with the PCAAG or CCAAG, are considered to be in good academic standing.
- The student is enrolled or is eligible to be enrolled.

Tracked by the Office of Student Life:

- The student is in compliance with deadlines for the completion of the school's regulatory requirements, including, but not limited to, health clearance, ACLS/BLS, HIPAA, OSHA, and all requirements necessary for participation in the approved educational program. Compliance refers to the timely completion of requirements by the school's deadline with the addition of a 30-day grace period for completion under extenuating circumstances. Students experiencing unusual challenges with meeting these requirements must receive an extension from the Office of Student Life, as approved by the Director of Student Life.

A student will typically complete the medical curriculum in four years. However, a student may obtain approval to take more than four years for their academic program through participation in one of the following individualized academic plans and will remain a full-time student in good standing:

Academic Scholar Year

A Geisel medical student who has been approved for a research opportunity under the terms of the Academic Scholar Year will be considered a full-time, non-resident student in good standing.

Split Year

Students who are splitting one academic year's worth of work evenly over the course of two academic years (with roughly 50% of the academic requirements in each year) are considered full-time "split year" students in good standing. Students can elect to split their year for personal or academic reasons. In some cases, the APC will require a student to split.

Procedure

None.

LCME Standard

None.

Related Information: Documents, Policies, Links, Etc.

- GSM Academic Scholar Year Policy.
- GSM Preclinical Split Policy (Phase 1).
- GSM Clinical Split Policy.

Policy Administration

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History

Date	History
July 7, 2017	Policy was created, approved by the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, and put into effect.
June 12, 2018	Policy was reviewed.
May 11, 2023	Policy was reviewed and revised to change Committee on Student Performance and Conduct (CSPC) to Academic Progress Committee (APC).
June 26, 2024	Policy was reviewed and revised to expand on criteria for good standing and to remove reference to part-time status.
April 15, 2025	Updated to new policy template.

Background

None.