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University Catalog And Student Handbook





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INTRODUCTION

This Student Handbook is the official publication of the Windsor University School of Medicine (WUSOM). The document contains information about the institution, institutional governance, accreditation, administration, admissions, curriculum, graduation requirements, and course descriptions as well as other information and policies. The handbook undergoes regular review and updates to ensure its accuracy and relevance. The most recent version is always accessible on the university's website. The catalog is not intended to address all the possible applications of, or exceptions to, the policies and procedures of Trinity Medical Science University, some of which are addressed in other official documents.

Students are responsible for observing any policies and regulations contained herein or in the online policy library; therefore, they must read this document carefully. This document does not contain all institutional rules, regulations, or policies for which students are responsible. Other University sources discuss expectations for and policies applicable to students.

While WUSOM strives to provide advance notice of any changes to students, it reserves the right to make modifications that are in the best interest of the student body without prior notification. Information regarding updates is disseminated through various channels, including general announcements on the website, classroom announcements, and email notifications. The publication of this catalog does not establish a contractual relationship between Windsor University School of Medicine and any individual or organization. Granting or making exceptions to the information in the catalog is exclusively within the authority of the President, or Dean. Any exceptions granted will be provided in written form to individuals and stakeholders who have a vested interest in the matter.

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the handbook and adhere to its guidelines throughout their academic journey.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations on being accepted into Windsor University School of Medicine. Our mission is to prepare highly dedicated, compassionate, and competent students to become effective, socially responsible and successful resident applicants in order to practice medicine anywhere in the world.

Over the past nineteen years, our faculty has worked with various student committees to update and improve our methods and structure. Our continuous focus on change can be linked to the latest trends in medicine such as new technology, new research, and the changing health care needs of our society.

Students must be prepared to deal with all the competing forces of a rapidly changing health care system and demonstrate the qualities of professionalism during medical school and throughout their careers. It must be clear that we are committed to the best outcome for the patient. Each student must be on guard constantly to protect, defend, and be an advocate for patients. To accomplish this, you must be diligent in your studies to acquire and ultimately enrich your medical knowledge.

Our best wishes,

Dr. Brijinder K. Gupta



DEAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Windsor University School of Medicine. Medical education is undergoing a significant transformation. This institution strives to position itself at the forefront of these challenges.

As the Dean of Academics and on behalf of the faculty, staff, administration, and fellow students, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you. Windsor offers an innovative curriculum, addressing the academic requirements of physicians for future medical practice.

The medical program utilizes a competency-based curriculum, focusing on best practices in patient care, delivered through innovative teaching strategies; digital classroom; an advanced simulation center, comprehensive library, and streamlined courses ensuring a seamless transition from basic to clinical science applications.

Students begin to learn clinical skills in their first semester, informed by evidence-based patient care and treatment. A parallel research course takes our students medical knowledge to an advanced stage for clinical efficacy in eventual practice. The faculty are committed and dedicated to the teaching process by constantly improving. Our educators attend conferences in their respective subjects as well as remain current on effective principles of medical education. This institution is continuously working towards providing an optimal learning environment founded on these guiding principles: To Constantly Improve our understanding, and application of medical knowledge; To Remain Innovative both in our curriculum and teaching practices; To Inspire our students to be passionate about providing their patients with the best possible course of treatment, care, and wellness.

The Windsor organization continues with sustained effort, enthusiasm, sincerity, and motivation to address the needs of current and future medical practice. We invite you to join us as we move forward on this exciting journey of student-centered medical education for patient-centered health care. This is an excellent time to prepare for a career in medicine given the advances in curriculum design, learning theory, and technologically assisted information acquisition, evidence-based practice, analyses, and dissemination. This school has taken its understanding and commitment to educating future physicians by integrating innovative strategies in medical training with that of the current proven advances in technology. This commitment is demonstrated by the onsite, brand new, state-of-the-art simulation center including a virtual clinic, SimMan, anatomy software for virtual dissection, and imaging software for cross-sectional analyses as well as case-based digital teaching modalities.



Through this institution's wide effort, we are proud that our curriculum ensures continuity between the foundational sciences provided by our horizontally and vertically integrated basic and clinical sciences. This flow is further reinforced by our Introduction to Clinical Medicine courses.

We are indeed addressing the needs of the next generation of physicians, who will utilize data at their disposal, to provide optimal bedside care as they encourage wellness and prevention. The future is bright for the Windsor organization, and we invite you to join in this exciting transformation.

Dr Andy Vaithilingam, M.Ed, MD, PhD



MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Windsor University School of Medicine is to provide an environment and **innovative** curriculum which will **inspire** and assist students from diverse backgrounds to become competent, caring, ethical physicians with the ability to think critically. This experience will prepare students to choose wisely their area of training, to successfully continue their education, and subsequently **improve** the quality of life for individuals and society.

The overarching objective of the Windsor University School of Medicine MD program is to assist the graduation of physicians who are competent to the satisfaction of the faculty and the standards of the profession, goals, and mission of the WUSOM in the following areas: WUSOM competencies and educational program objectives (see next page).



MD Program Educational Goals and Objectives:

By the end of the Medical education at WUSOM, students will be able to achieve the following six core competencies:

<p>Medical Knowledge</p>	<p>1. Foundational Knowledge – Medical Knowledge Master fundamental biomedical concepts, terms, processes, and system interactions Describe the determinants of health Utilize evidence in making clinical decisions</p>
<p>Patient Care</p>	<p>2. Application – Patient Care (Clinical Skills) Conduct patient interviews and physical examinations Diagnose patient health problems Propose evidence-based health maintenance and therapeutic options</p>
<p>Systems-Based Practice</p>	<p>3. Integration – Systems-Based Practice Connect knowledge of patient populations and health delivery processes in making diagnoses and therapeutic recommendations Advocate for the humane, just, safe and prudent care of persons Adapt to the complex economic and social structure of health care delivery</p>
<p>Communication and Interpersonal Development</p>	<p>4. Human Dimension – Personal and Interpersonal Development A. Learning about and working with ONESELF: Personal Growth and Professional Development Reflect upon one’s personal strengths and weaknesses to make positive changes in one’s behavior Find one’s own meaning in medicine Take care of oneself B. Learning how to interact with OTHERS – Interpersonal Skills and Communication Deliver effective patient presentations and document accurately in the medical record Communicate and work effectively with others</p>
<p>Professionalism</p>	<p>5. Caring/Valuing – Professionalism Care deeply about becoming an excellent physician through a life of service Care about and support others in the profession Value and behave in a manner consistent with the highest ethical standards of the profession</p>



<p>Practice-Based Learning</p>	<p>6. Learning How to Learn—Practice-Based Learning</p> <p>Develop a personal plan to become a better medical professional</p> <p>Stimulate intellectual curiosity to question and advance knowledge through scholarship</p> <p>Appropriately utilize evidence-based resources to address uncertainty in medicine and gaps in knowledge/skills</p>
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Educational Objectives Outcome measures:



WSUOM Competencies

Medical Knowledge	Patient Care	Communication Skills	Professionalism	Practice-Based Learning and Improvement	Systems-Based Practice
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MD Curriculum Educational Program Objectives Map

Curriculum Location (CL)

1. Foundations (basic sciences) phase 1; 2. Clerkships phase 2 & 3;
3. Community service activities; 4. Frontiers; 5. Transitions; 6. Scholarly Project

Significant Learning Goals	CL	Medical Knowledge	Patient Care	Communication Skills	Professionalism	Practice-Based Learning and Improvement	Systems-Based Practice	Outcome Measures
1. Foundational Knowledge - Medical Knowledge (MK)								
1.1 Master fundamental biomedical concepts, terms, processes, and system interactions	1,3,4	x	x					NBME, PE, SGF
1.2 Describe the determinants of health	1, 2, 4, 5	x	x					OSCE, NBME, PE
1.3 Utilize evidence in making clinical decisions	1, 2, 4, 5	x	x			x		C, NBME, PE, SGF, OSCE
2. Application— Patient Care (Clinical Skills)-(PC)								
2.1 Conduct patient interviews and physical examinations	1,2,3,5	x	x	x	x		x	OSCE, PE, SE, BLS
2.2 Diagnose patient health problems	1,2,3,5	x	x			x		OSCE, NBME, PE, CE, SGF
2.3 Propose evidence-based health maintenance and therapeutic options	1, 2, 3, 5	x	x		x	x	x	OSCE, NBME, PE, CE, SGF
3. Integration—Systems-Based Practice (SBP)								
3.1 Connect knowledge of patient populations and health delivery processes in making diagnoses and therapeutic recommendations	1, 2, 3, 4, 6		x				x	NBME, CE, PE
3.2 Advocate for the humane, just, safe and prudent care of persons	1, 2, 3		x	x	x		x	OSCE, PE
3.3 Adapt to the complex economic and social structure of health care delivery	1, 2, 3				x		x	NBME, CE, PE
4. Human Dimension— Personal and Interpersonal Development (CS)								
4.1 Reflect upon one's personal strengths and weaknesses to make positive changes in one's behavior	1, 2, 3			x	x			OSCE, SGF, PE
4.2 Find one's own meaning in medicine	1, 2, 3, 5, 6			x	x			SE, CE
4.3 Take care of oneself	1, 2, 3, 5, 6			x	x			SE, CE
4.4 Deliver effective patient presentations and document accurately in the medical record	1, 2		x	x	x			OSCE, PE
4.5 Communicate and work effectively with others	1, 2, 3, 4		x	x	x		x	OSCE, PE, SGF
4.6 Demonstrate leadership skills in a variety of settings	1, 2, 3			x		x	x	SGF, PE
5. Caring/Valuing— Professionalism (P)								
5.1 Care deeply about becoming an excellent physician through a life of service	1, 2, 5		x		x		x	OSCE, PE, SGF, SE
5.2 Care about and support others in the profession	1, 2, 3		x		x		x	SGF, PE
5.3 Value and behave in a manner consistent with the highest ethical standards of the profession	1, 2				x		x	SGF, PE, OSCE, CE
6. Learning How to Learn— Practice-Based Learning (PBL)								
6.1 Develop a personal plan to become a better medical professional	1, 2				x		x	CE, SE
6.2 Stimulate intellectual curiosity to question and advance knowledge through scholarship	1, 2, 4, 6	x	x			x		CE, SGF, PE, SE
6.3 Appropriately utilize evidence-based resources to address uncertainty in medicine and gaps in knowledge/skills	1, 2, 4, 6	x	x	x		x	x	CE, SGF, PE, SE
<p>Outcome Measures legend: BLS = Basic Life Support; Capstone = project leading to scholarly presentation; CE = Course Exam; NBME = National Board of Medical Examiners Exams; OSCE = Objective Structured Clinical Examination; PE = Preceptor Evaluation; SE = Self Evaluation; SGF = Small Group Faculty Evaluation</p>								



ACCREDITATIONS AND APPROVALS

Windsor University School of Medicine is accredited by the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions (**CAAM-HP**), the legally constituted body established to accredit medical programs in the Caribbean. The US Department of Education's National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) recognizes CAAM-HP as a standard comparable to the standards used in medical schools in the United States, as so governed by LCME.

Accreditation Board of St Kitts and Nevis and Licensed and Chartered by Government of St. Kitts and Nevis

Windsor University is compliant with the Education Committee for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) 2024 Rule dictating that all international medical graduates be required to have graduated from a school that has been appropriately accredited. Our Graduates are eligible to be ECFMG Certified and participate in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP)

Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (Listed)

Medical Council of Canada Graduates are eligible to participate in the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS)



CONTACT INFORMATION

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For further assistance, please contact the following:

Academic Regulations or Course Load	<i>Office of Academic Dean</i>
Course Complaints	dean@windsor.edu
Services for Students with Disabilities	<i>Office of Dean of Student Affairs</i>
Information on Student Organizations	studentaffairs@windsor.edu
Personal Problems	
Grades	<i>Registrar’s Office</i>
Withdrawal	documents@windsor.edu
NBME	nbme@windsor.edu
Academic Counseling	sasp@windsor.edu
Tuition Payments or Refunds	<i>Accounts Office</i> accounts@windsor.edu
Financial Counseling	<i>Financial Aid Office</i> financialaid@windsor.edu
Books and Supplies	<i>Bookstore</i> bookstore@windsor.edu
Lost ID Card (replacements \$5.00)	<i>Security Services</i>
General Lost and Found Items	khicks@windsor.edu
Campus Parking	
IT problems	teju@windsor.edu
Library	librarian@windsor.edu
Other Services	<i>Front Desk</i> frontdesk@windsor.edu



ENROLMENT

ADMISSION PROCESS:

All applicants must complete the online application (www.windsor.edu) to be considered for admission.

- 1. Online Application Form:** Submit an electronic online application form. A non-refundable application fee of \$75 will apply.
- 2. Supporting Documentation:** After completing application, applicants must ensure that all requested additional documents are submitted.

All International applicants (Non-Us/ Non-Canadian) are required to submit transcripts to WES (World Education Services).
- 3. Supplementary Information:** After an initial review, applicants are requested to submit an online supplementary questionnaire to our admission office. This online assessment will help exemplify the applicant's attributes. Application will not be considered complete until all supporting documentation and online questionnaire are submitted.
- 4. Interview:** Select candidates will receive an interview invitation by email. Interviews are scheduled at the first available time. A formal Skype video session will be conducted in the presence of the interview faculty members to learn about the applicant's personal attributes. The members of the interview team are faculty representatives, clinicians or physicians, medical students from student governing body, and third- or fourth-year class students.
- 5. Notification and Decision:** The Office of Admissions will notify applicants when a decision has been made via email.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to fulfil the basic requirements for matriculation at WUSOM, applicants are required to be in possession of an undergraduate degree (or foreign equivalent) from an accredited institution. Applicants seeking admission are encouraged to gain a strong pre-medical foundation to be best prepared for the medical school.

A. Pre-Requisite Coursework:

- General Biology or Zoology with laboratory or computer simulation [2 semesters or 8 credit hours]
- Inorganic or General Chemistry with laboratory or computer simulation [2 semesters or 8 credit hours]
- Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry with laboratory or computer simulation [2 semesters or 8 credit hours]
- Physics with laboratory or computer simulation [2 semesters or 8 credit hours]
- English or Humanities equivalent i.e. Social Sciences [2 semesters or 6 credit hours]
- Mathematics (preferably Calculus or Statistics) [1 semester or 3 credit hours]

In addition, applicants are strongly recommended to take a course in advanced science coursework in biochemistry, genetics, human anatomy, human physiology, or other higher-level science courses as well as social science courses such as philosophy, ethics psychology, and other humanities courses.

B. Academic Performance

An applicant must have an overall minimum GPA of 2.7 in their coursework. Applicants are recommended to complete 90 credit hours of undergraduate course work prior to matriculation.

C. Letters of Recommendation

The Admissions Committee requires the applicant to submit two (2) letters of reference from faculty members or instructors or mentors of applicant's undergraduate or graduate program. Letters of recommendation provide an assessment of personal attributes, activities, achievements, and evidence of an applicant's understanding of social responsibility.



D. Personal Essay

The applicant has the opportunity to present their motivation for pursuing a career in medicine and experiences that reflect an understanding of health care delivery.

E. Activities and Achievements

The applicant should provide an overview of the accomplishments and character traits that align with WUSOM's educational goals. The applicant should briefly describe their participation in a community or volunteer service, leadership role, research experience, and patient exposure.

Selection Criteria

WUSOM identifies a diverse group of candidates who demonstrate the potential to persevere academically and be compassionate individuals with professional attributes and a commitment to serving others. The ideal candidate will complete a rigorous course of study that will produce culturally competent healthcare leaders.

The Admissions Committee selects candidates by assessing each applicant's overall achievement academically and equally those of non-academic areas.

A. Academic Potential

The initial assessment screens applicants according to whether they meet the specified academic requirements outlined in Admission Requirement A and B. Applicants who fail to meet these criteria will be considered unsuccessful and will be subsequently notified of the decision.



B. Attributes and Accomplishments

An applicant deemed successful in the initial screening of academic potential will qualify for the assessment of non-academic criteria. The Admissions Committee considers a number of attributes and achievements to provide an overall non-academic screening of the potential candidate.

- Maturity and responsibility
- Emotional stability and communicational skills
- Community service
- Leadership and research
- Self-directed learning

Personal statement and recommendation letters are used in assessing the above criteria. In addition, the Admissions Committee conducts interviews to explore the aforementioned non-academic criteria or distinctive personal qualities and experiences.

The Admissions Committee identifies and admits students who can meet these specified standards and efforts to include diversity and equal opportunities among in matriculating class.

Transfer Students and Transfer Credit

Transfer students can be accommodated only during the Basic Sciences semesters or prior to beginning the clinical clerkship. Any applicant requesting advanced standing must contact the Admissions Office or the Dean of Student Affairs to discuss their eligibility.

If positions are available and permitted for students in good standing from a listed medical school in the World Directory of Medical Schools, then transfer is accommodated to the appropriate semester.

Admission requirements for transfers require submission of previous medical school official transcripts and examination scores (e.g. USMLE Step 1, Step 2 score and NBME CBSE Score, if applicable).

*Refer to our general Admission Requirements for additional submissions.

* Letter of good standing is required from the previous school and a letter from the applicant stating the reason for the transfer.



TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND GRADUATION

An applicant for the MD degree, and an enrolled student seeking the MD degree, must possess certain abilities and skills deemed essential functions for the care of patients.

Observation: Students enrolled in the MD degree program must be able to observe demonstrations and experiments required by the medical curriculum established by the medical faculty and be able to participate in such with adequate vision and other sensory modalities, including the senses of hearing and smell. A student must be able to observe a patient accurately at a distance and close at hand.

Communication: Students must be able to speak intelligibly and hear sufficiently to ensure an adequate exchange of information with patients, family members, and other health professionals. A student must be able to read and write English effectively in order to fulfil academic requirements and to maintain accurate clinical records on patient care.

Motor: Medical students are required to possess motor skills sufficient to independently elicit information from patients by palpation, auscultation, percussion, and other manual diagnostic procedures. Students should be able to conduct laboratory tests (urinalysis, CBC, etc.), carry out diagnostic procedures (paracentesis, etc.), and provide basic medical care (clearing the airway, placing catheters, controlling bleeding, simple obstetrical maneuvers, etc.) in the general care environment and coordinate fine and gross muscular movements to treat patients in emergency situations. Emergency situations include any circumstance in which a patient experience either a physical or mental medical event requiring immediate remedy.

Intellectual-Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative Abilities: These abilities include an aptitude for rapid problem solving, the capability to access and interpret medical files independently, and evaluate physical examinations, and to formulate a logical diagnosis and effective medical treatment plan. Students must possess good judgment in patient assessment and the abilities to incorporate new information, comprehend three-dimensional relationships, and retain and recall pertinent information in a timely manner.

Behavioral and Social Attributes: Students must possess the physical and emotional health required for the application of their intellectual abilities and the employment of sound judgment in an appropriate and prompt manner. Students must be able to function effectively under physically taxing workloads and in times of physical and mental stress. Students must display compassion, sensitivity, and concern for others and maintain professional integrity at all times.



REGISTRATION

Students are required to register with the Registrar at a time and location designated by the administration. Dates of registration for each semester will be advised to the students in advance. All students must register on the appropriate date.

Students registering for their first semester are required to provide the following:

- Evidence of academic qualifications
- Letters of Acceptance
- Proof of Identification
- Financial Clearance
- Immunization records
- Passports or visa paperwork

Transfer Students must provide copies of transcripts from previous schools attended and Official Letters of Acceptance along with Proof of Identification and Financial Clearance

Continuing students who are registering are required to provide proof of their financial clearance.

At registration, students will be informed of the courses that they are required to take in that semester. Students who have failed courses will be subject to the requirements for re-sitting examinations or retaking courses as detailed below. This may preclude a student from taking all of the courses that they may have expected to take in the current semester.

At registration, students will be provided with the class timetables and syllabi for the courses for that semester.



TUITION AND FEES

St. Kitts Campus - Basic Sciences

	<u>Term 1</u>	<u>Term 2</u>	<u>Term 3</u>	<u>Term 4</u>
Tuition	\$4,990.00	\$4,990.00	\$4,990.00	\$4,990.00
Administrative fee	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Student Government fee	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Learning Resource fee	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Student Health Insurance	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
exam fees including NBME Exam Fee	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Transportation (Ground)-School bus	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Total	\$5,990.00	\$5,990.00	\$5,990.00	\$5,990.00

Total Tuition and fees for MD1-4 = \$ 23,960

Other Fees and Deposits Relevant for Basic Sciences and first time applicants:

Seat Reservation (Non-refundable - will be credited once joined)	\$500
VISA fee (Charged once for new applicants)	\$150
Security Deposit (Refundable – for Non-U.S./ Non-Canadian Students)	\$2000
Refundable Text Book Deposit	\$300

Pre-clinical Semester 5 and Clinical

	<u>Term 5</u>	<u>Term 6</u>	<u>Term 7</u>	<u>Term 8</u>	<u>Term 9</u>	<u>Term 10</u>
Tuition	\$6,490.00	\$6,490.00	\$6,490.00	\$6,490.00	\$6,490.00	\$6,490.00
Administrative fee	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Student Government fee	\$50.00					
Learning Resource fee	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Exam fees(NBME&OSCE)	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Clinical Surcharge		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total	\$7,640.00	\$8,990.00	\$8,990.00	\$8,990.00	\$8,990.00	\$8,990.00

Total Tuition and fees for MD5-10 = \$ 52,590

Other Fees Relevant to Clinical Sciences

Malpractice Insurance (USA - paid per year)	\$900
Health Insurance per semester	\$150
Exit Written Exam & OSCE	\$1150
Graduation	\$750



For any other tuition inquiries please email: accounts@windsor.edu

SCHOLARSHIPS

Nationals of St. Kitts: Total scholarship offered for tuition fees for basic and clinical sciences portion of MD program; students pay for other administrative fees and living expenses

Caribbean Scholarships

Those students selected will receive a 20% scholarship per basic science semester (applied to the tuition). Prospective students will receive this competitive scholarship based on an overall GPA of 3.0 from a previous institution, interview, and submission of any application material (personal statement, letters of recommendation, etc.)

This academic scholarship must be maintained with an overall GPA of 3.5 throughout the basic science curriculum.

Dr. Srinivas Gaddam (founder academic scholarship)

In memory of our founder and former president, Dr. Srinivas Gaddam, Windsor University School of Medicine has established an academic scholarship. Selected students will receive \$500 per Basic Sciences semester (applied to the tuition). Prospective students will receive this competitive scholarship based on an overall GPA of 3.2 from previous institution, interview, and submission of any application material (personal statement, letters of recommendation, etc.). This academic scholarship must be maintained with overall GPA of 3.5 throughout the Basic Sciences curriculum.

Military Veterans Scholarship: \$500 per Basic Sciences semester with maintenance of 3.5 GPA during the program



FINANCIAL AID

The staff of Windsor University Financial Aid Office is eager to assist you with obtaining financial aid to help you attain your academic goals. We help with the preparation of any supporting documentations that will be necessary when acquiring loans. Please email financialaid@windsor.edu for further support.

Current and first-time students can apply for student loans at private banks such as Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC), Scotia Bank, TD Canada, Bank of Montreal (BMO).

There is also the option of a Tuition Payment Plan through which fees can be paid monthly without additional interest.

Mrs. Joan Maynard

Financial Aid Officer
financialaid@windsor.edu

REFUND POLICIES

Students who withdraw from the school before any of the classes for which they were registered have taken place will receive a full refund of tuition fees.

Students who withdraw from WUSOM must reapply if they wish to return to the program. Students who are re-admitted to the program will be subject to the current policies and procedures and not those in place at the time that the student was previously registered at the School.

The following refund rates apply.

Before the first day of class	100	%
1–5 days of enrolment	90	%
6–15 days of enrolment	50	%
16–28 days of enrolment	25	%
After 28 days of enrolment	0	%



STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD

All students are required to have a Student ID issued by WUSOM. The ID card must be displayed on person at all times when in campus. Loss or theft of ID card should be reported to Security Services immediately. The WUSOM charges 5 USD for replacement of Student ID card.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

JANUARY 2023

Orientation	January 09
First Day of Class	January 10
MD White Coat Ceremony	January 20
Basic Science Recognition Ceremony	April 02
Final Exams	April 10–21

MAY 2023

Orientation	May 08
First Day of Class	May 09
MD White Coat Ceremony	May 19
Basic Science Recognition Ceremony	July 28
Final Exams	August 7-18



SEPTEMBER 2023

Orientation	September 04
First Day of Class	September 05
MD White Coat Ceremony	September 15
Basic Science Recognition Ceremony	December 01
Final Exams	December 04–15

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Non-Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of the WUSOM that no persons shall, on the basis of race, color, disability, gender, religion, ethnicity, place of origin, age, or other characteristic protected by law, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any of its programs, activities, or employment. This applies to students and employees (faculty and staff) under WUSOM.

Diversity Policy

The Windsor University School of Medicine (WUSOM) is committed to creating a culture that promotes and celebrates diversity and inclusion at all levels of the institution. We support, encourage, and facilitate diversity and inclusion in the recruitment and training of highly qualified medical and graduate students to enrich our research and work environments and make WUSOM more attractive to students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds. WUSOM strives to create and foster a culturally sensitive campus environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

This is in alignment with the mission statement of the WUSOM: “The Mission of Windsor University School of Medicine is to provide an environment and innovative curriculum which will inspire and assist students from **diverse** backgrounds to become competent, caring, ethical physicians with the ability to think critically. This experience will prepare students to choose wisely their area of training,



to successfully continue their education, and subsequently improve the quality of life for individuals and society.

Procedure:

The School of Medicine ensures diversity by implementing the policy in following aspects of the school:

a. Student Recruitment, Selection and Retention

The Office of Admissions, in recruiting potential applicants, uses a holistic process for reviewing applications to select a diverse student body that will enhance the quality of education and the cultural competency of all students and improve access to quality care for underserved communities.

b. Scholarship and Financial Aid

WUSOM focuses scholarship fundraising efforts on recruitment scholarships to better attract and matriculate a diverse student body including those who are socio-economically disadvantaged.

c. Educational Program

The WUSOM curriculum trains students to understand the basic principles of culturally competent healthcare and the social determinants of health. Additionally, components of the WUSOM curriculum focus on approaches to address health disparities and decrease health inequalities.

d. Personnel Recruitment, Employment, and Retention

Department Chairs and Senior Administrators recruit a diverse faculty and staff to achieve the goals of the WUSOM.



Attendance Policy

WUSOM encourages students to attend all academic activities conducted by the School.

Basic Science

If the student's attendance falls below ninety percent (90%) in any module they will **not** be allowed to sit for the final examination and will have to appeal to the Dean of Student Affairs. Students have to attend 100% of their lab exercises. Students must make sure they are present at the commencement of class and remain until the classes are concluded for the semester.

Clinical Science

Clinical students are expected to attend all the days of their clerkship. The students should need to give sufficient reason for missing any of the days. They will also have remediation as per the course requirement which might include extension of their clerkship.

Acceptable Reasons for Absenteeism:

The following constitute acceptable reasons for being absent from a mandatory curricular activity and not for more than 10 working days. If it exceeds more than 10 days, the student has to start the same courses from the beginning of the next calendar semester.

1. Personal illness or illness of immediate family member
2. To seek health-related care
3. Death in the family
4. Participation in a scientific conference where the student is in the lead author/presenter and directly participating in the conference presentation.

Leave of Absence

WUSOM recognizes that on occasion, a student's education might be interrupted for a variety of reasons. If necessary, a leave of absence might be granted by the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs. An approved leave of absence will guarantee that the student will be allowed to resume their education under the guidelines of the program in place at the time of resumption. A student who fails to complete a semester without being granted a leave of absence will be administratively withdrawn and will be required to reapply for admission.



Students can request for leave of absence for the following reasons:

- Financial hardship resulting in the need for a student to take time off to find funds to continue their medical education
- Illness or injury of a student which affects their ability to study
- Illness or injury of a dependent or family member which affects the student's ability to study

Students may request a leave of absence for a maximum of one semester. Requests for leave of absence must be made in writing to the Dean of Student Affairs who will forward it to the Office of the Registrar. A request for a leave of absence will be refused if it is considered that a student's academic performance is not strong enough to allow the student a reasonable chance of resuming their studies effectively on return to the School.

Students who wish to take a leave of absence for a period longer than one semester might have to apply for re-admission to the School. Students who take an unauthorized leave of absence have to apply for re-admission to the School. Records of leave of absence will be kept in the student's file.

Clinical Medicine students who wish to take days off during their third- and/or fourth-year clerkships must request in advance from the Associate Dean of Clinicals. Students must specify dates and the reason for the request. Failure to request a leave of absence might result in immediate academic dismissal. The Associate Dean of Clinical, the preceptor and the Clinical Chair must be notified immediately if a student has an emergency requiring absence from a rotation. All time missed during a rotation must be made up to the satisfaction of the Clinical Chair and the preceptor.

Assessments, Evaluations, And Promotion Policies

The policy of the WUSOM is to promote the use of sound and scientific evaluation methodologies.

General Requirements for Promotion

Students in the School of Medicine are considered for promotion at the end **of each modular level**. To qualify for a recommendation for promotion to the next academic level, a student must complete all the requirements specified by the appropriate year Committee on Promotion. Each student is also expected to maintain a satisfactory record of professional behaviors and attitudes which includes a satisfactory record of attendance.

Students who are not approved one or more modules during a given academic level and/or have not satisfactorily complied with the professional attitudes and behaviors expected will be subject to a detailed review of their performance by the Committee on Promotion of the appropriate semester.



When the review is completed, the Committee on Promotion will recommend a course of action to the Dean according to the specific guidelines established for that purpose by the Committee.

Evaluation Process:

At the modular/departmental level, the participating faculty measures and evaluates the student’s level of achievement in the course subject matter as well as the professional characteristics (academic non-cognitive factors). The course faculty member is responsible for maintaining standards of reporting student grades.

The second step in the evaluation process is promotion, which is initiated and conducted by the School of Medicine Promotion Committee. This is an advisory committee. The committee is responsible for reviewing and analyzing student performance in all modules and for making recommendations to the Dean regarding the promotion of students through the medical curriculum. They share with the faculty the responsibility of identifying students who encounter academic, non-academic, and other difficulties and monitor the student's efforts to overcome them.

The final authority for student promotion resides with the Academic Dean.

The evaluation system provides a formal record of a student’s accomplishments. The final letter grade is assigned to each student by the course faculty according to the established criteria. It is then reported to the School of Medicine Registrar's Office.

The letter grade obtained by the student in each course is recorded in the student's official transcript at the Registrar's Office of the Medical Sciences Campus. In addition to keeping a record of letter grades, the office will also record any narrative evaluations which contribute to the determination of a student's performance in a course. Narratives used in the evaluation of students will be sent to the Dean of Student Affairs in order to be included in the student file. These narratives are also used in writing the Dean's letter.

Effective for classes entering May 2019 to present.

Grade letter and percentage (%)

Score	Grade	Grade Points Per Credit
90–100	A	4.0
85–89	B+	3.5
80–84	B	3.0
75–79	C+	2.8
70–74	C	2.5
<70	F	0



Basic Sciences grade distribution overview

Performance Measure	Grade Distribution
OSCE Exam	10%
End Module Exam	40%
In Course Grade (ICD, TBL, CCD, Lab Performance, Assignments)	20%
Final Examination (NBME)	30%

The minimum passing grade for courses/modules offered in the School of Medicine is C or Pass or a minimum of 70%.

Absence in any exam is considered as a FAIL grade for the same exam.

Students absent in any exam can appeal to the Promotion's Committee if the student has a genuine reason for being absent.

Things that may be considered are as follows:

1. Incapacitating illness: Sudden sickness, illness, accidents etc. (The Dean of Student Affairs has to be immediately notified and a medical certificate has to be provided by a qualified physician)
2. Natural Disasters: Hurricanes, Flood, fire etc.
3. Bereavement (documented)
4. Illness of a very close relative (documented)
5. Serious personal issues (e.g. divorce, house fire etc.)
6. Factors for which the University is responsible (e.g. cancellation of Sessions etc.)

Things NOT considered are the following:

- Any unsanctioned leave of any kind.
- Incidents such as (and not limited to) the following:
 - Computer crashes, computer/printer access, difficulties
 - Coursework due in from different modules at the same time
 - Work from other courses or retake exams
 - Unavailability of source materials (including library books/journals)
 - Holidays
 - Weddings
 - Normal Pregnancy (1 and 2 trimester)
 - Religious festivals or similar commitments
 - House move (prearranged)



- Normal work pressures etc.

Make-up exams subsequently given to such students will have different questions with similar equivalence.

Student Promotion and Remediation Guidelines

The Promotion Committee will meet to monitor the performance of academic cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and professionalism (attitude) characteristics of first-year medical students.

The following are guidelines set for the promotion of the students in Basic Sciences.

ACADEMIC GOOD STANDING:

- Students remain in academic good standing by complying with all academic policies and financial obligations.
- The passing of the course or module is set at 70% (GPA= 2.5). Students have to pass all the modules and courses of the current semester to be in good academic standing and this will allow the student to advance to the next semester.

ACADEMIC PROBATION:

- Students are placed on Academic Probation if the student fails one or more modules or courses (ICM and Frontiers).
- If a student fails in three or more modules in a semester, he/she has to repeat the entire semester.
- If a student fails only in one or two modules of a semester, he/she is required to meet the module director for remediation. Students will be given a remedial exam in the first week of the following semester. The maximum marks a student gets after passing the remedial exam is 70% (GPA=2.5).
- If a student fails these remedial exams then he/she has to repeat the failed modules or courses. The School may accommodate some of the modules or courses from the following semester provided it doesn't overlap with the module or course being repeated.
- Students are returned to good academic standing upon passing retake exams of all the failed or repeated modules or courses.
- If a student is not satisfied with the grades or academic status, he/she can appeal to the Promotion Committee. (please refer to the appeals procedure in the Student Handbook).



REMEDICATION FOR ACADEMICALLY STRUGGLING STUDENTS:

The student failing modules will be placed on academic probation and remediation track to help them in terms of academic guidance/advising to get them back to academic good standing. Students who are on remediation track will be supported by the course instructor, SASP Advisor, Module Director and Remedial Instructors in various timelines to help them with the remediation process and prepare them for remedial exams.

INTRA-SEMESTERREMEDICATION:

The module director will identify the poor performing students in specific discipline after the intra-modular formative quiz and direct the students to the respective course director for the consultation. The students with score <70% in end-modular exam will be considered at risk for that module. The module director will send the report of at-risk students to the Promotion Committee, course instructor and SASP advisor and meet these students immediately after the result of end-modular exam and direct them to the course/remedial instructor for the remediation. Course/remedial instructors will help the students identify the specific learning objectives in which improvement is needed and plan their study for the remedial examination. Such at-risk students will be given the opportunity to take the first remedial exam of that module in the following week. The maximum mark set for this remedial exam is 70%.

END-OF-SEMESTERREMEDICATION:

If a student fails two or less modules in a semester, the student is eligible to take the final remedial exams at the beginning of next semester. The maximum marks the student gets after passing the final remedial exam is 70% (GPA=2.5). The module director and course instructors will provide students with appropriate measures of remediation to prepare. If a student fails any of these remedial exams, he/she has to repeat the failed modules. The modules from the next semester can be accommodated if it does not overlap with the failed modules.

REMEDICATION MEASURES:

The module director will plan the appropriate remediation measures for the students, which are not limited to providing students with appropriate study plan/schedule, refer to course instructor to address areas of weakness in a particular discipline, and refer to psychological counselor/SASP advisor if needed.



Clinical Sciences Policies

Transition from Basic to Clinical Sciences:

Passing of NBME Basic Science Comprehensive exam is required for promotion to the third year of the MD program. Approval for writing of NBME comprehensive exam after successfully completing the MD V will be provided by the Promotions Committee after carefully reviewing the student's grades. Approved students will be writing the NBME comprehensive exam between 8 weeks after their successful completion of MD V. A maximum of 3 attempts in NBME CBSE is allowed to students to pass the course. Failing the exam third time, the student will be academically dismissed.

Students interested in taking USMLE Step 1, following their successful completion of NBME comprehensive exam, will have to apply in writing to the Promotions Committee (Addressed to Chair Promotions) with their NBME comprehensive exam score for the School to sponsor them for USMLE Step 1. The academic leave approved by the School to write USMLE Step 1 following NBME comprehensive exam is six months after completing MD V. This period can only be extended by another three months which has to be approved by the Promotions Committee after student submits the valid reasons and has supporting documentations for the extension of leave of absence. No external sponsor for the exam will be entertained by the School. Any student with unsatisfactory professional characteristics will not be allowed to take the USMLE/NBME and will be recommended for dismissal.

After completing all the approved requisites for Basic Sciences, medical students will receive academic progress reports pending the results of the NBME Basic Science Comprehensive exam. Promotion to clinical years will be granted when they pass the exam. If a student fails the NBME Basic Science Comprehensive exam, she/he will not be promoted to the clinical year and will be placed on academic probation until she/he passes the exam. In the period in which the student is registered in the Independent Study course, she/he will be considered a student under academic probation. In addition, such a student must register and complete at least an 80-hour elective course in order to demonstrate academic progress.

Students will have three opportunities to pass the NBME Basic Science Comprehensive exam during the time period of one year. This year is counted as the time elapsed between the date in which the results of the first exam and the third exam are received. Students who fail to pass the NBME Basic Science Comprehensive exam on three occasions will be recommended to the Dean of Medicine for dismissal from the MD program.



If the student passes the NBME Basic Science Comprehensive exam within second or third attempt, She/he will be promoted to third year. The time spent for passing of the NBME Basic Science Comprehensive exam will count towards the six years maximum time permitted to complete the MD degree.

Clinical Clerkships:

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- Participation in TBL and Course quizzes as part of TBL - 15%
- Completion of Online Assignments (Aquifer) -5%
- Student Portfolio- EPEL, Case report, log set & MiniChex-10%
- NBME -30%
- Preceptor final evaluation form - 30%
- End of rotation OSCE- 10%, (4stations; two long case, 2 short case and 4 inactive)

The final grade calculation= Cumulative of above 4 > 65 % to pass.

Grading:

Pass: Scoring an A in all 4 areas of evaluation.

In progress: Fail in one area but pass all other areas of evaluation.

Failure: Fail two or more areas of evaluation.

Re-mediation In progress:

- Clinical evaluation: successfully repeat 4 weeks of rotation
- Clinical Log: successfully complete all logs
- OSCE/Oral: successfully repeat the OSCE
- Written Exam: successfully pass exam in up to three attempts

The final grade will be calculated using the new data and will be downgraded one letter grade unless that grade is a "C".

Failure: The student must repeat the entire clerkship.

For further information, refer to clinical curriculum manual.

Withdrawal Policy

Basic Sciences

Course withdrawal

WUSOM students are permitted to withdraw from any particular course with sufficient reason before 50% of the course time has elapsed.



Semester withdrawal

WUSOM students are permitted to withdraw from any Basic Sciences semester with sufficient reason before 50% of the course time has elapsed **Clinical Sciences**

A student may withdraw from clinical clerkship with sufficient reason before 50% of the course time has elapsed. Withdrawal from course will not be accepted after that period and the student will be marked fail in transcript if the course is not completed successfully.

Health Policy

Immunization

The WUSOM immunization policy is based on WHO recommendation which is the globally accepted standard and is also in sync with local health ministry recommendations. The students are required as per the admission policy of WUSOM to mandatorily submit physician certified original health certificate indicating the immunization status during the processing of the admission. These documents are verified by the authorized University staff and completion of the required immunization is complied with before admission is done. It is important to note that the affiliate hospitals or elective sites may require the student to provide additional documentations (Please refer to Clinical Handbook). It is the responsibility of the student to maintain compliance to the additional health requirements. WUSOM endorses HIPAA standards in handling the student health records.

Blood-borne pathogens exposure policy

WUSOM does not discriminate against qualified applicants, students, and employees who are infected with Hepatitis, HIV, or other blood-borne pathogens. Students, applicants, and employees who are infected with a blood-borne pathogen such as Hepatitis or HIV virus will not be excluded from enrolment or employment or restricted in their normal responsibilities or access to School services and facilities because of their infected status. Windsor University is committed to a policy of non-discrimination and to protecting the legal rights and privacy of students infected with blood-borne pathogens while also protecting the health of the public.

The School adheres to the reporting and control guidelines and responsibilities as described by the St. Kitts and Nevis Board of Health and its Division of Disease Control.

WUSOM students will have their Hepatitis B immunity status confirmed as part of the School's affiliation-immunization policy. Although testing for Hepatitis C and HIV is not required for attendance at WUSOM, it is the professional responsibility of any student who has risk factors for these diseases to make arrangements for serologic testing.



Students who are aware that they are infected with a blood-borne pathogen [including but not limited to Hepatitis B virus (HBV), Hepatitis C virus (HCV), and Human Immunodeficiency virus (HIV)], if not currently under the care of a personal physician, are strongly urged to contact the Hospital's Health Service so that appropriate medical treatment might be instituted or continued.

Students infected with a blood-borne pathogen must avoid circumstances in which they could potentially transmit their infection to others. They are required, therefore, to disclose their infection status to the Dean of Student Affairs or Associate Dean for Clinical Clerkship and clinical coordinators in order to arrange any necessary adjustments to continue with their clinical rotation. Such notification is considered the professional responsibility of the student, and failure to disclose blood-borne pathogen infection status will be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including, dismissal from WUSOM. A student infected with HBV, HCV, or HIV may continue in the MD program as long as he/she can carry out the physical and intellectual activities of all students as outlined in the WUSOM Technical Standards. Students infected with blood-borne pathogens should be aware that based on current medical knowledge and practice, they may be restricted from future careers in residency training and specialty practices which require patient performance risk-prone procedures.

Needle Stick Injury and Exposure to Body Fluids (OSHA Guidelines)

Students before starting clinical clerkship need to take and submit the infection control certificate. They should follow OSHA compliant standards during hospital visits or with patients. They are required to complete the online course offered at <http://www.compliancepublishing.com/>

Procedure following blood/body fluid exposure:

1. Proper care of exposed area.
2. Inform the preceptor or nurse or follow clinical protocol.
3. Notify your supervisor/supervising resident and Associate Dean/ Clerkship Director.
4. Obtain initial evaluation. DON'T DELAY —It is important to be evaluated within 2 hours of exposure.
5. Fill out incident report (available in each department) and keep a copy for legal and financial reasons; send a copy to the Dean's Office. Continue treatment at affiliate hospital.
6. All medical students with exposures will go to the assigned health center for follow-up after initial visit to the ER.
7. The campus clinic is headed by a qualified nurse who will advise the student regarding any necessary follow-up treatment and counseling for that medical student.



Health Insurance

WUSOM's NAGICO policy requires all students to carry health insurance to cover hospitalizations, emergency room care, outpatient specialty care, and diagnostic testing. You have the option to enroll in a plan through the University. The University offers one health insurance plan. All students are required to complete the health insurance form to enroll.

The student health (NAGICO) insurance plan covers most services received outside of primary care clinic including all specialty care as long as there is a referral signed by your primary care physician (PCP).

Students may elect to purchase dependent coverage (spouse, children) for an additional cost after the completion of their student enrolment in the University's health insurance plan.

Students may also elect to enroll in an optional dental insurance plan for an additional cost.

Plan highlights for the Student Health Insurance Plan:

- All specialists who are in the NAGICO network are covered 100% with a referral from their PCP (most physicians are in the NAGICO network).
- Specialists out of network are covered at 80% with the patient responsible for 20% of the visit.

Other highlights of covered services:

- Full ambulance (no per trip maximum)
- Routine health maintenance visits
- No per condition limitation per sickness or injury
- No internal caps on services, such as surgery, outpatient services, prescription drugs and high cost procedures.

Read the brochure carefully to fully understand the benefits provided by the NAGICO Student Health Insurance Plan.

If you have any questions, visit the Dean of Student Affairs Office.



Immunization Policy

Following are the list of the vaccination requirements as per WUSOM policy.

MEASLES: Proof of two doses of measles vaccine administered on or after the first birthday and at least 30 days apart or proof of immunity.

MUMPS: Proof of one dose of mumps vaccine administered on or after the first birthday or proof of immunity.

RUBELLA: Proof of one dose administered on or after the first birthday or proof of immunity.

VARICELLA ZOSTER: Proof of two doses of Varicella vaccine after the first birthday or documentation of history of the disease, including the date students are required to present a letter or other suitable written certification.

TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA: Proof of one booster dose of tetanus/diphtheria within 10 years of TDAP (Tetanus-Diphtheria, acellular pertussis) TDAP is recommended for all students with anticipated pediatric patient contact.

HEPATITIS B VIRUS: Proof of serologic immunity to HBV or certification of immunization with a complete series of Hepatitis B vaccine.

TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST (PPD): Within one year of matriculation or, if history of a positive PPD reading exists, documentation of a chest X-ray.

POLIO VACCINE and booster dose.

Transcripts

Windsor University School of Medicine issues transcripts on request to all students who are currently or have previously been registered with the WUSOM. Students may request official copies of their transcript to be sent to other educational establishments including the ECFMG.

WUSOM charges 30 USD per transcript.

Students must complete and submit the Student Transcript Request Form to the Office of the Registrar. Student transcripts will be issued within 10 working days on submission of a completed request form. Students may request for unofficial 'student' copies of their transcripts for their own reference.

WUSOM reserves the right to deny transcript to any student not in good standing with the School.



WUSOM Graduation Requirements

1. Successfully completed all Basic Sciences courses.
2. Passed NBME, CBSE (and Passed Step 1 for US clerkship).
3. Completed 72 weeks of Clinical Clerkship Program:
4. Make sure you have completed all core clerkship rotation requirements (passing NBME shelf, end of rotation OSCE, Logs, Online assignments).
5. Require submission of filled and signed core and elective and selective rotation final evaluation forms.
6. All your evaluation forms must be complete and must include the following:
 - a. correct start and ending date
 - b. correct number of weeks
 - c. Hospitals, location and rotation name
 - d. Signature of the preceptor and hospital stamp
 - e. Completion and submission of the case report copies for all core and electives.
7. By the end of 72 weeks of clerkship program students must take and pass Exit Written examinations and Exit OSCE exam prior to graduation.
8. Fill out all required graduation forms.
9. Also complete clearance forms for borrowed library text books and housing.
10. Ensure that tuition fees are in good standing.
11. To avoid a last-minute search for the evaluation form, please always make sure that your clinical coordinator has received your evaluation form from the respective preceptors after your completion of each clerkship rotation. (Core, elective /selective).
12. All completed documents must be submitted to the Registrar's Office at documents@windsor.edu 8 weeks prior to graduation and please note that if any required document is missing, the clearance processing will be delayed.

CERTIFICATION FOR GRADUATION

The Registrar certifies that each candidate for graduation has completed all academic requirements and all administrative requirements of the institution. NO student may graduate who has outstanding fees or fines (i.e. tuition, loans, library books, parking fees or tickets). Final determination that the student has satisfied academic requirements rests with the Promotion Committee.



Three months prior to the commencement, the Registrar conducts a degree audit of the academic records of all candidates for the graduation. The week prior to commencement, students are required to come to the Registrar's Office for final certification.

Family Educational Rights And Privacy Act (FERPA)

WUSOM complies with requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) under which the following policies and procedures have been established. WUSOM accords all rights under the law to students who are declared independent. For the purpose of this policy, whenever a student has attained eighteen (18) years of age or is attending an institution of postsecondary education, the permission or consent required of and the rights accorded to the parents of the student shall thereafter only be required of and accorded to the student. Responsibility for protection of the privacy of student educational records rests primarily with the Registrar's Office.

Educational records are defined by FERPA to include records, files, documents, and other materials that contain information directly related to students and are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a person acting for such agency or institution. There are exceptions to this definition of educational records as published in the Guidelines For Postsecondary Institutions for Implementation of The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended, Revised Edition 1995, a publication of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Students' Access to Their Educational Records

All students have the right to review their educational records with the following exceptions as outlined by FERPA:

- Records which are developed by and are the sole possession of faculty, staff, and other personnel, and which are not accessible to other persons.
- Records created and maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other professional or paraprofessional acting in the capacity having to do with the treatment of a student. Note that such records may be reviewed personally by a physician or other appropriate professional of the student's choice.
- Records created and maintained by law enforcement units solely for law enforcement purposes and which are not made available to other persons except law enforcement officials of the same jurisdiction.
- Financial records of student's parents or any information contained therein.



- Confidential letters and statements of recommendations placed in the educational record of a student.
- An employment record which is used only in relation to the student's employment by the School except where an individual in attendance at the School is employed as a result of his/her status as a student.
- To review records, students and former students may go to the Registrar's Office, present a valid photo identification card and ask to review the record. If it is an inappropriate time to retrieve the record on short notice, students may be requested to complete a Request to Review Education Records form in the Registrar's Office.

Challenge of the Contents of Educational Records

Students may challenge information in their educational records that they believe to be incorrect, inaccurate, or inappropriate if they do so within one year of the term in question. This challenge must be in writing and must be submitted to the Registrar. The Registrar must decide within a reasonable period of time whether corrective action will be taken, and the Registrar must provide written notification to the student and the Student Services Officer of the corrective action that has been approved.

Students who are not provided full relief sought by their challenge must be referred to the Dean of Students who will inform them of their right to a formal hearing. Students must make their request for a formal hearing in writing to the Dean of Students.

The following procedures shall apply:

1. The hearing panel that will adjudicate such challenges will be the Admissions Committee and Registration Dept.
2. Within a reasonable period of time after receiving the written request for a hearing, the chairperson of the Admissions Committee and Registration Dept. must inform students of the date, place, and time of the hearing reasonably in advance of the hearing.
3. Students will be afforded a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issue raised. They may be assisted or represented at the hearing by one or more persons of their choice, including an attorney, at their expense.
4. Decisions made by the Admissions Committee and Registration Dept. must be in writing, must be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing, and must include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for the decision. The decision should be delivered in writing to both the student and the Dean of Students.



5. The Admissions and Records Office will correct or amend the educational record in accordance with the decision of the hearing if the decision is in favor of the student and inform the student in writing of the amendment.
6. Should WUSOM decide not to amend the record in accordance with the student's request, the Admissions and Records Personnel must inform the student of the following:
 - The student has the opportunity to place a statement with the educational record commenting on the information in the record or a statement setting forth any reason for disagreeing with the decision of the hearing.
 - The statement placed in the educational record by the student will be maintained as part of the record for as long as the record is held by WUSOM.
 - This record, when disclosed to an authorized party, must include the statement filed by the student.
 - Challenges to information in educational records will not be heard if more than one year has elapsed since the quarter in question.

Disclosure of Educational Record Information

WUSOM shall obtain written consent from students before disclosing any personally identifiable information from their educational records. Such written consent must: (a) specify the records to be released (b) state the purpose of the disclosure, (c) identify the party or class of parties to whom disclosure may be made, and (d) be signed and dated by the student.

FERPA states that certain information from the student records may be classified as "directory information."

The following information has been declared by WUSOM as "directory information:"

- Name of student
- Address, including email
- Telephone number
- Date/place of birth
- Major/fields of study
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Height/weight of athletic team members
- Dates of attendance
- Degrees and awards received
- Most recent educational institution attended
- Photographs



FERPA established rules stating that some personnel and agencies may have access to students' "educational records" without written consent of the students. WUSOM will disclose information from a student's educational record only with the written consent of the student *except* the following:

1. To school officials within the institution who have been determined by the School to have a legitimate educational interest in the records.
2. To school officials including counselors and instructors who are involved in counseling students, administrators who assist in counseling and who advise students with other problems, professional staff and clerical staff who directly relate to the administrative tasks of the School, school law enforcement officials, and school attorneys.
3. To a school official who has a legitimate educational interest if the official is performing a task that is specified in his or her position description or by a contractual agreement, performing a task related to a student's education or performing a task related to the discipline of a student. When doubt is raised about an individual's "need to know" or legitimate educational interest in having access to specific information, the issue shall be decided by the Dean of WUSOM.
4. In connection with a student's request for or receipt of financial aid, as necessary to determine the eligibility, amount, or conditions of the financial aid, or to enforce the terms and conditions of that aid.
5. To appropriate parties in a health or safety emergency subject to a determination by the Dean or School Deans.

WUSOM will maintain a record of all requests for the disclosure of information from a student's educational records. The record will indicate the name of the party making the request, any additional party to whom it may be re-disclosed, and the legitimate interest the party had in requesting or obtaining the information. The record may be reviewed by the eligible student.

Annual Notification of FERPA Rights:

WUSOM will give annual notice to current students, parents and faculty of student rights under the Act by email. Newly enrolled students are provided information on FERPA Rights during the Orientation Program in the beginning of the semester.



Academic Grievances

Students in the program have the right to fair hearing through grievance and appeals procedures. Academic grievances are handled by the Student Promotion Committee.

WUSOM endorses transparency in the conduction and evaluation of exams.

The reviewing of performances happens at various levels depending on the type and level of the examination.

For formative and summative quizzes, most of the subjects allow review of the answers and score on the Examsoft just after completing the quiz. OSCE examiners also provide immediate individual feedback on the performances just after the examination.

First Level of Review and Appeal

The grades in the module exams are displayed immediately after the examination on Examsoft and the course instructor or the director conducts a review of the questions in the classroom. Any question with wrong choices or conceptual error is eliminated and the exam is regarded. A similar review is conducted in the clinical clerkship by the respective preceptors.

Second Level of Review and Appeal

Students who are not satisfied with the first level can approach the Head of Department for resolution with respect to their examination or grade. The clinical clerkship student can appeal to the Associate Dean of Clinical for review and remediation.

Third and Final Level of Review and Appeal

Students who are not convinced with the remediation can approach the Dean of Student Affairs who may then refer the case to the Promotion Committee. The Promotion Committee will forward the decision to the Office of Student Affairs no later than 15 days after receipt of the appeal. The student can then approach the Academic Dean for the final review. The Academic Dean after due deliberation will provide a decision within 15 days of the appeal. The Academic Dean is the final body for appeal and no further appeal is entertained after the decision from the Academic Dean.

If the grade change is approved, the course director is ultimately responsible for reflecting the appropriate records to the Registrar's Office.

If a student's appeal is upheld and he/she is re-instated by the Academic Dean, the date of dismissal by the Student Promotion Committee and date of re-instatement will become part of the student's academic record.



WUSOM Professionalism and Disciplinary policy

Procedures for Concerns with Medical Student Professional Behavior

PURPOSE.

The purpose of the Procedures for Concerns with Medical Student Professional Behavior is to articulate the implementation of the regulations on Student Academic Misconduct and Standard of Student Conduct in Non-Academic Matters and regulations and procedures for resolution of complaints and appeals within the College of Medicine. This provides transparent processes for responding to concerns of lapses in professional behavior by medical students.

It is the expectation that students and members of the medical profession are held accountable to the same standards as professionals in the medical field. Specifically, both medical students and faculty will be expected to adhere to the same principles of professionalism. These procedures ensure that the undergraduate Medical Education program meets or exceeds the different Committee on Accreditation and ethical standards.

Learning Environment/Professionalism.

A medical school ensures that the learning environment of its medical education program is conducive to the ongoing development of explicit and appropriate professional behaviors in its medical students, faculty, and staff at all locations and is one in which all individuals are treated with respect. The medical school and its clinical affiliates share the responsibility for periodic evaluation of the learning environment in order to identify positive and negative influences on the maintenance of professional standards, implement appropriate strategies to enhance positive and mitigate negative influences, and identify and promptly correct violations of professional standards.

SCOPE

These procedures apply to instances in which undergraduate students registered in the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program at the Windsor University, irrespective of the geographically distributed site to which they are currently assigned, engage in behavior which is generally recognized as unprofessional.

Definitions

Reporter: A person who submits a report of unprofessional behavior. Typically, this will be a lecturer, Module/Course Director, Course Chair or Year 1–4 Chair/Site Coordinator. This may also include a staff member in the WUSOM or a clinical preceptor or other medical student or medical resident.



Respondent: A person alleged to have engaged in unprofessional behavior. This will typically be an undergraduate student registered in the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program at the Windsor University. Unprofessional behavior of medical students on visiting clinical electives will be reported to the clinical Associate Dean.

Minor Incident: An incident that has minimal consequence. Examples of unprofessional behavior include but are not limited to the following:

- Submitting an assignment late
- Arriving late for a mandatory lecture or clinical learning experience
- Missing a mandatory session
- Presenting an appearance that may not be perceived by patients as professional
- Using language in email, assignment, **or other communication that may be overly casual** or may be perceived as otherwise inappropriate or disrespectful
- Receiving or responding to feedback inappropriately
- Failing to promptly return phone calls and emails **or other communication related to** patient care.
- **Failing to follow the protocols established in the assigned hospitals and clinical learning** skill facilities at the Windsor University.
- Incidents of academic misconduct in which the reporter perceives that the student's misconduct was minor and unintentional due to a lack of understanding of expectations rather than intentional.

Major Incident

An incident that has the potential for serious consequences.

Examples of unprofessional behavior include but are not limited to the following:

- Failing to return phone calls and emails when patient care may be compromised
- Demonstrating a pattern of not responding to call for assistance (when on call or expected to be available)
- Failing to communicate, in a timely manner, absences due to illness or other reason
- Most incidents of academic misconduct, including lying or misrepresenting oneself including instances of academic dishonesty such as taking credit for someone else's ideas, plagiarism, cheating, and falsifying information (research data, grades, assessment results)
- Posting patient information on a social networking website



- Sharing patient information in a public space
- Engaging in inappropriate and/or offensive communication with colleagues
- Inappropriate communication whether on social media/ internet, in person, or by other means including shaming others publicly, exhibiting uncontrolled anger, displaying inappropriate pictures from research, education, or clinical settings through social media
- Inappropriate communication might also include the use of unacceptable words, images, or actions such as profane or disrespectful language, inappropriate labels, or name-calling, patronizing and insulting remarks, intimidating gestures such as slamming doors or throwing things.
- Uncooperative behaviors, whether intentional or not, such as repeated refusals to comply with known and accepted practice standards.
- Refusal to work collaboratively with colleagues, staff, patients, and faculty.

Critical Incident

An incident which has direct harmful consequences or is an egregious breach of well-recognized standards. Examples include but are not limited to the following:

- Physically or sexually assaulting a patient.
- Being sexually inappropriate with a patient or co-worker or colleague.
- Unwelcome and inappropriate verbal, written, graphic or physical conduct, or coercive behavior, where the behavior is known or reasonably ought to be known to be unwelcome.
- Unauthorized release of confidential information including identifiable personal data of a research participant, a patient's health information or other breach of personal information, privacy policy, and law such as Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy.
- Inappropriately accessing or using a co-worker, learner, research participant or patient's personal information.

Guiding Principles

In the teaching and learning of Medicine, professionalism is a core academic competency and is continuously assessed throughout the undergraduate medical education program. Clinical courses include professionalism as a component to be taught and assessed. These procedures are not intended to override course-related assessment processes or documentation. The primary intention of these procedures is to provide an effective mechanism for the early identification of students who need assistance with their professional development so that appropriate remediation can be implemented to support their successful completion of the program. They should be considered when unprofessional conduct is identified that is outside the developmental norms for a student's cohort.



The secondary intention of these procedures is to assist with crucial academic decisions when remediation is unsuccessful or inappropriate.

These procedures cover most allegations of unprofessional behaviors that occur in academic or clinical settings or other work placements or that are related to the student's area of professional study and are informed by the following **guiding principles**:

- Respect for others.
- Professionals demonstrate consideration and respect for others including patients, their families and support persons, colleagues, classmates, teachers, other professionals, and the public.
- We don't allow our conduct to negatively impact on others' learning or clinical activities.
- We don't discriminate against others on the basis of age, race, color, ancestry, place of origin, ethnicity, political beliefs, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
- We demonstrate respect for the dignity and rights of patients and their families or support persons, taking into account their diversities, both in their presence and in discussion with other members of the health care team.
- We accept and promote patient autonomy in decision-making, and when the patient lacks capacity, we consult with and appropriately take direction from surrogate decision-makers.
- We respect the personal boundaries of others and refrain from making unwanted or inappropriate romantic or sexual overtures towards others.
- We communicate respectfully with others both verbally and in writing.
- We respect the privacy and confidentiality of those to whom we owe that duty.

Honesty and integrity

Professionals demonstrate adherence to the highest standards of personal, professional, and academic honesty and integrity.

- We communicate with others truthfully verbally and in writing
- We don't falsify documents or records
- We acknowledge and manage conflicts of interest appropriately, avoiding conflicts of interest, real or apparent, whenever there is potential detriment to others
- We admit and disclose errors
- We make accurate records of conversations, histories, physical findings, and other information pertinent to patient care



- We don't engage in plagiarism nor do we give or receive assistance during an examination or in completion of an assignment unless such is expressly permitted
- We conduct research in an ethical manner, analyzing and reporting results accurately and fairly
- We credit the ideas and work of others appropriately and fairly

Compassion and empathy

Professionals demonstrate compassion and empathy for those in distress and especially for patients, their families and support persons.

- We demonstrate effective listening
- We are aware of and respectful of others' differences and respond appropriately to their needs
- We show compassion and provide support for patients, their families, and support persons dealing with illness and/or dying

Duty and responsibility

- Professionals acknowledge their duties to patients, their profession and society and accept the responsibilities that flow from these duties.
- We attend to patients' best interests and wellbeing as the first priority.
- We work cooperatively with others for the benefit of our patients and contribute to a healthy working environment for all.
- We make equitable and prudent use of health care resources under our control.
- We are responsible to society for matters relating to public health.
- We recognize and adhere appropriately to policies, codes, guidelines and laws that govern us and our work.
- We participate in the process of self-regulation of the profession.
- We address misconduct, incompetence, or behaviors that put patients or others at risk.
- We share resources and expertise and assume responsibility for our portion of a fairly distributed workload; where issues of fair distribution arise, we act most immediately in the patient's best interests and seek to resolve issues of fairness through appropriate channels.
- We respond in an appropriate, non-judgmental, and non-demeaning manner when our expertise is sought.
- We don't take advantage of colleagues, learners, patients, their families, or support persons or others for emotional, financial, sexual, or other personal purposes, and we conduct research and educational activities with these groups only with appropriate informed consent.



- We fulfil commitments, meet deadlines and are punctual particularly where these behaviors have significant impact on others; where we're unable to do so, we communicate the same appropriately to mitigate any negative impacts.
- We engage in lifelong learning, maintain clinical competence, **and strive for continuous** quality improvement.
- We take appropriate and necessary responsibility for our personal health and wellbeing.
- We recognize our own limitations and seek assistance appropriately.
- We display dress, behavior, and demeanor in the educational and healthcare setting according to appropriate pedagogical, clinical, or safety standards.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Dean of Student Affairs and the Professionalism and Disciplinary Committee are responsible for the oversight and implementation of the Procedure for Concerns with Medical Student Professional Behavior.

SPECIFIC PROCEDURE

Reporting a Minor Incident

Many cases of alleged unprofessional conduct on the part of students result from misunderstanding or lack of familiarity with the expected standards. Examples of minor incidents are indicated as follows.

A case of this kind can often be addressed through an informal meeting with the student (respondent) by a reporter who first identifies the issue. Generally, a conversation and feedback may be sufficient although it may also be reasonable to expect that the student will address the issue in a manner mutually agreed upon.

- The reporter will document the discussion with the student and complete an Informal Discussion Form.
- The student will be provided a copy in order to document their understanding of the discussion.
- The Informal Discussion Form will be submitted to the Professionalism and Disciplinary Committee Chair and Dean of Student Affairs who will maintain a confidential file of these forms.
- At the end of the Academic Year, the Professionalism and Disciplinary Committee Chair and Dean of Student Affairs will provide to the Dean's office and the Informal Discussion Forms that had been incurred by the students that have not met the threshold for a Professionalism



Concern Form. This would include students who have received two or less Informal Discussion Forms.

- This information will not be forwarded to subsequent Year Chairs but may be used to identify a pattern of behavior. Should a pattern of behavior be identified, the student will be contacted by the Dean of Student Affairs who will initiate necessary actions for the concerned issue.
- If a student incurs multiple (three or more) Informal Discussion Forms of a similar type (e.g. late assignments) or multiple (three or more) Informal Discussion Forms of different types (e.g. 1 late assignment, several episodes of being late for lectures and 1 missed mandatory session), then the Professionalism and Disciplinary Committee Chair will meet with the student.
- The Chair will document the meeting and will complete a Professionalism Concern Form. The student will have an opportunity to include a comment in the report. The Professionalism Concern Form will be submitted to the Dean of Student Affairs. The report will be placed on the student's professionalism file. No further action will occur at that time.

If a student incurs a subsequent minor incident after receiving a Professionalism Concern Form, the Professionalism and Disciplinary Committee Chair will submit a second Professionalism Concern Form. The Dean of Student Affairs will inform the student that a consultation about the matter will be made with the Professionalism Panel. The Panel will meet to determine whether a Formal Professionalism Hearing is required. If the Panel determines that a Formal Hearing is not required, the student will be notified and will have a meeting with the Dean of Student Affairs. The student will receive a note indicating the discussion and identified plan resulting from the meeting. If the Panel determines that a Formal Hearing is required, then the student will be notified, and a Hearing will be held.

Reporting a Major Incident

A Major Incident is one that has the potential for serious consequences for patients, peers, staff, and faculty. A Major Incident might also include incidents that have the potential to damage the reputation of the School of Medicine. Examples of Major Incidents can be found in **Definitions**. When a student is alleged to have engaged in a Major Incident, the reporter submits an Informal Discussion Form to the Professionalism and Disciplinary Committee Chair who will subsequently meet with the student to discuss the incident.

- The Professionalism and Disciplinary Committee Chair will document the meeting and will complete a Professionalism Concern Form. The student will have an opportunity to include a comment in the report. The Professionalism Concern Form will be submitted to the Dean of Student Affairs.



- The Dean of Student Affairs will inform the student that a consultation about the matter will be made to the Professionalism Panel. The Panel will meet to determine whether a Formal Professionalism Hearing is required.
- If the Panel determines that a Formal Hearing is not required, the student will be notified will have a meeting with the Dean of Student Affairs.
- If the Panel determines that a Formal Hearing is required, then the student will be notified, and a Hearing will be held.



Reporting a Critical Incident

A Critical Incident is an incident which has direct harmful consequences or is an egregious breach of well-recognized standards. Because of the nature of the incidents as evidenced by the examples identified in **Definitions**, the reporting of a Critical Incident is anticipated to follow most closely the processes utilized in **Student Handbook Disciplinary Policy of Windsor University**. The procedure for reporting a Critical Incident is shown in X Specific Procedure.

- When a student is alleged to have engaged in a Critical Incident, the reporter submits a Professionalism Concern Form to the Dean of Student Affairs who will then file a formal complaint pursuant to the Disciplinary Committee of Windsor University.
- If the Critical Incident has the potential to significantly impact the safety or wellbeing of others, particularly patients, the clinical Associate Dean and the Dean of Student Affairs may interrupt the participation of the student in clinical activities pending investigation of the allegations. In such cases, the Professionalism Panel would proceed as quickly as possible and, as soon as safety is established, would communicate to the clinical Associate Dean that the student can resume clinical activities.

Process for a formal hearing of the Professionalism panel

All Panel proceedings should be based on sound principles to ensure a fair hearing within a reasonably short period of time. The respondent is to be treated as innocent until proven guilty and there must be the both the perception and reality that all hearings are fair and transparent. The primary goal of the process should be educational, leading to the successful remediation of unprofessional conduct and the subsequent successful completion of the program. The Panel is to receive the evidence, determine the validity of the allegation and, if warranted, determine, implement and monitor appropriate remedial action. The Panel will also determine whether there should be academic repercussions. Where possible, the Panel will meet within four weeks from receipt of the Professionalism Concern Form.

- The Dean of Student Affairs will write to the respondent as soon as possible informing him/her of the allegation, the date and place of his/her meeting with the Panel, and the Panel membership so that potential conflicts of interest can be identified. This notice will consist of both a letter to the respondent's current postal address on file with the University and an email to the respondent's email account.



- The respondent will be provided with approximately 2 weeks' notice of the meeting date. All information provided to the Panel in writing in advance of the meeting by any party should be shared in advance with the other parties appearing before the Panel in advance of the meeting.
- The Professionalism Panel is composed of a chairperson who is an MD faculty member and two members of the faculty of the University. The Panel maintains its own records, separate from respondents' academic files. The chairperson is an ex-officio member of the Student Academic Management Committee.
- The Panel will meet with the respondent and the reporter at the same time.
- The Panel may, at its discretion, meet with any other person who, in the opinion of the board, can provide relevant evidence bearing on the matter.

The Panel may set its own procedures. A suggested order of proceeding is as follows:

- The reporter outlines the evidence before the Panel followed by questions and points of clarification asked by the Panel members.
- The respondent is then allowed to express his/her side of the question followed again by questions and points of clarification asked by the Panel members.
- Questions for clarification purposes may then be asked through the Panel Chair by the respondent and by the reporter. After all questions have been answered and all points made, the Panel will meet on camera to decide on the question of validity and, if valid, an appropriate response/remediation plan.
- The decision and plan, if applicable, will be communicated to the respondent and the reporter in writing as soon as possible after the hearing.
- At the hearing, the respondent has the right to be accompanied by another person of his/her choice.
- The Office of Student Affairs is available for this purpose, but the respondent may make a different choice. This may include a class representative who may serve as support or character reference.
- Similarly, the reporter may be accompanied by a person of his/her choice. On request, the Dean will provide information and assistance in the identification of a suitable escort who is familiar with the procedures associated with this policy.
- If the respondent does not respond to the written/email notification of the hearing, refuses to appear before the Panel, or does not attend the hearing, the Panel has the right to proceed with the hearing. It is obviously in the respondent's interests to be present for the hearing, but the Panel should not be prevented from holding a hearing because the respondent has not appeared.



- In circumstances in which the reporter is particularly vulnerable, the Chair of the Professionalism Panel may, at his/her discretion, permit the reporter to name a proxy to act on the reporter's behalf.
- When a set of circumstances has led to allegations of unprofessional conduct against two or more respondents, the investigation may include an opportunity for any or all of the respondents to be interviewed separately.
- In a case where the unprofessional conduct is ascribed to a group of students, the Panel will try to determine if one person is responsible, or whether varying degrees of responsibility can be delineated. If individual responsibility cannot be determined, the whole group may be sanctioned.

If a majority of members of a Panel conclude that the allegation of unprofessional conduct is supported by the evidence before the Panel, **it may recommend one or more of the following responses:**

- That a remediation plan specific to the issues at hand be implemented, to be developed and monitored by the Panel.
- That there be a referral for assessment of possible medical and/or psychosocial issues at play to be reported back to the Panel for further action and/or referral as necessary.
- That there be a record of the event(s) placed in the respondent's academic file for use in the Medical Student Performance Record.
- That the respondent be required to repeat the year of the MD program during which the unprofessional conduct was identified.
- That the respondent be suspended from the program for a specified period of time.
- That the respondent be expelled from the University; or
- That the conferral of a degree, diploma, or certificate be postponed, denied, or revoked.

When determining the appropriate response, the Panel will take into account responses imposed for similar unprofessional conduct as recorded by the Associate Dean. It is intended that most incidents be addressed in a remedial fashion without adverse impact on the respondent's academic progress or record. However, repeated and refractory unprofessional conduct or single incidents of particularly egregious conduct may lead to the recommendation for academic repercussions as delineated above. When a Panel concludes that an allegation is not supported by the evidence, the report will state the same. A recommendation of a Panel is deemed to have been adopted unless it is appealed.

Appeals Process

A respondent who has appeared before the Professional Panel for Minor or Major Incidents and who has had an action recommended may appeal the recommendation of the Professionalism Panel by



delivering a notice of appeal to the Dean of Student Affairs within 15 days from the date a copy of the Panel report was delivered to the respondent. The Dean of Student Affairs will send a request to the Chair of the Academic Appeals Committee to hear the appeal. The Academic Appeals Committee will hear the appeal within 15 days to consider the appeal.

Professionalism Files

Professionalism files are securely stored, in physical or electronic format, in the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Medical Education. They are retained for the entire duration of a medical student's academic program and are destroyed two years after a student's graduation, dismissal, withdrawal, or death.

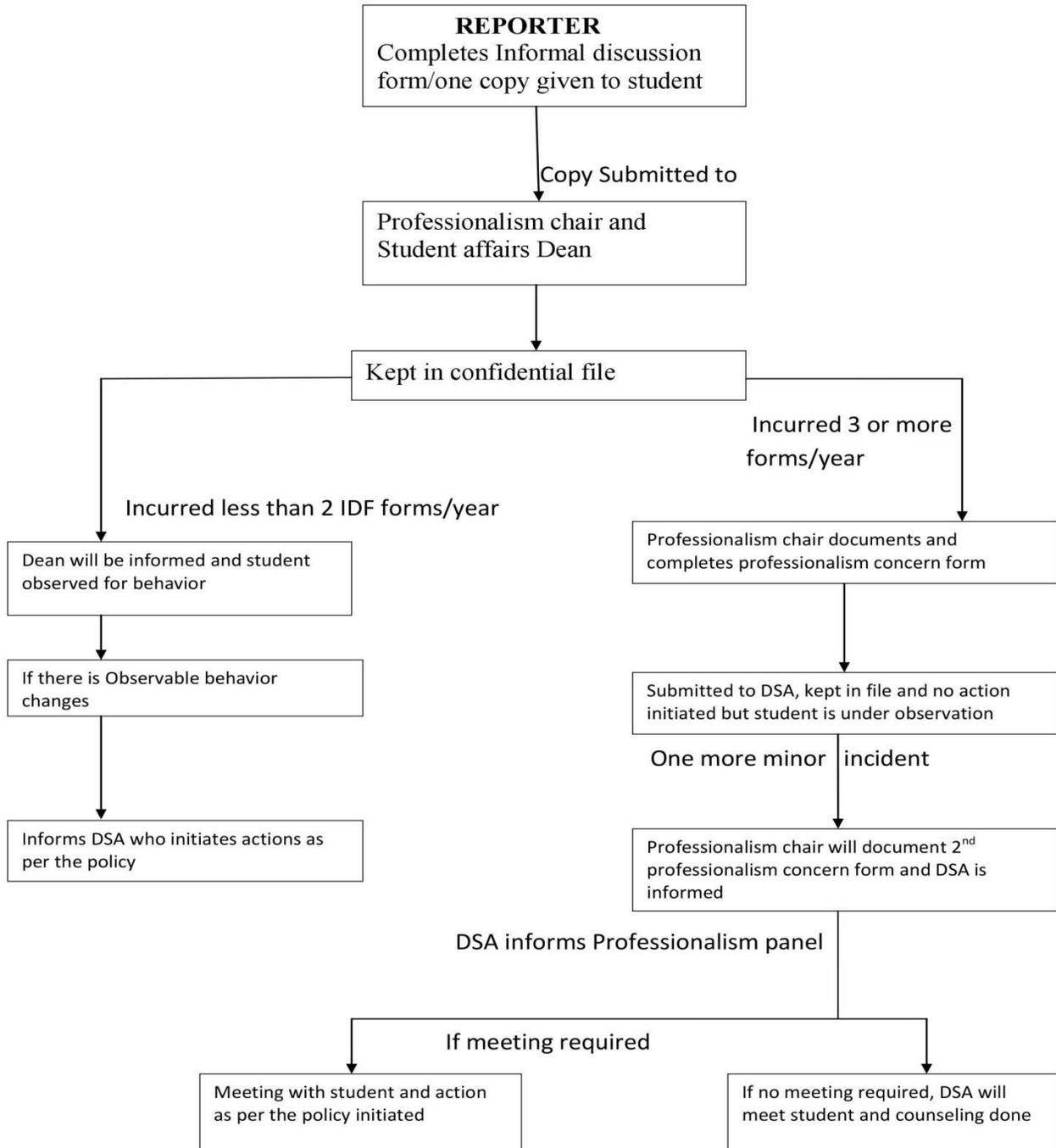
Communicating the Procedures

Windsor University will communicate the Procedure for Concern with Medical Student Professional Behavior to faculty, staff, and students by ensuring that up-to-date versions of this procedure are publicly available on the University website. Furthermore, the Students Affairs Office shall further communicate this procedure by providing a written copy of this document to medical students in their first-year orientation package.

- Forms/Templates to be used
- Informal Discussion Form
- Professionalism Concern Form

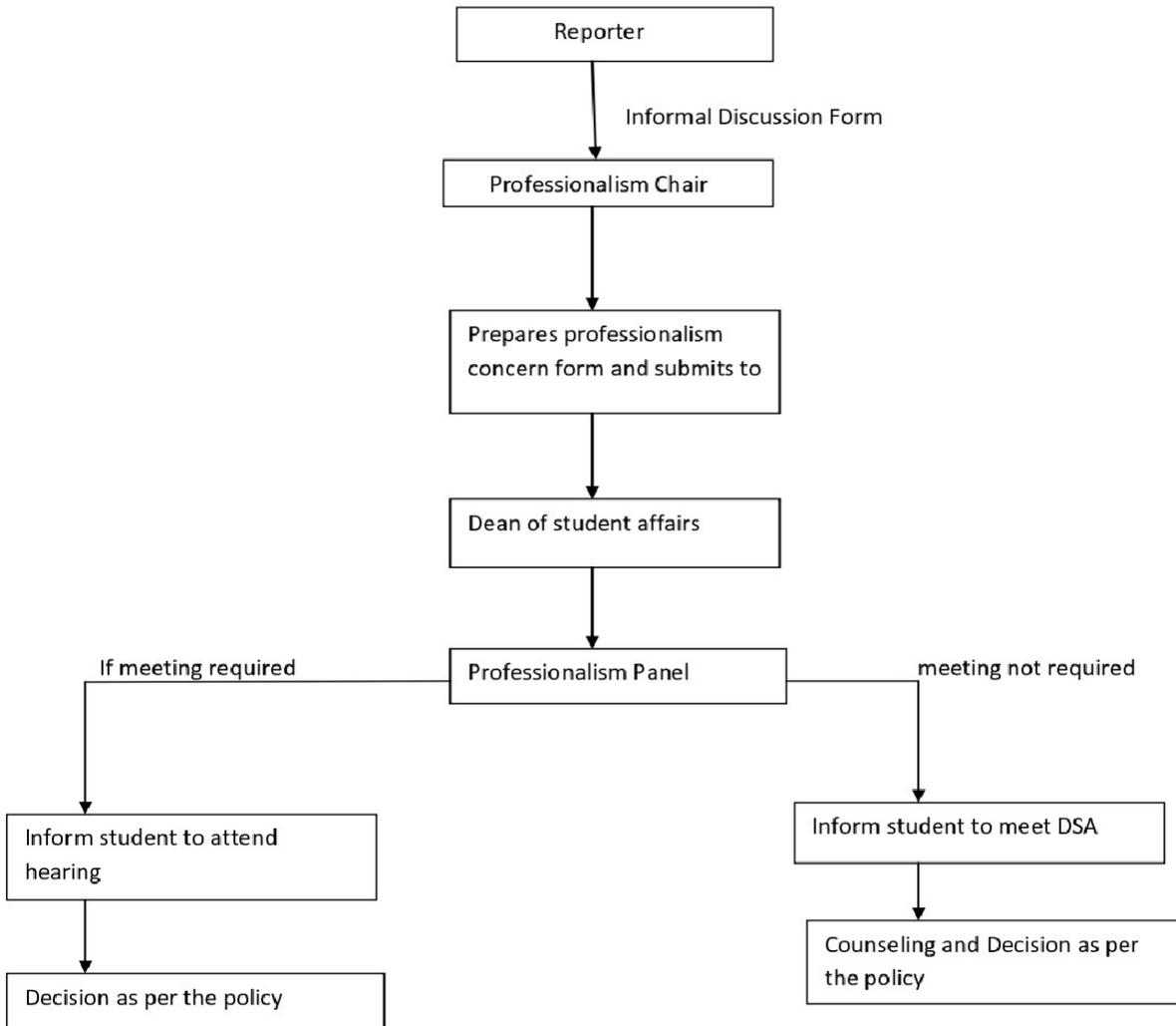


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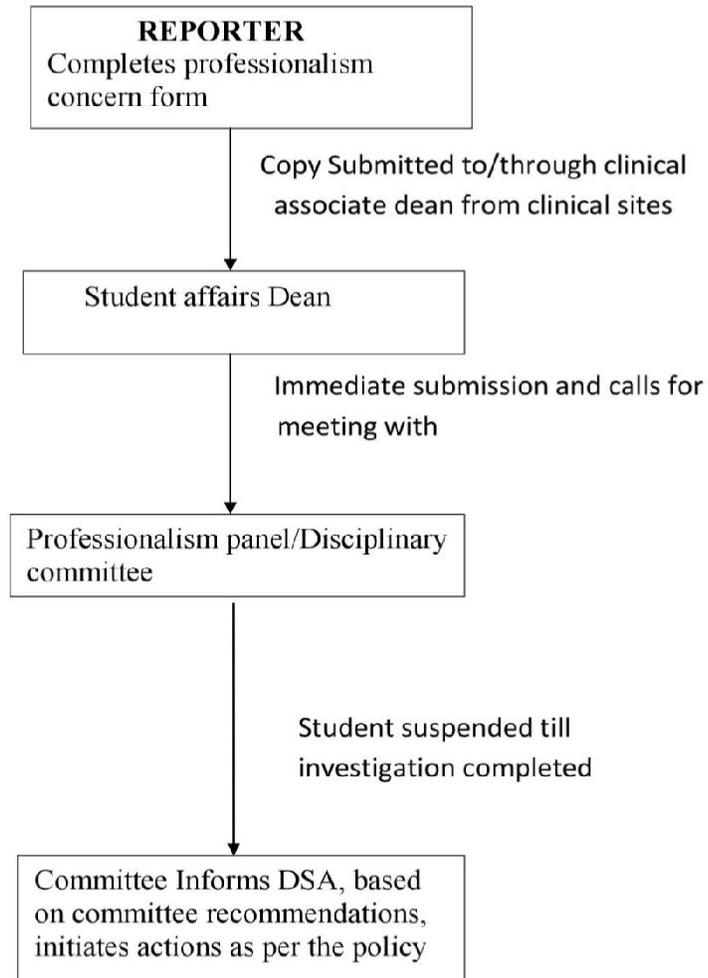


REPORTING AND PROCESS INVOLVED IN MAJOR INCIDENT.





REPORTING AND PROCESS INVOLVED IN CRITICAL INCIDENT.





Positive learning environment and student grievance policy.

I. Statement of Policy

The purpose of this policy is to enhance the learning environment for students at WUSOM. As our institution adapts to a rapidly changing healthcare environment, we must support an atmosphere in which learning is encouraged and the roles of all participants in the system are respected and valued. Institutionally, we have an ethical responsibility both to affirm our aspirations for a positive learning environment and to specify procedures in case of mistreatment of trainees.

Characteristics of a Positive Learning Environment

In accordance with the standards set by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the learning environment of the medical education program should be “conducive to the ongoing development of explicit and appropriate professional behaviors in its medical students, faculty and staff at all training locations” whether in the classroom, laboratory, or clinical settings, and “is one in which all individuals are treated with respect.” As such, WUSOM recognizes that each member of the medical school community should be accepted as an autonomous individual and treated civilly and with respect.

Definition of Mistreatment

The American Association of Medical Colleges states, “Mistreatment, either intentional or unintentional, occurs when behavior shows disrespect for the dignity of others and unreasonably interferes with the learning process.” Examples of mistreatment include public belittlement or humiliation; verbal abuse (for example, speaking to or about a person in an intimidating or bullying manner); physical harm or the threat of physical harm; requests to perform personal services; being subject to offensive sexist remarks or being subjected to unwanted sexual advances (verbal or physical); retaliation or threats of retaliation against students; discrimination or harassment based on race, religion, ethnicity, sex, age, or sexual orientation; and the use of grading or other forms of assessment in a punitive or discriminatory manner.



Avoidance of Mistreatment

In addition to support of a positive learning environment, we are committed to the avoidance of mistreatment of students and other trainees. We support University policy that prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, and veteran status and also prohibits physical and verbal abuse. We specifically wish to prohibit the following kinds of behaviors which harm the learning environment.

- Disrespect for patients on account of age, gender, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, body habitus, appearance, socioeconomic status, or any other personal attributes.
- Disrespect for students, residents, other trainees, staff or faculty on account of age, gender, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, appearance.
- Excluding students from core learning experiences on the basis of their specialty preferences.
- Threatening physical harm or assaulting students, residents, staff, or attendings.
- Asking students, residents, other trainees, staff or attendings for sexual favors.
- Evaluating or supervising any enrolled student with whom the supervisor/evaluator has an amorous relationship or with whom he or she is related to by blood, law, or marriage.
- Requiring students, residents, staff or attendings to perform personal services (e.g., shopping, babysitting).
- Publicly humiliating patients, students, residents, other trainees, staff, or faculty.
- Retaliation for making an allegation of mistreatment. Such actions are contrary to the spirit of learning, violate the trust between teacher and learner, and will not be tolerated by the School of Medicine.

II. Procedure-Reporting Mistreatment or other learning environment concerns

Anyone who experiences or witnesses an incident of student mistreatment is encouraged to make a report utilizing the Grievance Reporting Form. This form could be filled and submitted to the Chair of the Grievance Committee or the Dean of Student Affairs. Following thorough inquiry into the matter, appropriate notifications will be made and actions taken in accordance with applicable University, campus, college, departmental, and/or site policies and procedures.

Informal Pathways:

A student may discuss an incident or concern with mentor, preceptor, or course/clerkship director, who may be able to help the student achieve an informal resolution. In addition, these individuals may be able to provide assistance in the form of counseling, coaching, or directing the student to appropriate school authorities.



It is recommended that the student contact the Dean of Student Affairs to discuss the available options for addressing a concern about mistreatment. The Dean will handle each matter discretely and make every effort to resolve the incident.

Formal Pathways:

Students who chose to make a formal report or complaint of an incident of possible mistreatment may do so by submitting a written complaint to the Dean for Student Affairs.

Students who want to report anonymously and/or confidentially can do so but requesting anonymity or confidentiality should be aware that this may limit the School's ability to investigate an incident.

If a student chooses to pursue a formal complaint, student must be willing to be identified to the person against whom the complaint is directed.

Process for Resolution of Formal Complaints

After receiving a formal complaint of mistreatment, the Dean of Student Affairs along with recommendations of the Academic Dean may convene Positive Learning Environment (PLE) Committee to conduct an inquiry into the allegations and make a recommendation regarding further action.

The PLE Committee will evaluate available materials and may interview appropriate persons, including the complainant and the respondent. The PLE Committee will prepare a written report summarizing its findings and recommendations and the Dean of Student Affairs and Academic Dean will rely on the committee's recommendations to take definite decision.

The Dean will inform the parties of the determination regarding further action within 10 days of receipt of the PLE Committee's report. If the PLE Committee recommends corrective action, the Dean may attempt to resolve the complaint informally with mutual agreement of the parties involved or may refer the matter to an appropriate grievance procedure within the University.

If there is an existing University policy that addresses the behavior of concern, the procedures dictated by that policy will be employed.

The status of the offending party will also inform the process for further action. For example, if the offending party is a faculty member, further action will be pursued through faculty affairs for addressing faculty behavior. In the case of a non-academic staff, the Dean will consult with the Human Resources Department regarding the appropriate steps for further action.



The Dean is authorized to take any actions on behalf of the WUSOM that he or she deems necessary to protect the complainant and/or the respondent pending the investigation and resolution of a complaint.

Protection from Retaliation:

Retaliation against any member of the School community who comes forward with a complaint or concern is prohibited. If an individual believes that he/she is being subjected to retaliation as a result of coming forward with a concern or a complaint, he/she should refer the matter to the Academic Dean.

If there is a case against a student for a possible breach of code of conduct, then a committee will be formed to recommend a suitable disciplinary action who shall inquire into the alleged violation and accordingly suggest the action to be taken against the said student. The committee may meet with the student to ascertain the misconduct and suggest one or more of the following disciplinary actions based on the nature of misconduct.

WARNING: Indicating that the action of the said delinquent student was in violation of the Code and any further acts of misconduct shall result in severe disciplinary action.

RESTRICTIONS: Reprimanding and restricting access to various facilities on the campus for a specified period of time.

However, any future misconduct along with failure to comply with any conditions imposed may lead to severe disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion.

MONETARY PENALTY: May also include suspension or forfeiture of scholarship/fellowship for a specific time period.

SUSPENSION: A student may be suspended for a specified period of time which will entail prohibition on participating in student-related activities, classes, programs, etc. Additionally, the student will be forbidden to use various WUSOM facilities unless permission is obtained from the competent authority. Suspension may also follow by possible dismissal along with the following additional penalties.

Ineligibility to reapply for admission to the WUSOM for a period of three years, and withholding the grade card or certificate for the courses studied or work carried out.

EXPULSION: Expulsion of student from WUSOM permanently. Indicating prohibition from entering the WUSOM premises or participating in any student-related activities or campus residences etc.



Appeal

If the delinquent student is aggrieved by the imposition of any of the aforementioned penalties, he/she may appeal to the Dean. The Dean may decide on one of the following:

I accept the recommendation of the committee and impose the punishment as suggested by the Committee or modify and impose any of the punishments as stipulated in this Code which is commensurate with the gravity of the proved misconduct

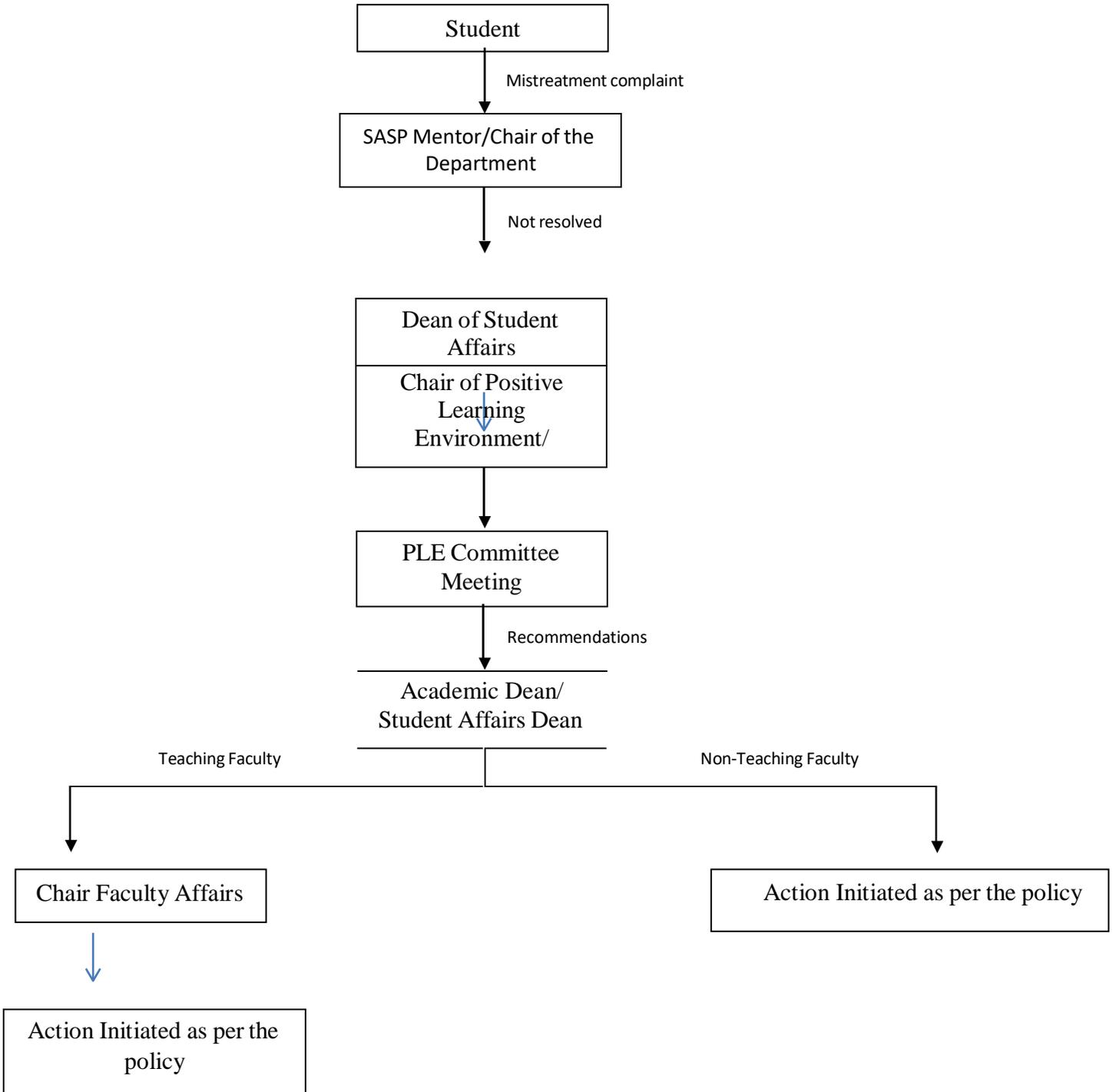
Or

Refer the case back to the committee for reconsideration.

In any case, the Dean's decision is final and binding in all the cases where there is a possible misconduct by a student.



Procedure for Student Mistreatment Policy





CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

MD1-MD5: Course overview:

	MODULE NAME	WEEKS	CREDIT HOURS
MD1	FOUNDATION OF NORMAL PROCESS I & Module Directors		
	FBS100 Fundamentals Of Basic Sciences I	3	4
	MSK101 Musculoskeletal And Integumentary System I	4	6
	CRS102 Cardiovascular, Respiratory And Hematologic System I	6	8
	ICM104 Introduction To Clinical Medicine I (ICM 1)	13	2
	GEN103 Medical Genetics	13	3
	FTR105 Frontiers I (PBMR I, RPIGS & ETHICS)	13	1
MD2	FOUNDATION OF NORMAL PROCESS II		
	GHS201 GI And Hepatobiliary System I	3	4
	ERS202 Endocrine And Reproductive System I	4	6
	RNS203 Renal And Nervous System I	6	7
	ICM204 Introduction To Clinical Medicine II (ICM 2 will be taught in sequence with the organ systems being covered)	13	1
	NEU206 Neuroscience (Theme)	13	5
	FTR205 Frontiers II (PBMR-Journal club)	13	1
MD3	FOUNDATION OF ABNORMAL PROCESS I		
	FBS301 Fundamentals Of Basic Sciences II	4	6
	NIS302 Neoplasia And Immune System	4	6
	CHS303 Cardiovascular And Hematologic System II	5	7
	ICM304 Introduction To Clinical Medicine III (ICM will be taught in sequence with the organ system being covered)	13	2
	FTR305 Frontiers III (PBMR-Group project, community medicine, and Biostatistics)	13	2



MD4	FOUNDATION OF ABNORMAL PROCESS II		
	RNS401 Respiratory And Nervous System II	3	5
	GHS402 Gi & Hepatobiliary System II	3	5
	ERS403 Endocrine And Reproductive System II	3	5
	RMS406 Renal And Musculoskeletal System II	4	6
	ICM404 Introduction to Clinical Medicine IV (ICM will be taught in sequence with the organ system being ICM covered)	13	2
	FTR405 FRONTIERS IV (PBMR-Group project)	13	2
MD 5	Comprehensive integration of clinical judgment (Basic Sciences review and AICM) Frontiers- Capstone Individual research project	13	12

BASIC SCIENCES CURRICULUM

The Basic Sciences Curriculum at Windsor School of Medicine is delivered through 13 systemic modules which is designed to allow students to get an overall understanding of each course. More importantly, it addresses the relationship of each course content to one another and integrates with Introduction to Clinical Medicine (ICM) which will lead to a stronger foundation for learning more advanced content throughout the program. Combining or learning courses in relation to each other leads to more meaningful learning and greater retention. As you proceed eventually into the clinical program, this firm background of knowledge and understanding will serve you well. Clinicians, at times, depend on a clear understanding of how each of these subjects relates to each other. The Basic Sciences will also have themes (Frontiers and ICM) which will be covered throughout the Years 1 and 2.

“FRONTIERS” will comprise research covered under principles of biomedical research and topics related to the role of physicians in a global society, public health, epidemiology, and biostatistics. It will be an important component of the curriculum which will be covered over Years 1 and 2.

“INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL MEDICINE” will be covered and integrated with each module. It will cover the clinical aspects, including history-taking and examination, of the relevant systems across all the modules covered in Years 1 and 2. Medical ethics will also be covered as part of this theme.

FOUNDATION OF NORMAL PROCESS



The modules covered in the first half of the Basic Sciences curriculum are termed as “FOUNDATION OF NORMAL PROCESS” which basically covers the normal structure, function, and biochemical aspects of various systems and is covered over 7 modules. The following courses are selected because together they serve as the foundation of the normal process: anatomy and embryology, physiology, histology, cell biology, biochemistry, and genetics.

MD1; FOUNDATION OF NORMAL PROCESS I:

This comprises of three modules: Fundamentals of Basic Sciences I, Musculoskeletal and Integumentary System I, Cardiovascular and Hematologic System I, and Respiratory System I.

FUNDAMENTALS OF BASIC SCIENCES I

This module serves as an introduction to the fundamentals of medical sciences. In this context, students will be introduced to cell biology, the general principles of anatomy, physiology, and biochemistry. The cell biology component will comprise cellular organelles and function, the cell cycle and its regulation, cytoskeleton, and the process of apoptosis. Students will be introduced to the concepts of gamete formation and fertilization up to the various phases of fetal development. Students will also learn the physiological and biochemical aspects of homeostasis, body fluid compartments, cell membrane transport, and action potential. Enzyme kinetics and carbohydrates will also be addressed. In general, this module provides the basic concepts and information, which will help students learn the following modules within an organ system approach. Frontier courses and the course in ICM I will run parallel to the modules.

MUSCULOSKELETAL AND INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM I

This module, with the help of lectures and active sessions, covers the understanding of structure, development, and function of the musculoskeletal system. It addresses the upper and the lower limb musculoskeletal structures along with its blood and nerve supply and lymphatic drainage. Students will also be able to learn the structure of basic tissues and types of epithelium, connective tissue, and bones. It provides students with an understanding of nerve muscle physiology in terms of generation of the action potential, excitation-contraction coupling, and its applied aspects. It also explains the biochemical mechanisms related to musculoskeletal system viz. glycolysis, Krebs cycle, and oxidative phosphorylation. All these topics are integrated with clinical examinations of upper limb, lower limb and joints in ICM I throughout the module. Students also learn DNA replication, transcription, and translation of proteins as well as the regulation of gene expression and recombinant DNA technologies and applications of transgenic, gene therapy, and cloning.

CARDIOVASCULAR AND RESPIRATORY SYSTEM I



This module is designed to facilitate the learning of normal processes related to the cardiovascular and respiratory system. This is achieved by integrating the knowledge of anatomy, histology, embryology, physiology, and biochemistry.

Part 1: Cardiovascular and hematologic system I

This module covers the mediastinum, intercostal space with coronary and intercostal arteries, in addition to hematopoiesis, blood cells, and the histology of cardiac muscle, arteries, and veins. Concurrently, students learn the development of heart and blood vessels along with fetal circulation. Students will also acquire the knowledge of physiological processes of cardiac and pacemaker action potential, cardiac conduction, cardiac cycle, cardiac output, ECG, hemodynamics, hemostasis, and blood grouping along with its application. The module also addresses the energy sources and metabolism in cardiac muscle, glycogen metabolism, gluconeogenesis, metabolism of monosaccharides besides cell signaling, molecular genetics, and inherited genetic diseases. The knowledge acquired in this module will be the foundation to understand the abnormal process (or diseases) related to the cardiovascular and hemostatic system in the higher semesters. The objectives of the module will be covered through lectures and various active learning sessions over a period of 4 weeks.

Part 2: Respiratory system I

The module also covers the structural details of lungs and pleura along with the development of nasal cavity, paranasal sinuses, diaphragm, and respiratory system as a whole including the related congenital anomalies. The understanding of histology of trachea, bronchi and bronchioles, alveoli, pneumocytes, and associated pathologies will be ensured through lectures and laboratory exercises. The students will also develop a concept of mechanics of breathing, lung volume and capacities, gas exchange at lung and tissue level, transport of oxygen and carbon dioxide, regulation of respiration and the integrated response of the respiratory system to different physiological conditions such as high altitude, hyperbaric environment, etc. The chemistry, biosynthesis, and catabolism of hemoglobin will be covered along with hemoglobinopathies and liver function tests. The cell signaling pathways and signal transduction will help the students understand the drug development process and pharmacogenetics. Therefore, this module is an essential foundation to diagnose and manage respiratory disorders. The objectives of the module will be covered through lectures and various active learning sessions over a period of 2 weeks. ICM and Frontiers–Ethics and Principles of Biomedical Research (PBMR) will run parallel to the modules.



MD2; FOUNDATION OF NORMAL PROCESS II:

This comprises of three modules: GI And Hepatobiliary System I, Endocrine And Reproductive System I and Renal And Nervous System I.

GI AND HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM I

This module will acquaint you with the fundamental knowledge related to normal structure and function of the gastrointestinal system along with the hepatobiliary system. You will be able understand and apply the knowledge of development, gross anatomy, histology, and physiological and biochemical processes related to these system in clinical cases. This module also imparts you the basic skills on H&P examination of patient presenting with gastrointestinal problems. To impart basic science knowledge to the students, the program uses didactic lectures, clinical case discussion, and laboratory experience. These methods are geared not only to help students acquire basic science knowledge but to also be able to apply the acquired knowledge in clinical settings.

ENDOCRINE AND REPRODUCTIVE I

This module, with the help of lectures and active sessions, covers the understanding of all the endocrine glands, their secretion, and male and female reproductive systems. It addresses the structure related to pelvis, perineum, and male–female genitalia. Students will develop a concept of embryonic development of endocrine glands, male and female external genitalia, and anomalies of genitor-urinary development. Students will also be able to learn the histology of different endocrine glands and reproductive structures. It provides students with an understanding of the mechanism of secretion, actions of endocrine hormones, and features related to their hyper- and hyposecretion. The functional aspects of male and female reproductive physiology will be covered along with the physiological changes occurring in puberty. It also covers the metabolism of cholesterol, amino acids, and vitamins along with the related diseases. ICM II and Frontier courses such as Principles of Biomedical Research II will run parallel to the module.

RENAL AND NERVOUS SYSTEM I

The Renal and Nervous System I module is an integration of anatomy, embryology, physiology, histology, and biochemistry to help the student understand the structure, function, and biochemical aspect of the renal and nervous system.



Part I: The Renal System I

The early part of this module covers the development and structure of kidney, ureter, bladder, and urethra. It covers the physiology of urine formation and students learn the concepts of important physiological processes in the nephron: glomerular filtration, reabsorption, and tubular secretion. It emphasizes on the mechanism of urine concentration and dilution and the process of micturition. Students will learn about body fluid and water balance and acid-base balance and how the kidney handles electrolytes.

Part II: The Nervous System I

The second part of the module covers regional anatomy and histology of the head and neck. It covers the structure of cranial nerves and blood supply of the head and neck and as well as its applied aspects. It also covers sense organs such as eye, ear, tongue, and nose. Students also learn the development of the nervous system from the formation of the neural tube and its transformation to forebrain, mid-, and hind brain development. It also addresses the types, clinical aspects, and causes of neural tube defects.

ICM covers sensory and motor examination as well as examination of cranial nerves, eye, and ear. Biochemistry will introduce students to amino acids, metabolism of amino acids, and structural organization of the proteins and their catabolism. It also covers conditions associated with defects of structural proteins: collagen disorders, osteogenesis imperfecta, and elastase deficiency. By-products of DNA and metabolism of purines and pyrimidines are also covered.

FOUNDATION OF ABNORMAL PROCESS

The modules covered in the second half of the Basic Sciences curriculum are termed as “FOUNDATION OF ABNORMAL PROCESS” which basically covers the abnormal structure, function and microbiological aspects of various systems and is covered over 7 modules. The following courses are selected because together they serve as the foundation of the abnormal process: Pathology, Pharmacology, Microbiology, and Behavioral Science.

MD3; FOUNDATION OF ABNORMAL PROCESS I:

This comprises of three modules: Fundamentals Of Basic Sciences II, Neoplasia And Immune System and Cardiovascular And Hematologic System II.

FUNDAMENTALS OF BASIC SCIENCES II

This module provides an introduction to the “FOUNDATION OF ABNORMAL PROCESS” wherein the students with the help of lectures and active learning sessions will be introduced to the



fundamentals of Basic Sciences courses; Pathology, Pharmacology, and Microbiology. In this module, students will learn cellular adaptations, inflammation, hemodynamic disorders, and pathological aspects of genetic disorders and various modes of environmental exposure. In this module, the student will also learn general aspects of pharmacology which include pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and pharmacogenetics. Pharmacology of the autonomic nervous system and related drugs will be addressed. The general aspects of autonomic drugs and their effects on various organ systems will be discussed. General aspects, structure, and lab diagnosis of bacteria, virus, fungi, helminths, and protozoa will be discussed. This will also cover the overview of the mechanism of action and resistance to the important class of antimicrobials.

NEOPLASIA AND IMMUNOLOGY

Neoplasia and immune system module with the help of lectures and active learning sessions introduces students to the molecular basis, types, and clinical aspects of neoplasia. It also discusses the pharmacological aspects of anticancer drugs including strategies to prevent their toxicity. This module will cover all the aspects of the immune system which includes types, role in inflammatory and hypersensitivity response, the role of cytokines, complement system, MHC, steps of antigen recognition, and types and functions of antibodies. This module will also address related topics including but not limited to immunization, transplantation, and immunodeficiency diseases. It covers clinical aspects and pathophysiology of autoimmune diseases and the role of immunosuppressants. Students will learn the pathophysiology of migraine, rheumatoid arthritis and gout, and pharmacotherapy. It will also help students understand drugs interacting through histamine, serotonin, bradykinin, and prostaglandins including Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs).

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM AND HEMATOLOGIC SYSTEM II

This module is designed to facilitate the learning of abnormal processes related to the cardiovascular and hematologic system. This is achieved by integrating the knowledge of cardiovascular pathology with treatment aspects in pharmacology and cardiovascular pathogens in Microbiology. This module covers the classification, etiopathogenesis of anemia including hemoglobin, and membrane defects. Pharmacotherapy of hematopoietic disorders will be covered. It also covers neoplastic aspects of blood disorders: acute and chronic leukemia, Hodgkin's and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and plasma cell neoplasms. Pathophysiology of cardiovascular conditions such as hypertension, atherosclerosis, congestive heart disorder, myocardial infarction, valvular heart disease, myocarditis, cardiomyopathy and types, rheumatic fever, congenital heart disease, and pericarditis will be covered. Concurrently, pharmacotherapy of the cardiovascular disorders will be addressed. The module also addresses the



pathogens involved in cardiovascular disorders. ICM will cover the focused H&P examination of the cardiovascular system. The objectives of the module will be covered through lectures and various active learning sessions over a period of 5 weeks. ICM and Frontiers–Biostatistics and Preventive Medicine will run parallel to the modules.

MD4; FOUNDATION OF ABNORMAL PROCESS II:

This comprises of four modules: Respiratory And Nervous System II, GI And Hepatobiliary System II, Endocrine And Reproductive System II and Renal And Musculoskeletal System II.

RESPIRATORY AND NERVOUS SYSTEM II

PART I: RESPIRATORY SYSTEM II

The first part of the module focuses on the pathologic basis of respiratory disorders: obstructive and restrictive lung diseases, infectious lung disease, neoplastic disease, acute respiratory failure, atelectasis, diffuse pulmonary hemorrhage, and pulmonary hypertension. This module covers microbiological aspects of infection caused by bacteria, viruses, and fungi involving the respiratory system. It addresses the pharmacotherapy of important respiratory disorders: bronchial asthma and COPD and also covers antitussives and the role of mucokinetics and mucolytics. ICM covers the focused history and systematic physical examination of the respiratory system.

PART II: CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM II

The second part of the module focuses on the pathologic basis of CNS disorders: Stroke, congenital malformations, demyelinating diseases, and neurodegenerative diseases. It also covers the pharmacological aspects of drugs used in the treatment of epilepsy and neurodegenerative diseases. It also addresses the role of opioid analgesics in pain management and pharmacology of general and local anesthetics. In addition, it also introduces the important microorganisms that infect CNS. ICM covers the focused history and systematic neurological examination.

The respiratory and nervous systems module content is delivered through interactive lectures and active learning sessions over a period of 3 weeks.

GI AND HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM II

The Gastrointestinal and Hepatobiliary System II module focuses on the pathologic basis of oral cavity and salivary gland disorders, esophageal disorders, gastric disorders, small and large intestinal disorders (including colonic adenocarcinoma and carcinoid tumors), jaundice and cholestasis, hepatic failure, cirrhosis, alcoholic liver disease, obstructive biliary tract disorders and hepatic tumors, acute and chronic cholecystitis, pancreatitis, and pancreatic adenocarcinoma. It also covers the



pharmacological aspects of antiemetics/laxatives, antidiarrheal drugs, and drugs used in peptic ulcer disease. In addition, it also introduces the important microorganisms that infect the gastrointestinal tract and hepatobiliary system. ICM covers the focused history and systematic physical examination of the abdomen and oral cavity. The module content is delivered through interactive lectures and active learning sessions over a period of 3 weeks.

ENDOCRINE AND REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM II

This module, with the help of lectures and active sessions, covers the understanding of the pathology of all the endocrine glands, their secretion, and male and female reproductive systems. It covers the pathophysiology of benign and malignant reproductive and pregnancy-related disorders and pharmacology of various hormones and its analogs and antagonists in hormonal disorders/hormone-responsive tumors. It also introduces students to the pathophysiology of the pituitary, hypothalamic, thyroid, parathyroid, and adrenal disorders, and pharmacology of structural analogs and related drugs associated with these disorders. It discusses the pharmacotherapy of diabetes mellitus and discusses various insulin preparations and other antidiabetic drugs. It also covers drugs related to sex hormones and pharmacology of contraceptives. It addresses microbiological, clinical aspects, prevention, and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases. (HSV 2 and HPV, candidiasis, trichomoniasis, vaginosis, chancroid, donovanosis, gonorrhoea, chlamydia trachomatis, syphilis, and LGV). During this module, students will learn to take a focused history and examination associated with the reproductive system in ICM IV.

RENAL AND MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM II

This module covers pathological aspects of disorders of the renal system including nephritic and nephrotic syndrome, nephrolithiasis, and tumors of the bladder and kidney. It also addresses the pathophysiology and microbiological aspects of organisms associated with UTI and pyelonephritis. It also covers microbiological aspects of infections involving bone, muscles, and skin and discusses the pathophysiology and pharmacotherapy of disorders of musculoskeletal and integumentary disorders. It also covers general principles of antibiotic therapy and pharmacology of antibacterials, antiviral, antifungals, antiprotozoal, and anthelmintic. ICM will focus on focused H&P examination of disorders related to renal, musculoskeletal, and integumentary systems. The objectives of the module will be covered through lectures and various active learning sessions over a period of 4 weeks.



ELECTIVES

Electives are offered to Basic Sciences students during the first two years of the four-year medical program. The objective is to provide a structured learning experience in diverse clinical and scholarly areas. This gives students the opportunity to integrate Basic Sciences knowledge into clinical areas and may provide a transition into clinical medicine specialties. These elective courses provide enhanced value to the WUSOM curriculum.

Electives are offered by various departments and coordinated through the Office of the Dean. All elective courses mandate 100% attendance to meet licensing and certification requirements. In addition, there are additional fees, costs and equipment requirements to participate.

MEDICAL SPANISH

In this one-credit elective, students attend three lectures about orientation of the course including healthcare systems in St. Kitts, history-taking, and communication skills. Students attend the clinics under the guidance of a Medical Officer. They participate in taking history from patients and observe the examination of these patients followed by discussions with the attending physician. They are required to keep a log of their activities and submit one detailed case history.

STUDENTS FOR HEALTH–COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Windsor University School of Medicine (WUSOM) has partnered with St. Kitts government, the Ministry of Health to provide volunteer student run health clinics as a free community service to the citizens of St. Kitts and the local community. Students for Health (SFH) volunteers are representatives of not only WUSOM but of their respective countries; there is an expectation that all WUSOM students treat everyone with respect, dignity, and manners in public and project an image of professionalism at all times since we are a guest in their country.

SFH exists to help bridge the gap between medical theory and medical practice by introducing WUSOM students to the clinical environment before they step into a hospital. Actual patient interaction allows students to build their confidence and improve interviewing/history-taking skills and fluidity of the patient-doctor interaction and physical examination.

In addition, students have a forum to utilize and familiarize themselves with basic medical tools by taking blood pressure readings, heart rate, respiratory rate, BMI, performing heart and pulmonary auscultations, percussion, and tactile fremitus. The SFH clinic experience allows students to practice a physical examination while integrating their History and Physical (H&P) interview by applying fundamental patient confidentiality, ethics, and HIPAA practices to administrative charting.



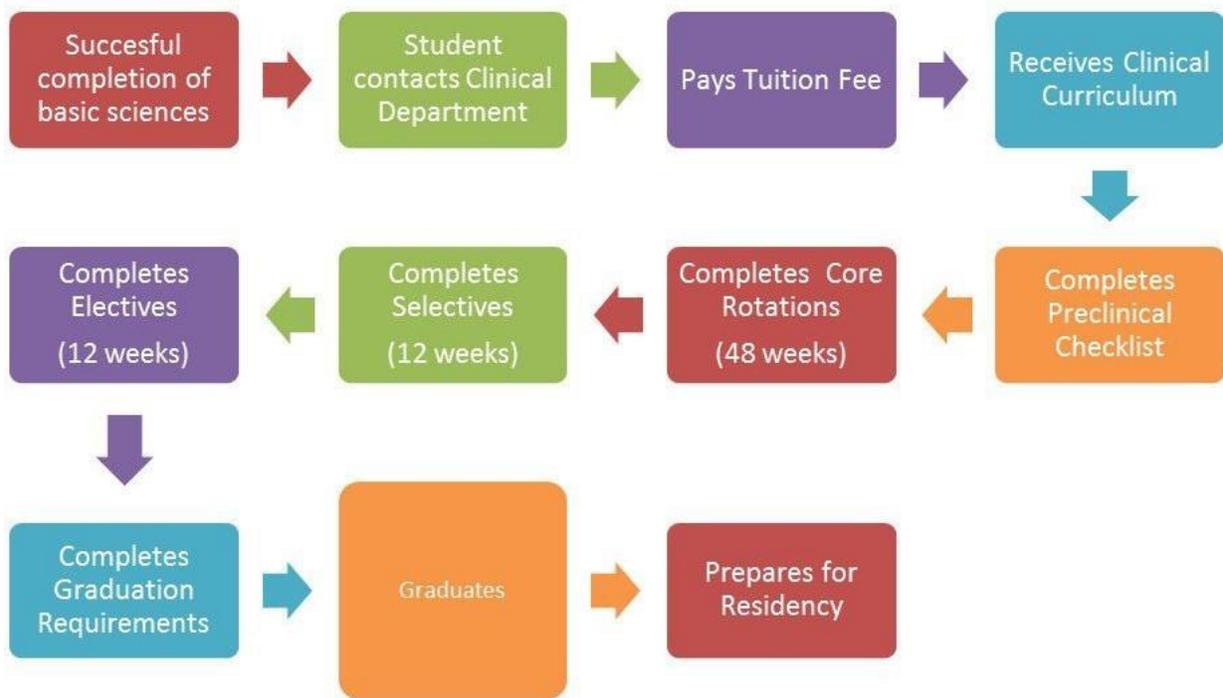
This one-credit elective opportunity differs from WUSOM volunteer extracurricular activity by increased participation hours in the community and supplemental class lectures and presentation.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS)

This elective is offered at two levels: Advanced Level for students who are health care professionals; Basic Level for all other students. During this course, students will enhance their knowledge and skills necessary to efficiently and effectively manage patients who are affected by acute emergency cases. Students will learn current BLS algorithmic approaches to managing patients from both a cognitive and skills-based approach using didactic presentations, interactive skills stations, and case scenarios. The BLS selective covers the skills necessary for rapid assessment, resuscitation, stabilization, and treatment or transportation of unconscious patients. Emphasized are the evaluation steps, sequencing and techniques for resuscitation, and packaging a patient. Realistic simulations reinforce the key concepts such as proficiency in BLS care, basic airway, chest decompression. Students who successfully pass both the skills-based and written evaluation will be awarded BLS certification.



CLINICAL SCIENCES



CLINICAL CLERKSHIPS: MD 6-10

After successfully completing Basic Sciences, Windsor students are eligible to enter Clinical Clerkships. There are 48 weeks of required clinical core clerkships and 24 weeks of electives. The core clerkships in medicine, surgery, pediatrics, family medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, and psychiatry are the basic areas of medical practice about which all physicians need to be knowledgeable. Participation in these clerkships also provides students with an understanding of the various specializations in medicine.

The required core clerkships for 48 weeks are as follows:

CORE ROTATIONS: 48 WEEKS

- 12 weeks of Internal Medicine
- 12 weeks of Surgery
- 6 weeks of Obstetrics & Gynecology
- 6 weeks of Family Medicine
- 6 weeks of Pediatrics
- 6 weeks of Psychiatry



SELECTIVES AND ELECTIVES: 24 WEEKS.

The 24 additional weeks are spent in elective clerkships and mandatory selective clerkships; these must include twelve additional weeks clerkship in medicine, as arranged by you, which may be spent in general medicine or in medical or surgical subspecialties.

Twelve additional weeks in mandatory electives: four weeks in preventive medicine; four weeks in community medicine; four weeks of research. All electives are to be arranged as additional private financial arrangements with various medical training institutions or clinical coordinators.

Selective Rotations: (12 weeks: 3 x 4 weeks)

Preventive Medicine (Required 4 weeks in Nutrition, Geriatrics, Genetic Counseling, Occupational Health, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Allergy/Immunology, Infectious Disease)

Community Medicine: (Required 4 weeks in Public Health, Child, or Adult Protective Services, Family Medicine, Rural Medicine, Addiction Medicine, Palliative Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Urgent Care)

Research: (Required 4 weeks)

Elective Rotations: (12 weeks: 3 x 4 weeks)

Medical specialties: Cardiology, Nephrology, Neurology, Geriatrics, Hematology and Oncology, Infectious Disease, Pain Management, Geriatrics, Emergency Medicine, Radiology, Dermatology, Pulmonology, Urgent Care, Gastroenterology, Pathology, and Anesthesiology

Surgical specialties: Orthopedics, Urology, Neurosurgery, Trauma Surgery, Cardiothoracic surgery, Vascular Surgery, Plastic surgery, ENT, & Ophthalmology.

Medical Licensure

ECFMG Certification

The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) is the agency that registers foreign medical students for the purpose of taking the USMLE Steps 1, USMLE Step 2 CK, CS, and USMLE Step 3. Passing USMLE Steps 1–3 is a requirement for licensure in the United States. To qualify to sit for the USMLE exams, students must be certified by Windsor University as “officially enrolled.”

On the ECFMG certification form, students must authorize ECFMG to provide examinee-specific USMLE performance data to Windsor University, including whether the examinee passed the exam and the examinee’s numerical scores on the two-digit and three-digit scales. Windsor has an interest



in receiving accurate and timely student performance data for accreditation, state approvals, and licensure, and curriculum evaluation. Therefore, each student must authorize ECFMG to deliver his/her examination results to Windsor University School of Medicine as condition to Windsor University certifying the student as “officially enrolled.”

COMMITTEES

Medical Curriculum Committee

The Medical Curriculum Committee(MCC) is responsible for integrated institutional responsibility for the design, management, and evaluation of a coherent and coordinated curriculum which is structured in order designed to achieve the School’s overall educational objectives, the content and format of the academic program. It is aided by four sub committees:

- A. Basic Sciences Curriculum Subcommittee (BSCS)**
- B. Clinical Sciences Curriculum Subcommittee (CSCS)**
- C. Assessment and Evaluation subcommittee (AES)**
- D. Instructional Technology and Library Subcommittee(ITC):**

Positive Learning Environment Committee

Student complaints or problems which were not solved at the level of Office of Dean of Student Affairs may be referred to the Positive Learning Environment Committee for official review.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

- 1. Three faculty members,
- 2. Two student members and
- 3. The Committee Chair.

Student Promotion Committee

The Evaluation and Promotion Committee handles all matters regarding student examinations, revision and publishing grading policy, and promotion policy. This committee looks into Academic Grievance and appeals.



FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

Function 1: To monitor the academic cognitive performance and professionalism characteristics of the first two years of medical students and identify deficiencies in individual students during this process to refer those to the Office of Dean of Student Affairs and other resources that can help them resolve their academic problems. Another function is to recognize outstanding performance as well.

Function 2: To consider, at the end of each semester, each medical student for one of the following recommendations:

1. Promotion to the next semester
2. Repetition of each module/courses failed
3. Repetition of the semester if failed two or more modules/courses in particular semester
4. Promoted but placed into next semester with reduced credit load based on recommendations of Promotions Committee
5. Dismissal from the School of Medicine

Function 3: To recommend to the Dean of the School of Medicine one of the actions described in the previous section for each student.

Function 4: To design the academic program for each student in academic probation, while repeating courses.

Function 5: To consider other issues concerning the academic performance and academic non-cognitive factors of students during their first two years of medical study.

Function 6: To establish and maintain policies that ensure students formal due process with regard to their evaluation and promotion.

Faculty Development And Affairs

The Faculty Development Committee (FDC) supports the development of junior, mid-career, and senior faculty. The resources, models, and information we provide will help you be successful and productive in your teaching, research, and service endeavors.

The Committee is responsible for planning events; priorities will include orienting new faculty to the culture and resources of the University; advising assistant and associate professors who strive for tenure and/or promotion; sponsoring training that applies advanced technology for improved teaching; connecting faculty across disciplines for innovative research and scholarship; and encouraging professors to connect their teaching with service learning opportunities for their students and themselves.



Research Committee

The mission of the Research and Research Education Committee is to provide Windsor's students and faculty a vibrant academic environment supportive of team-based education, with a focus on evidence-based medicine and advancing health care. The committee is responsible for directing and supporting several graduate courses aimed at providing Windsor's students the tools and opportunities for conducting biomedical research and writing scientific articles. It also provides the faculty with the environment and support for establishing and maintaining research programs and student mentoring opportunities. The Committee helps in coordinating the program's diverse missions including the following:

1. Directing the biomedical research course for MD2 and MD3 students entitled "Principals of Biomedical Research."
2. Directing the research-focused Journal Club for MD2 students.
3. Directing the MD 6-10 Research Rotation course.
4. Directing Windsor's Research Seminar and Grand Rounds Series.
5. Directing Windsor's Research Day.
6. Directing Windsor's Adjunct Professorship Program and recruiting internationally renowned researchers to the program.
7. Providing a mechanism to support faculty in developing research and scholarly activities.

Admissions Committee

The governance of the Admissions Committee consists of the Chair and members. The Chair and members of the Admissions Committee are appointed by the Dean. The Admissions Committee is responsible for prioritizing the selection of applicants and reviewing recommendations for new membership to for the MD program. The Committee is also responsible to constitute workgroup committees to evaluate and study admissions related issues. The Admissions Committee is composed of number of basic science and clinical science faculties and student representatives.



STUDENT SERVICES

Student Counseling Services

Windsor University School of Medicine has a robust Academic Advising Program which is run under the umbrella of the SASP which includes a variety of other student support services. The SASP is directly under the supervision of the Office of Student Affairs.

The details of this program can be looked up in the “Handbook for SASP”

Academic Advising is the cornerstone for any successful medical school. Windsor University strongly believes in this philosophy and gives great emphasis on this area of educational environment. The mission of Office of Student Affairs is to offer Counseling Services to create an environment that fosters student growth, development, and psychological wellbeing.

The Office for Student Affairs is the central support resource throughout a student's medical school career. Academic and career counseling is readily available to students as they experience the rigorous curriculum of medical education.

Academic Advisement

Advisors and mentors play an essential role in guiding students successfully through medical school. At different stages during the four years, both faculty and peer advisors help students maintain a balanced, long-term perspective while they are immersed in the program. The WUSOM advising program is centered through the system of student academics. Advisors can help connect students with resources such as tutoring and other support services.

WUSOM has a 3-tier Academic Advisory for medical students:

1. Personal Academic Advising
2. Course-Based/Subject-based Academic Advising
3. Other additional advising which includes
 - i. Career Counseling
 - ii. Peer tutoring
 - iii. Additional resources



For further information, please refer to the SASP handbook.

Office hours for guidance and counseling are
Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Student Health Center

The Student Health Clinic supports the successful academic careers of Windsor students by providing access to quality health services and by promoting positive health outcomes. The Student Health Clinic addresses the physical, mental, emotional, and social health needs of WUSOM students while using authorized confidential and ethical procedures. The clinic provides treatment of minor and self-limiting illnesses such as the following:

- cold and flu
- sinus infections
- allergies
- minor injuries, burns and rashes
- pink eye
- sore throat
- headaches
- fungal/bacterial infections
- sprains and strains
- bronchitis
- ear infections
- urinary tract infections
- diarrhoea and intestinal infections

The Student Health Clinic also provides preventive care including health screenings and physical examinations and teaches Windsor patients positive health behaviors and skills needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Counseling is available for students with emotional or social needs where they may seek help to recognize and cope with stressful situations. Students are referred to off-campus health care providers for treatments that are not provided by the Center.



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Library Services

The present library is located on the first floor of the new block. The library is fully air conditioned and has tables, computers with internet facility, and electric plug points for student laptops and can accommodate up to 150 students at any time. Reference texts and computers with internet access are provided. The library has high speed broadband internet through Wi-Fi access.

The library is open until 11:00p.m. and buses are provided to drop students to respective areas including their apartments at night, ensuring their safety and security.

Bookstore

Bookstore services on the campus provide textbooks and supplies for purchase by students. The campus bookstore is located on the ground floor of the admin block. The bookstore maintains textbooks for select courses, stationary supplies, computers, and a wide variety of books.

Campus Transportation

WUSOM seeks to provide a convenient, safe, and efficient transportation system for students, staff, and visitors. The campus bus service is dedicated to serving the campus community with accessible routes to various student accommodations. Major routes include student-housing areas: Frigate Bay, Bird Rock, and Lime Kiln. Free student parking services are available throughout the academic year. Parking lots are made to accommodate vehicles of students, faculty, and visitors. In addition, WUSOM provides a convenient and easy walkway to its campus buildings.

All student-related activities requiring transportation from the School campuses must be supervised by the appropriate School personnel. Use of school vehicles must be requested in advance and approved in writing by the Dean of Students. No one will be permitted to travel without written approval. In case of emergencies while travelling, the faculty advisor must do whatever is necessary to guarantee that students receive any required medical attention.

Contact: transportation@windsor.edu



Safety And Security

To help ensure a safe, healthy, and secure campus environment, the University has established comprehensive safety and security programs. These efforts are promoted by the Dean in the following University safety policy. It is the goal of the University and its employees to ensure that our educational programs and all other activities protect and promote the health and safety of our students, employees, patients, campus visitors, and the environment.

PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY

IN CASE OF FIRE

MINOR FIRES: A minor fire is one that can be brought under control with a fire extinguisher. Persons encountering a minor fire on the campus should first activate the nearest fire alarm to begin immediate evacuation of the facility. All faculty, staff, and students are strongly advised to follow the School's emergency protocol in a calm and orderly fashion.

After activating the fire alarm, the person who discovered the fire should proceed to the nearest fire extinguisher and use it to extinguish the fire in accordance with the basic operating regulations printed on the extinguisher.

MAJOR FIRES: A major fire is one that cannot be brought under control single-handedly with a fire extinguisher. Persons encountering a major fire should first activate the nearest fire alarm to begin immediate evacuation of the facility. They should then dial 911, identify themselves, and give the location of the fire.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the Office of Public Relations will issue a statement on all local radio and television stations. Students are encouraged to use their own judgment and refrain from taking risks if they are in areas vulnerable to flooding or other natural disasters. Policies and procedures for responding to inclement weather are as follows:

HURRICANE AND RELATED FLOODING

A hurricane watch is issued whenever a hurricane becomes a threat. Persons in the area of the watch should listen for further advisories and be prepared to act promptly if a hurricane warning is issued. When the campus area is threatened by the effects of a hurricane, the following *steps* should be taken:



- Keep a battery-operated radio tuned to a local station and follow the instructions. Remain calm, follow evacuation directives, and move out of the structure to designated higher grounds.
- Turn off all utilities, do not touch any electrical equipment unless it is in a dry area, and avoid the use of telephones.
- Avoid travel in automobiles or vehicles of any kind since roads may be washed away by flood waters and rapidly rising waters could carry the vehicle away.
- People trapped in a structure by rapidly rising flood waters should move to the top floor or roof of the structure and wait for help. They should not attempt to swim to safety.
- People should not be fooled if the "eye" of the hurricane passes over the campus. There will be a lull in the winds lasting from five to thirty or more minutes, and at the other side of the "eye" the winds will increase rapidly to hurricane force and will come from the opposite direction.
- Once a hurricane has passed, people should remain inside until informed by authorities that it is safe to leave.
- People should keep their radios tuned to local stations for updates and other vital information.
- Stay out of disaster areas since sightseeing interferes with essential rescue and recovery work and may be dangerous as well.
- Avoid loose or dangling wires and report them immediately to the authorities.
- Make a conscious effort to prevent fires since decreased water pressure may make fire-fighting difficult.

TERRORIST THREATS

In the event of a pending terrorist threat, the person receiving the complaint should notify the campus police/security or call 911 immediately. The threat level will be immediately evaluated to determine what steps will be taken to protect faculty, staff, students, and campus property.

Students With Disabilities

Counseling, tutorial, and other support services are also available upon request for students with disabilities.

The School of Medicine is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to students with documented disabilities in accordance with school policies. It is important that students, faculty, and staff understand their roles in the accommodation process and that any disability-related information remains confidential. All documentation recorded as part of the student's health record is confidential and will not be included as part of the student's permanent academic file.



Students with disabilities have the same rights and responsibilities as others student enrolled at WUSOM. Special assistance will be provided as needed to help students with disabilities reach their full potential in meeting program/course requirements. The purpose of this grievance procedure is to assure that no student is denied access to the institution. Contact a counselor or the Office of Student Services on your campus for more information.

The School of Medicine is committed to meeting the special needs of students within established legal and institutional guidelines. However, the integrity of the medical curriculum, and the required mental and physical capabilities to fulfil the obligation of that education must be sustained. The employment of an intermediary potentially compromises a student's judgment and their acquisition of powers of selection and observation and is probably unacceptable.

PROCEDURES:

The Admissions Committee with Student Affairs Office determines reasonable accommodations on an individualized case-by-case basis based on appropriate documentation from a medical professional. Students will be required to provide written documentation from a certified health professional describing their medical conditions as well as the professional's recommendation of a reasonable accommodation. The Admission Committee with the Dean of Student Affairs will review the medical documentation provided by a certified health professional, consult with relevant academic personnel, the student, and medical professionals to determine reasonable accommodations where appropriate.

Publications

The School publishes the following publications:

1. WINDSOR INSIGHT

The mission of **Windsor Insight** is to publish the highest quality work which elucidates and assists the Windsor Community in academic development relevant to current and best practices in medical education, medical research, and organizational structure. We provide a forum for the sharing of ideas and serve as a means of communication for the diverse Windsor Community thereby creating an environment of continuous academic development. We encourage students to come forward and learn and understand the concepts of research and skills of writing manuscripts from the beginning of their medical journey. We publish one edition every semester.

2. SASP Handbook.

A comprehensive guide on student academic counseling and other services at WUSOM. It is a must-have handbook for all WUSOM students and faculty and supplements the information on the Student Handbook.



STUDENT CONDUCT

Code Of Conduct

Windsor University students are embarking on a career in a profession which requires high standards of ethical conduct and honesty of its members. It is expected that each student will respect the academic environment of the medical community and make a personal commitment to abide by our honor code exemplifying a standard of behavior which will form a firm basis for future professional conduct. This commitment implies avoidance of any form of dishonesty or misrepresentation as well as the demonstration of respect for the rights and wellbeing of others including students, faculty, staff, patients as well as their families and friends, student research, and members of the community. It also implies a responsibility to take positive action to ensure that others' failure to comply with these standards is not permitted.

Students are expected at all times to

- A. Act with professionalism and with academic and personal integrity
- B. Respect and promote the dignity of all persons
- C. Respect the policies of the University community and the rights of its members both on and off campus as well as the just laws of the civic community and the rights of its members
- D. Support the personal, professional, academic, and vocational development of the members of the Windsor University Community.

Academic Honesty

In keeping with its mission, Windsor University seeks to prepare its students to be knowledgeable, forthright, and honest. It expects and requires academic honesty from all members of the University community. Academic honesty includes adherence to guidelines established by the University, its colleges and schools and their faculties, its libraries, and the computer center.

Academic or academic-related misconduct includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Unauthorized collaboration or use of external information during examinations.



- Plagiarizing or representing another's ideas as one's own.
- Furnishing false academic information to the University.
- Falsely obtaining, distributing, using, or receiving test materials including copying or taking photographs of any test materials.
- Altering or falsifying academic records.
- Defacing or tampering with library materials.
- Obtaining or gaining unauthorized access to examinations or academic research material.
- Engaging in any conduct that is intended or reasonably likely to confer upon oneself or another an unfair advantage or unfair benefit respecting an academic matter.

Students alleged to have engaged in the aforementioned behaviors will be subject to being reported to the Dean of Student Affairs and will be subject to the policies and procedures designated for allegations of unprofessional behavior.

Professional Ethics

Consistent with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education guidelines, students are expected to demonstrate a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities, adherence to ethical principles, and sensitivity to a diverse patient population.

Therefore, students are expected to

- Demonstrate respect, compassion, and integrity.
- Demonstrate responsiveness to the needs of patients and society that supersedes self-interest.
- Hold accountability to patients, society, and the profession.
- Show commitment to excellence and on-going professional development.
- They are also to demonstrate a commitment to the ethical principles pertaining to the provision or withholding of clinical care, confidentiality of patient information, informed consent, and business practices. Students are also to demonstrate sensitivity and responsiveness to patients' culture, age, gender, and disabilities.

Timeliness and Reliability

Students must be present and ready to carry out assigned responsibilities at the expected time and must remain until their responsibilities are discharged. Fulfillment of clinical responsibilities and attendance at required activities must be a high priority. For example, if mechanical problems disable a student's car, the student is expected to use a taxi or other form of public transportation to arrive on time. Arrangements for travel out of town must not interfere with clinical responsibilities or



attendance at required activities, for example, a student may not ask to be excused from such activities in order to get a lower airfare or on an earlier flight.

Maintaining a Professional Demeanor:

- Treat peers, faculty, staff, and patients with respect in individual settings; e. g. not arrogant or insolent.
- Treat peers, faculty, staff, and patients with respect in lecture and conference settings; e.g. turning cell phone and pager to vibrate, refrain from disturbing others via text messaging, talking, activities not related to class, etc.
- Maintain professional demeanor even when stressed; e. g. not verbally hostile, abusive, dismissive, or inappropriately angry with peers, faculty, staff, or patients.
- Never expresses anger physically.
- Abide by professionally accepted boundaries for interpersonal relationships; e. g. never use his/her position for personal gain or to engage in romantic or sexual relationships with patients or members of their families.
- Conform to policies governing behavior e. g. confidentiality, sexual harassment, consensual amorous relationships, hazing, use of alcohol, and any other existing policy of the medical school or clinical system.
- Appearance, dress, professional behavior should follow generally accepted professional norms.

Responding to Supervision:

- Accept and incorporate reasonable feedback in a non-resistant and non-defensive manner.
- Accept responsibility for own errors.
- Demonstrate dependability and appropriate initiative.
- Complete tasks in a timely fashion without needing reminders e. g. papers, reports, examinations, appointments, patient notes, and patient care tasks.
- Appropriately available for professional responsibilities e. g. attend required classes and activities, is available when on clinical service, responds to email and pager.
- Take on appropriate responsibilities willingly without being resistant or defensive.
- Take on appropriate patient care activities e. g. not “turf” patients or responsibilities.



Interacting With Other Members of the Team:

- Show sensitivity to the needs, feelings, wishes of team members e. g. lab, small groups, projects, other members of the health care team.
- Relate and cooperate well with members of the team.
- Communicates with other members of the team in a timely manner.

Respect for Patient Confidentiality (HIPAA)

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that health care professionals and students respect the confidentiality of patient health information. HIPAA privacy rules allow students qualified access to patient information while on rotation. Copies of patient health information are allowed for educational purposes. However, other hospitals have grave concerns about students' handling of records once accessed. The concerns include duplicate copies, excessive copies, and how students handle confidential information once obtained. Students must adhere to the following rules regarding patient records on ANY course, clerkship, and elective at ANY facility:

- A. Regardless of the format (paper, electronic, verbal) and no matter how socially benign, patient information is protected under federal law. It is the duty of the student to protect the confidentiality of patient information by keeping that information reasonably secure.
- B. Patient information may never be accessed for inappropriate use.
- C. Students may not grant access to or divulge patient information to anyone who is otherwise not authorized to have it.
- D. Reasonable security for paper includes keeping it in a reasonably secure location whether at home or in the hospital or other site. It is NOT reasonable to leave papers unattended at a nurse's station or anywhere else.
- E. Reasonable security for electronic items includes encryption of files or machines and controlling the physical custody of those files and machines.
- F. Reasonable security for verbal items includes having conversations only with the care team and others in the academic program or class.
- G. Reasonable security also includes shredding for paper and "cleaning" for electronic records when your program need for that information ends.



H. If a student is found violating patient confidentiality, the student may face discipline through the School of Medicine. If a student fails to follow A-G, the hospital or other site may deny that student and other students the right to make copies or to participate in rotations at that site.

Dress Code

The students are required to adhere to the regular dress code. Any student who fails to adhere to the dress code will be marked absent for that class.

Check with the Dress Code Regulations posted at the main desk and with the Safety and Security Office.

The dress code for all WUSOM students on St. Kitts campus and affiliated clinical hospitals are as follows:

1. All students must wear and display—in a visible spot around your neck or clipped on your shirt—the issued WUSOM Student ID.
2. Male students are required to wear clean, pressed dress pants, shirts with collar, polo shirts, and dress shoes. Ties are encouraged.
3. Female students are required to wear clean, pressed dress pants, dresses or knee-length skirts, shirts with collar, polo shirts, and dress shoes. Open toed heels and capri pants of non-denim material are permitted.
4. Use lab coat when required(both on campus and at clinical affiliated hospitals).

The following are NOT Permitted:

- Leggings/tights/Spandex
- Shorts
- Mini skirts
- Crew-neck shirts/round-neck shirts/ V-neck shirts
- Shirts with slogans of any form of writing/print
- Sleeveless blouses/blouses with straps/backless blouses
- Tops with deep necklines
- Sheer/see-through clothing
- Flip flops, rubber shoes
- Sportswear (e. g.: jogging pants and tank tops)



- Jeans or pants made of denim material regardless of color
- Tight jeans or pants

Students who violate the dress code will NOT be allowed on campus and will be marked absent for the day.

Disciplinary Action

First Offense:	Verbal Warning
Second Offense:	Written reprimand which goes to file.
Third Offense:	Suspension for 1 week

Drug And Alcohol Abuse

WUSOM is a private educational institution and shall not permit on its premises, or at any activity which it sponsors, the possession, use, or distribution of any alcoholic beverage or any illicit drugs by any student, employee, or visitor. In the event of confirmation of such prohibited possession, use, or distribution by a student or employee, WUSOM shall, within law of land and in line with the tenet of fair hearing, take such administrative or disciplinary action as shall be appropriate. For a student, the disciplinary action may include, but shall not be limited to, suspension or expulsion.

Visitors engaging in any act prohibited by this policy shall be called upon to immediately cease this behavior.

If any employee, student, or visitor engages in any behavior prohibited by this policy which is also an alleged violation of federal, state, or local laws or ordinance, that employee, student, or visitor shall be referred to law enforcement officials for possible arrest and prosecution.

Random Drug Test

During their enrolment, students are requested to sign a consent form consenting to a random drug test. If students are tested positive, they are taken to a private lab for reconfirmation and if the positive result is confirmed they are counseled and suspended till their test comes back negative. They are sent for counseling and rehabilitation.

If subsequently tested positive, they will be expelled from school.

Criminal Background Check

WUSOM requires a background check on all of its students in order to enhance the health and safety of patients, students, faculty, and staff in the academic and clinical environments, to adhere to applicable healthcare regulations, and to attest to affiliated clinical facilities and licensure entities for a



student's background and eligibility status. The background check will determine whether there are incidents in an applicant's or student's history that would pose a risk to patients or others or would prohibit the individual from being licensed in the future.

Sexual Harassment

In accordance with its history and mission, Windsor University believes that each individual should be treated with respect and dignity. It is obvious that any form of sexual harassment is a violation of human dignity, and the University strongly condemns any such harassment. Whether verbal or physical, conduct of this sort violates another person's rights and can create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or learning environment. Such conduct, when it is genuinely discerned, is subject to prompt and effective remedial action.

Types of sexual harassment can fall into one or both of two categories:

- Hostile environment.
- Quid pro quo sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment occurs when a supervisor or other employee or student attempts to use his/her position or authority to obtain sexual favors from an employee or student in expressed or implied exchange for the granting of job or academic benefits or other favorable treatment. "Hostile environment" sexual harassment occurs when an employee or student is subjected to an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or learning environment because of offensive sexually based or sexually oriented physical, verbal, or other conduct.

Such conduct shall be subject to prompt and effective action. Any harassment or other unequal treatment of a student, or group of students, that would not occur but for the sex of the student(s), if sufficiently patterned or pervasive, may be prohibited sexual harassment.

Assistance for Persons with Sexual Harassment Concerns.

Individuals who believe themselves to be victims of sexual harassment and who desire University assistance in dealing with the situation should immediately report the details to Dean of Student Affairs on the Windsor Campus and to the Chair or Clinical Associate Deans at the clerkship level.

Investigations of Reports of Student Mistreatment/Sexual Harassment:

- Within ten (10) days of receiving the report of student mistreatment, the Dean for Student Affairs or the Academic Dean will discuss the incident(s). If the incident is reported during the clinical clerkship, an investigation will follow with the Chair (or designee) of the



involved department or the director (or designee) of the hospital division or clinic and require an immediate investigation of the incident(s).

- Within two (2) weeks of receiving the report of incident(s) of alleged student mistreatment, the Chair (or designee) of the involved department or the director (or designee) of the hospital division or clinic will institute an investigation and develop an action plan for resolution of the problem and/or discipline of the responsible individual(s) if the allegations are substantiated.
- The Chair (or designee) of the involved department or the director (or designee) of the hospital division or clinic will prepare a written report of the action plan and/or disciplinary actions; this report will be given within one (1) month to the Dean of Student Affairs.
- Upon receipt of the written report of the action plan and/or disciplinary actions, the Dean for Student Affairs or will schedule a meeting with the student(s)/learner(s) initiating the original complaint to discuss the actions taken.

Confidentiality:

The handling of all records and subject information will be strictly confidential and will adhere to the FERPA. Adverse findings that result in action taken by the Advancement Committee will become part of the student's academic record. Absent adverse findings, background investigation records will be stored for three years after the student leaves University and will then be destroyed.



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)

Here at Windsor University School of Medicine (WUSOM), we ensure that students are represented in every phase of the University experience. The Student Government Association (SGA) is the vehicle through which students can participate in the formulation of institutional policy affecting academic and student affairs and collectively express their views on matters of general interest to the student body. The concepts and projects agreed upon in our meetings are important steps to achieving better quality of education in the life of the WUSOM student. The SGA was established to be the voice of the students. The SGA is made up and administered entirely by students and is the representative body of the students at WUSOM.

Mission of the SGA

The mission of the SGA is to provide WUSOM students representation, services, and advocacy within Windsor University School of Medicine by acting as a student voice for the campus community, serving as an outlet for student concerns, promoting student participation in campus life, and investigating solutions to various issues that affect the campus as a whole.

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (MSA)

Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, "The most beloved of people according to Allah is he who brings most benefit to people."

Our mission is to serve and represent the best interest of Islam by helping others establish an environment that encourages worship, spiritual growth, and academic excellence. We believe, as future physicians, that it is our duty to serve and benefit the people to the best of our abilities all for the sake of Allah (God) Almighty.

CHRISTIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

We are youths that transform their generation with the mandate of fellowshiping together, growing up spiritually through life-impacted messages, and teaching and winning souls in WUSOM for Christ. We also challenge ourselves to be academically excellent. We have monthly reach-out programs to old people's home (Cardin home) and the Orphanage.



THE NIGERIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (NSA)

The Nigerian Students Association (NSA) is the umbrella body for the Nigerian students on campus. We also cater to the other African students on campus by virtue of our size. We collate information that concerns our members and we advocate on their behalf to the School authorities. In the same vein, we also pass on information from the school down to our members as the case arises.

STUDENTS FOR HEALTH (SFH)

The **Students For Health (SFH)** organization is a student arm of the **Windsor University School of Medicine**, Basseterre, Saint Kitts, with a goal of community outreach; this is done by providing **free health screening** (e.g. checking blood pressure levels, glucose levels, body mass index to determine weight status, etc.) as well as offering **free medical advice**, where needed, to the locals of St. Kitts. The organization has been in existence for over two years and the awareness of its services, in Saint Kitts, is growing by the day.



APPENDICIES



WINDSOR UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

REQUEST FORM FOR REVIEW OF EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT:

Date: _____ Student ID Number _____

I, _____, wish to review my educational records.
(Print Name)

Signature _____

Please check the required record.

- _____ Application for admission to the College
- _____ Previous school transcript
- _____ College(s) transcript
- _____ Transcript request form(s)
- _____ Social Security verification form(s)
- _____ Full time status verification form(s) – financial agencies
- _____ Grade change form(s)
- _____ Name and address change form(s)
- _____ Graduation check sheet.

For office use only:

Registrar's Signature _____

Date Reviewed _____

-or- Registrar's Office Personnel Signature _____

Date Reviewed _____



DO NOT RELEASE DIRECTORY INFORMATION

NOTE: IF A STUDENT DOES NOT WANT HIS OR HER STUDENT INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED TO INQUIRERS, THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE FIRST TWO (2) WEEKS OF THE SEMESTER AND RETURNED TO THE REGISTRAR OFFICE.

THIS FORM MUST BE RESUBMITTED ANNUALLY.
Name of student
Address, including email
Telephone number
Date/place of birth
Semester
Dates of attendance
Degrees received
Most recent educational institution attended

IF THE STUDENT DOES NOT FILL OUT THE FORM ABOVE AND RETURN IT TO THE REGISTRAR AND RECORDS OFFICE WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE SEMESTER, THE STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED TO INQUIRERS.

DO NOT RELEASE DIRECTORY INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT I D NUMBER: _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

SIGNATURE STUDENT _____ DATE _____

OFFICIAL SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



WINDSOR UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

GRADE APPEAL FORM

Student Name: _____ ID: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

WUSOM Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Present semester _____ Anticipated Graduation _____ I appeal
the course grade of _____ taken in _____ (semester)

Department: _____ Course Instructor: _____

Department Chair: _____

I believe I earned a grade of _____

The basis for this appeal:

Evidence attached: YES/NO

Informal conference with instructor was held on _____ (date) Submitted to
Department Chair _____ (date)

I am requesting an appeal for a course grade. I understand that consideration of my request is contingent upon
the attached supporting documentation.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

An electronic signature is sufficient if received from a WUSOM email address



INFORMAL DISCUSSION FORM

A copy of this form is to be provided to the student by the WUSOM Office.

Minor Incident: This form may record a minor incident as reported by any person ("the reporter") in contact with a medical student in any official capacity. The reporter would typically be a lecturer, Module/Clerkship Core Rotation/Course Director/Course Chair or Year 1 - 4 Chair/Site Coordinator or another medical student or medical resident. The purpose of reporting a minor incident is to initiate a meeting between a medical student and the reporter.

Student name:	
Year:	
Date incident occurred:	

A medical student of Windsor University is expected to demonstrate in her/his behaviors as a medical student:

- a) Respect for others
- b) Honesty and integrity.
- c) Compassion and empathy.
- d) Duty and responsibility.

In my opinion, the student named above has demonstrated behavior(s) that fall below the expected standards of professionalism of our University. Following is a brief description of the incident, the response/action taken, and any further comments:



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This incident was discussed with the student (check one):

Yes.	No.

Student response:

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Student chooses not to respond? _____

A copy of this form is to be provided to the student by the WUSOM Office.

Form completed by:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Below this line for Chair use only.

First Minor Incident	Second Minor Incident	Third Minor Incident: (If third minor incident, Chair completes a Professionalism Concern Form)

Signature of committee Chair: _____

Date submitted: _____



Student Grievance Form (mistreatment complaint form)

1. Your Details	
Full Name	
Student ID #	
Programme of Study PM/MD	
Semester	
SASP Advisor	
Contact Address	
Windsor Email	
Alternative Email	
Contact Number	

2. Complaint Summary



3. Causing Factors

Please specify which factors you believe to be the cause of your complaint:

Service or facilities of the Windsor University.

Provision or delivery of programmes or parts of programme

Discrimination, harassment or bullying

Decision or action/perceived lack of action taken by a member of University staff

Other (please specify)

4. Your Complaint

Please set out the main points of your complaint. If you need more space, continue on a separate sheet of paper, which should be securely attached to this form, and clearly marked with your name and student number.



5. Supporting Evidence

If you are submitting documentation with your appeal, please list below each piece of documentation you have attached to this form. If you are referring to publications, please include the specific sections, rather than attaching the entire document. Please note that submitting significant documentation may result in the nominated investigator requiring extra time to consider your complaint.

6. Previous Actions

Please briefly explain what steps we have taken to resolve your complaint and why you are dissatisfied with the previous decision.



7. Desired Outcome

Please briefly explain what you would consider to be a satisfactory resolution to your complaint.

8. Declaration

All information and documentation provided in/with this form is complete and represents an accurate and true reflection of the situation that led to my appeal. I understand that the submission of a falsified claim or documentation constitutes an offense.

I agree that my complaint may be disclosed to relevant members of the University to the extent necessary for any investigation, including any individuals who I have complained about or about whose services I have complained.

I authorize the investigating officer to consider this form and any relevant information held by the Windsor University to the extent necessary for the consideration of my complaint.

I give permission for the University to seek verification of the authenticity of any statements or evidence provided with this complaint.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____



Event Planning Form

Good planning is essential to a successful event. This pre-event planning form provides you with a series of questions to consider when planning your next organizational event. Please keep in mind that all activities should be consistent with University policies and procedures, as well as the mission of our University.

In order to allow for optimal planning of your event, we suggest this form be completed 2-3 weeks prior to your event. This should give you adequate time to plan appropriately.

INFORMATION OF ORGANIZATION AND PERSON COORDINATING EVENT

Name of the Organization: _____

Name(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Date: _____

Contact Info: _____

EVENT INFORMATION

Event Name: _____

Event Date: _____

Event set-up time: _____

Event Time: _____

Event take down time: _____

Event Location: _____

(Please ensure that the space is available and that you have booked it with the appropriate body) Backup

Location (if needed): _____

Estimated number of people attending: _____

Type of Event:

Concert

Speaker

Sports/Competitions

Conference

Social
Activity

Other



How does this event/activity promote the mission of our University?

Please attach a detailed description of the event/activity that you are planning, which should include the booking confirmation of the event locations, a proposed itinerary, timeline and budget.**

1.) Is your activity an Open Event? (Open to the general public) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, what are your plans for crowd control? **You may need to have additional Security*

2.) Will your event require the assistance for parking and traffic control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3.) Will your event be hosting a large amount of individuals or require the assistance of Security Services?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, contact Security as soon as possible to request officers.

4.) Is there alcohol involved with your activity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Note: No alcohol is allowed in any University sponsored events)



5.) Will anyone under the age of 18 be involved with your event/activity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6.) Are you using the University logo or trademark for your activity (i.e. advertising, t-shirts)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, get approval from Dean of Student Affairs Office.

7.) Are you planning on posting flyers or advertising on campus? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, contact the Student Services for approval of advertising

8.) Does your event involve the sale/distribution of items on campus? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, be sure to get approval through the Office of Student Services by filling out the form for Fundraisers

9.) Have you reviewed your budget as it relates to this event/activity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10.) Will your event be utilizing production equipment (i.e. sound, stage, lights, etc.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, make sure you have talked with Facilities Services or the Space Manager to reserve this equipment.

11.) Will you be serving or handling any type of food product at your event? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, make sure that you have reviewed the food handling/preparation guidelines and/or obtained the appropriate food handling licenses.

12.) What other resources must be contacted prior to determining whether you can successfully manage this event?

Service Department (tables, chairs, coat racks, bulletin boards, other)

Student Services (student volunteers, approval of posters, approval of student event)

Space/Facilities Manager (Cleaning, A.V. Equipment)

Campus Security (parking, additional security, etc)

Communications Department (tablecloths, photographer/videographer, banners, media coverage, giveaways, etc)

Print shop

Information Technology Support Services (ITSS)



SIGNATURES

I have reviewed the information provided above and verify to the best of my knowledge that it is accurate.

Organization Representative: _____

Organization President: _____

Resource Manager Recommendation: _____

Date Completed: _____

Dean of Student Affairs Approval: _____

Date of approval: _____

POST-EVENT ASSESSMENT

1.) Was your event a success? Yes No

Why or why not?

2.) Did you encounter any unforeseen problems? Yes No

If yes, how can you better prepare in the future?

3.) Would you do this event again in the future? Yes No

If yes, what changes would you recommend for the following year?



Completed on this date: _____

By: _____



Appeal Form

Your Details	
Full Name	
Student Windsor ID #	
Programme of Study	
Semester	
SASP Advisor	
Contact Address	
Windsor Email	
Alternative Email	
Contact Number	

Please set out the main points of your appeal. If you need more space, continue on a separate sheet of paper, which should be securely attached to this form, and clearly marked with your name and student number.



Your Appeal

Please indicate which of the criteria your appeal is based on.

_____ New Information: To consider information or other relevant facts sufficient to alter a decision because such information and/or facts were not known to the person appealing at the time of the original administrative conduct meeting.

_____ Due Process: To determine whether the administrative conduct meeting and process was conducted fairly in light of the charges and information presented, and in conformity with prescribed procedures giving the involved parties a reasonable opportunity to prepare and present information about an alleged policy violation(s). Minor process deviations that do not materially affect the outcome are not a basis for sustaining an appeal.

_____ Unsupported Decision: To determine whether the decision reached regarding the Responding Party was supported using the preponderance of evidence standard to establish that a violation of the policy occurred.

_____ Appropriateness of Sanction: To determine whether the sanction(s) imposed were appropriate for the policy violation that the Responding Party was found to have committed. If the Responding Party is making the appeal solely on this ground, he/she accepts responsibility for the violation and is only appealing the severity of the sanctions.

NOTE: This ground is not permitted for Appeals regarding Academic Misconduct Violations.

2. Please indicate how the selected ground(s) for appeal applies to your situation?

If needed, you may write on the back or attach any additional documentation to this form to support your appeal.

Supporting Evidence

If you are submitting documentation with your appeal, please list below each piece of documentation you have attached to this form. If you are referring to publications. Please include the specific sections, rather than attaching the entire document. Please note that submitting significant documentation may result in requiring extra time to consider your complaint.



Desired Outcome

Please briefly explain what you would consider to be a satisfactory resolution to your complaint.

Declaration

All information and documentation provided in/with this form is complete and represents an accurate and true reflection of the situation that led to my appeal. I understand that the submission of a falsified claim or documentation constitutes an offense.

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Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Date: _____