

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY: E - 35

CATEGORY: Education

SUBJECT: Promotion Requirement - Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs)

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 14, 2005

LAST REVISION DATE: [N/A]

The Associate Dean for Predoctoral Clinical Education will appoint a Clinical Director for each Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) to serve in a role analogous to that of Course Coordinator for courses.

In order to advance from Year 2 to Year 3, or from Year 3 to Year 4, each WVSOM student must pass an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). If a student fails the first attempt to pass an OSCE, the Clinical Director for that OSCE will determine whether the deficiencies might be easily addressed (in which case the student may participate in targeted re-education determined and overseen by the OSCE Clinical Director) or whether the deficiencies are substantial (in which case the student's file will be immediately referred to the Student Promotions Committee). If the case is referred to the Student Promotions Committee, the Committee recommendations to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean may include, but are not limited to, that the student be required to complete specific learning activities, repeating the preceding year, or be dismissed (see Policy E-24).

After targeted re-education to address deficiencies, a second OSCE will be administered. A second failure will result in immediate academic probation as outlined in Policy E-22, and the student's record will be sent to the Student Promotions Committee. The Student Promotions Committee may recommend to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, at that time, that the student be required to complete specific learning activities, to repeat the preceding year, be dismissed, or other disposition appropriate to the case.