

## PROMOTION AND GRADUATION STANDARDS POLICY

### **Promotion** (from NSU MD Student Handbook, approved 2017)

The grades, narrative evaluations, USMLE scores and other academic or performance measures of each student are routinely reviewed by the Student Progress and Advising Committee (SPAC) in order to assess a student's academic progress. The SPAC also conducts *ad hoc* reviews when necessary to address unsatisfactory academic performance, including unacceptable professional or behavioral performance. In those cases, students will be provided with notice and an opportunity to be heard, and may appeal SPAC decisions as described in Section XI "Due Process/Appeal Procedures" of the SPAC Overview.

Promotion will be determined for each successive year of study by the SPAC, which will make a formal determination of promotion based on whether the student has satisfied the following requirements:

- Passed all required blocks, courses, clerkships and electives in the year under review
- Completed any required formative assessments, including the NBME Comprehensive Knowledge Assessment at the end of Year 2.
- Demonstrated acceptable professional behaviors and attitudes.

For promotion to clerkships, the student must also receive a passing score on the USMLE Step 1 examination. A student will be permitted to start the first clerkship module if the USMLE Step 1 score is pending but will be withdrawn if a passing score is not received.

### **Curricular Requirements for MD Degree** (revised/approved by Curriculum Committee October 10, 2019)

NSU MD awards the Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree when the faculty of the college believe a student has successfully demonstrated achievement of the NSU MD educational program objectives and competencies.

Candidates for the MD degree must achieve all competencies, must have completed the prescribed course of study, and passed USMLE Step 1, Step 2CK, Step 2CS and all other curricular requirements.

Students enrolled in the MD degree program must complete the program within six (6) years from the date of matriculation into the program.