Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

The Academic Standing Committee considers matters of academic standing, promotion and graduation of medical students. This committee has the responsibility of ensuring that each student meets the grading and promotions standards established for CMSRU (see Student Handbook for Grading and Promotions policy). This committee will ensure that students are assessed against defined learning objectives and that specific competencies have been achieved. The Academic Standing Committee has the responsibility to determine that students have satisfactorily met the requirements of each academic year in the M.D. curriculum; recommend to the faculty the candidates for the M.D. degree; consider individual requests for exceptions; determine whether students are to be placed on an academic plan or academic probation and the conditions for suspension. The committee may recommend the dismissal of a medical student to the dean in accordance with the policy.

From the Grading and Promotions Policy:

III. C. Standing of Students

Students are placed into one of the following two categories based upon their academic performance:

1. In Good academic standing

The student:

- has completed satisfactorily the requirements of all courses/clerkships of all previous years, and
- is passing all courses/clerkships in which (s)he is enrolled, and
- has passed any U.S. Medical Licensure Examination (USMLE) examinations required to be taken to complete a curricular phase.

2. Not in Good academic standing

The student:

- has not fulfilled the requirements of one or more courses/clerkships of a previous year, or
- is not passing one or more courses/clerkships in which (s)he is enrolled, or
- has failed U.S. Medical Licensure Examination (USMLE) Step 1, Step 2CK or Step 2CS examinations.
Procedure:

In order to receive federal financial aid, students must demonstrate Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward the attainment of their medical degree. If a student is not in good academic standing as outlined in the Student Handbook, the Academic Standing Committee will inform the Financial Aid Office about the student's academic standing.

SAP will be reviewed at the end of every academic year. If a student is failing SAP at the end of the academic year, federal aid will be revoked going forward until the student is back in good academic standing. Or, the student can appeal, and if approved, the student can be placed on financial aid PROBATION for the upcoming academic year.

The Financial Aid Committee will determine whether or not the student is granted PROBATION with another academic year of federal aid. If the student is placed on an academic plan by the Academic Standing Committee, the student can continue to receive federal aid as long as the student follows the academic plan set forth by the Academic Standing Committee. The academic plan option is determined by the Academic Standing Committee on a case by case basis.

The CMSRU Financial Aid Office must follow all SAP guidelines as set forth by federal regulations.