



POLICY ON CLERKSHIP HONORS AND HIGH PASS

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APPROVED BY:	Academic Programs		
CATEGORY:	Academic Programs		
APPLIES TO:	Students in the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) Program		

REFERENCES AND RELATED POLICIES:

- Clerkship Course Requirements and Procedures

PURPOSE

This policy seeks to outline the policy/procedure of Honors and High Pass designation awarded during select clerkship core clinical rotations.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

1. CLERKSHIP HONORS DESIGNATION

- a. A grade of honors will be designated to students demonstrating superior clinical, professional, and academic performance in certain core rotations. Criteria for achieving honors in a core rotation will be determined by the Instructor of Record and will be listed in the course syllabi. Students may achieve honors designation in the following core rotations:
 - i. General Surgery
 - ii. Obstetrics/Gynecology
 - iii. Pediatrics
 - iv. Advanced Family Medicine
 - v. Advanced Internal Medicine
 - vi. Psychiatry
 - vii. Emergency Medicine
- b. While Honors designation will be awarded to students meeting the criteria in the syllabi of the above courses, Honors is not an official MSU grade. The official MSUCOM transcript will reflect a grade as Pass with an additional notation that the student achieved Honors in the course. The students' Medical Student Performance Evaluation will reflect each Honors designation.
- c. A student is Honors eligible on the first offering of the course only. Honors will not be awarded for any repeat of a failed rotation.

2. CLERKSHIP HIGH PASS DESIGNATION

- a. A grade of high pass will be designated to students demonstrating excellent clinical, professional, and academic performance in certain core rotations. Criteria for achieving high pass in a core rotation will be determined by the Instructor of Record and will be

listed in the course syllabi. Students may achieve high pass designation in the following core rotations:

- i. General Surgery
 - ii. Obstetrics/Gynecology
 - iii. Pediatrics
 - iv. Advanced Family Medicine
 - v. Advanced Internal Medicine
 - vi. Psychiatry
 - vii. Emergency Medicine
- b. While High Pass designation will be awarded to students meeting the criteria in the syllabi of the above courses, High Pass is not an official MSU grade. The official MSUCOM transcript will reflect a grade as Pass with an additional notation that the student achieved High Pass in the course. The students' Medical Student Performance Evaluation will reflect each High Pass designation.
 - c. A student is High Pass eligible on the first offering of the course only. High Pass will not be awarded for any repeat of a failed rotation.