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Dear SKMC Students,

Greeting from the Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling and welcome to Sidney Kimmel Medical College!

Dr. Darrell Kirch, the President of the Association of American Medical Colleges, commented that one of the greatest challenges facing medicine is “at the end of the day, will there be a doctor in the house?” He not only wondered if enough doctors were being trained to meet the demands of our society, but also wondered if those doctors who were being trained would be bright, compassionate, empathic and altruistic.

Sidney Kimmel Medical College (SKMC) has demonstrated leadership in all facets of medicine including education, research and health care. By building the medical school on the core principles of professionalism, including altruism, compassion, communication, ethics and pursuit of medical knowledge, our graduates continue to impact countless individuals, communities and health systems. As you navigate your exciting medical journey at SKMC, please remember that the entire staff in the Office of Student Affairs is committed to providing guidance and support. We at Jefferson will continue to ensure that “at the end of the day,” there will “be a doctor in the house.”

Warmest regards,

Charles A. Pohl, MD
Associate Provost (Student Affairs) – Thomas Jefferson University
Senior Associate Dean (Student Affairs and Career Counseling) – SKMC at Thomas Jefferson University
Professor of Pediatrics – Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
Dear SKMC Students,

Whether you are just starting your journey or are returning to continue, I welcome you to Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. You are members of a special community – not just of the medical profession, but part of a long line of Jeffersonians who preceded you.

Our goal is to help you become the most complete physician possible. Through immersion in the basic sciences and clinical medicine, you will develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for the expert practice of medicine. Your experiences at Jefferson are meant as a springboard for a lifetime of professional excellence and continuing development, both as a physician and a person.

The practice of medicine is as rewarding as it is challenging. As we provide you with the resources to develop competence in your field of choice, keep in mind that it is you that is most responsible for the ultimate outcome of your time here. The core of professionalism is to take responsibility for your own competence now and throughout your career. We owe this commitment for lifelong learning to each other and to our patients.

We are proud to have you here.

Steven K. Herrine, MD
JMC Class of 1990
Vice Dean for Academic Affairs/Undergraduate Medical Education
Mission Statement

Sidney Kimmel Medical College is committed to: educating physicians who will form and lead the integrated healthcare delivery and research teams of tomorrow; discovering new knowledge that will define the future of clinical care through investigation from the laboratory to the bedside, and into the community; and setting the standard for quality, compassionate and efficient patient care for our community and for the nation. Jefferson recognizes that a diverse community is imperative to achieving excellence in patient care, education, and research. As we carry out our mission, we are committed to the highest standards of professionalism and aspire to be a community of discovery, learning, and inclusion.

Notice of Equal Opportunity

Thomas Jefferson University is committed to providing equal educational and employment opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, national or ethnic origin, marital status, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability or veteran’s status. The consideration of factors unrelated to a person’s ability, qualifications and performance is inconsistent with this policy. Any person having inquiries or complaints concerning Thomas Jefferson University’s compliance with Title VI, Title IX, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act is directed to contact their Student Affairs Dean or Human Resources – Employee Relations, who have been designated by Thomas Jefferson University to coordinate the institution’s efforts to comply with the these laws. Any person may also contact the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202, or the Director, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Region Three, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, regarding the University’s compliance with the equal opportunity laws.

The Jefferson community is deeply committed to upholding the ethical standards and professional values of Medicine. The sections that follow, which have been adopted by the students, the Executive Council and the Professorial Faculty, are our expression of this commitment.

Professionalism and the Shared Code of Values

The Core Values of Sidney Kimmel Medical College

At Jefferson, we are committed to the highest principles of professionalism. We aspire to be a community that is not only academically and fiscally successful, but also a community of discovery, learning, caring, and sharing. The core values of professionalism guide our actions. At Jefferson:

- Our word is our bond (Integrity).
- We respect each other and all with whom we come into contact (Respect).
- We contribute to society’s intellectual, cultural, and spiritual well-being to the highest possible extent (Social Responsibility).
We recognize that diversity and excellence go hand-in-hand, enhancing our education and patient care and welcome our ability to interact with other people (Diversity).

We care about and attempt to ameliorate the suffering and pain of illness; we care about and attempt to ameliorate the trials and tribulations of the Jefferson family (Compassion).

We are committed to excellence and the life-long pursuit of new knowledge and personal and professional growth (Excellence).

We aspire to do the right thing, for the right reason, even if it involves pain or sacrifice (Altruism).

We are committed to each other and to those we serve. We work together to achieve our mission and goals (Collaboration).

We are committed to the prudent use of the resources made available to us by the hard work of the faculty, the tuition of our learners, the support of the public, and the philanthropic giving that sustains us and helps us grow (Stewardship).

Professionalism: Faculty Commitment
At this time when the medical profession is beset by an explosion of technology, changes in market forces, serious problems in health care delivery, conflicts of interest, and the threat of bioterrorism, the Faculty of Sidney Kimmel Medical College reaffirms its commitment to professionalism. Understanding that at its core the medical profession places the welfare of the patient above self-interest, we accept our responsibility to educate future physicians in the values and ethical standards of medical professionalism. We acknowledge that we can best achieve this by serving as role models and advocates while maintaining professional relationships based on mutual respect and concern. We must promote an atmosphere of cooperation and learning, of intellectual openness, honesty, and sincerity in order to constantly protect and redefine and make meaningful our core values and covenant of trust with society.

Professionalism: The Teacher-Student Relationship
The faculty of Sidney Kimmel Medical College is committed to principles of mutual respect and trust between teachers and students. Training future physicians who are entrusted with the lives of others must be based on faculty embodying the values of professionalism. A critical part of the values of professionalism in the teacher-student relationship is that faculty should not use their professional position to engage in romantic or sexual relationships with students. Faculty should be role models and mentors in their interaction with each other, students, nursing staff and other health professionals, as well as patients. In all of these relationships, the faculty acts to enhance the learning experience based on shared professional values.

Professionalism: Self-Regulation
As part of its contract with society, Medicine is given the privilege of self-regulation. As part of self-regulation, faculty and students must contribute to the spirit and principles of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College Honor Code. The faculty and students have individual responsibility and community responsibility, to uphold the Honor Code.

The Sidney Kimmel Medical College Honor Code
As Jefferson students and faculty we seek to establish a community based on honor, integrity and awareness of others. Our commitment to this community begins with our first day of professional or educational association with Sidney Kimmel Medical College when we sign a pledge to uphold the values and rules of the Honor Code that follows:

As faculty, residents, fellows, and medical students, we pledge to embrace the academic and social integrity on which Jefferson was founded, pursuing honesty, equality and fairness in all aspects of our lives. This includes not seeking an unfair advantage over our peers, teachers, students, residents, fellows or any other member of the Thomas Jefferson University community. These goals are dependent on our
personal concern for ourselves and one another, as well as our collective concern for the maintenance of the community standards that are reflected in the Code.

The Honor Code assumes that all faculty, residents, fellows, and students conduct themselves in an ethical and professional manner. Altruism, accountability, commitment to excellence, duty to serve, honor, integrity and respect for others are essential characteristics of a physician. In addition, the code is dependent on the collective desire of all members of the academic community to prevent and deter violations, rather than on proceedings to impose penalties after violations have occurred. If violations do occur within this system, each member of the community is expected to support and uphold all aspects of the code.

Community — A goal of each member of the college is to foster an environment of trust and cooperation with respect for the work and efforts of others. When we speak of community we imply the student body, the faculty, the staff, and the administration, each of which contributes to the combined concept of community.

Academic Integrity — We seek to enhance our knowledge of medicine and achieve excellence in our time spent at Jefferson but not at the cost of honesty, integrity and trust, all integral aspects to the development of a physician.

Social Integrity — Jefferson is dependent on equality among all its members, regardless of race, culture, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. Each individual should be treated with equal respect by his or her peers, faculty and staff.

Responsibility — All members of the college must be willing and encouraged to discuss with their peers and all members of the community any action or issue that appears to be unacceptable and take the necessary actions in a timely manner to address the situation. The failure to deal with the breach in professional conduct not only jeopardizes the strength of the code but also puts the observer in direct violation of the code.

Mediation — Resources exist for students, faculty and staff to meet with other people within the Jefferson community to work out any differences and disagreements with the help of a third party. If these efforts fail to reach a resolution, further resources through official college channels can be used to review any disagreement and determine the appropriate course of action.

Each year at Orientations and the White Coat Ceremony, the students and faculty recite the following:

**Shared Professional Values of Sidney Kimmel Medical College**

As a physician or future physician, I recognize the implicit trust placed in me by patients and society. Therefore, I commit to embodying the highest standards of civility, honesty, and integrity in all aspects of my personal and professional life. These standards include my interpersonal relationships, my academic pursuits, and my medical practice. I will strive to communicate sincerely and effectively with my patients and their families. I will treat everyone compassionately, providing respect and protection of privacy, dignity, and individuality. As part of the trust that society has placed in me, I will advocate for outstanding patient care. I will endeavor to work effectively with other members of the health care team to provide the safest and highest quality patient care. Because I recognize limitations in my knowledge and skills, I will commit to lifelong learning to improve my ability to care for my patients.
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Calendar dates are subject to change due to forces beyond the College’s control or as deemed necessary by the College in order to fulfill its educational objectives.

First Year
(Class of 2021)

July 24, (2017), Monday   Registration 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
July 24, Monday           First Payment comprehensive fee due at registration
July 24-28, Monday-Friday Orientation Week
July 28, Friday           White Coat Ceremony

Semester I (Foundations of Medicine I, Scholarly Inquiry, Clinical Experience & Humanities Selectives)

First Teaching Block (Intro to the Study of Medicine)
July 31, Monday           Class begins 8:00 a.m.
August 28 – September 1, Monday-Friday Block One Assessment Week
September 1, Friday       Class ends 5:00 p.m.
September 4, Monday       Labor Day Holiday

Second Teaching Block (Host Defense Blood)
September 5, Tuesday      Classes begin 8:00 a.m.
October 23 – 27, Monday-Friday Block Two Assessment Week
October 27, Friday         Block Ends 5:00 p.m.

Immersion Week
October 30 – Nov 2, Monday-Thursday Mandatory Sessions thru Thursday, November 2

Third Teaching Block (Cardio Pulmonary)
November 6, Monday        Classes begin 8:00 a.m.
November 21, Tuesday       Thanksgiving Holiday begins 5:00 p.m.
November 27, Monday        Classes resume 8:00 a.m.
December 18-22, Monday-Friday Block Three Assessment One Week
December 22, Friday        Winter Recess Begins 5:00 p.m.

Semester II (Foundations of Medicine II, Scholarly Inquiry, Clinical Experience & Humanities Selectives)

Third Teaching Block Continued (Cardio Pulmonary)
January 8, (2018), Monday Classes resume 8:00 a.m.
January 8, Monday          Second payment comprehensive fee due
January 15, Monday         Martin Luther King Holiday
February 19 – 23, Monday-Friday Block Three Assessment Two Week
February 23, Friday        Class ends 5:00 p.m.

Fourth Teaching Block (GI/Liver/Renal)
February 26, Monday        Class begins 8:00 a.m.
March 12-16, Monday-Friday Spring Break
April 9-13, Monday-Friday  Block Four Assessment One Week
May 14-18, Monday-Friday   Block Four Assessment Two Week
May 18, Friday             Teaching Block ends and Summer Recess begins at 1:00 pm
# Second Year
## (Class of 2020)

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### First Teaching Block (Foundations of Pathology & Pharmacology)

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### Second Teaching Block (Immunity, Infection & Disease & ICM-2)

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### Third Teaching Block (Clinical Skills & Foundations of Clinical Medicine & ICM-2)

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Clinical Curriculum 2018 — 2019

July 10, 2017 Monday
- Orientation – Office of Student Affairs
- Pre-Clerkship Review – TBA
- Class of 2018
- Class of 2019

July 10, 2017 Monday
- First payment Comprehensive Fee due

December 22, 2017 Friday
- Holiday begins 5:00 p.m.

January 9, 2018 Monday
- Holiday ends 8:00 a.m.

January 9, 2018 Monday
- Second Payment Comprehensive Fee due

January 15, 2018, Monday
- Martin Luther King Holiday

TBA
- Commencement Exercises

June 22, 2018 Friday
- All 3rd Year rotations must be completed at the conclusion of Block 17-08 for the Class of 2019

Clinical Curriculum 2019 — 2020

July 9, 2018 Monday
- Orientation – Office of Student Affairs
- Pre-Clerkship Review – TBA
- Class of 2019 – Time and location to be announced
- Class of 2020 – Time and location to be announced

July 9, 2018 Monday
- First payment Comprehensive Fee due

December 21, 2018 Friday
- Holiday begins 5:00 p.m.

January 7, 2019 Monday
- Holiday ends 8:00 a.m.

January 7, 2019 Monday
- Second Payment Comprehensive Fee due

January 21, 2019, Monday
- Martin Luther King Holiday

TBA
- Commencement Exercises

June 21, 2019 Friday
- All 3rd Year rotations must be completed at the conclusion of Block 18-08 for the Class of 2020

There is no official Thanksgiving vacation during clinical rotations. Thanksgiving will be treated as a Sunday. Students are expected to report to their clerkship for this period. (Students will be informed by each department as to their obligations for Thanksgiving Day itself). Students enrolled in clinical courses in the third-year have a seven-day commitment for all weeks in the course except the last week of the course, which ends on Friday.
The Curriculum

The curriculum at Sidney Kimmel Medical College has been developed to provide learning opportunities that enable medical students to acquire fundamental knowledge, develop professional attitudes and basic skills, and appreciate principles relevant to healthcare in the context of the community. We strive to foster in each student the lifelong desire and expertise to seek and evaluate new information both in pursuit of solutions to medical problems, and to educate our patients and colleagues. Our aim is to enable each student, as part of a larger healthcare team, to practice with clinical competence and effectively utilize healthcare resources. As we welcome our students into the profession of medicine our goal throughout the four years of education and training is to facilitate each individual’s professional growth and development. We commit to embodying the highest standards of civility, honesty, and integrity in all aspects of our personal and professional lives.

In recent years, curricular changes have been introduced to keep pace with the rapid expansion in scientific knowledge and dramatic changes in our healthcare delivery system. The curriculum balances the acquisition of a “core” of scientific information with the development of demonstrable communication and interpersonal skills and medical problem-solving. An exposure to medical humanities early in the curriculum acknowledges the importance of keen observation skills, cultural competence and emotional intelligence.

The primary goals of the curriculum at Sidney Kimmel Medical College are to: (1) provide a core curriculum that contains the sine qua non for all physicians; (2) provide advanced curriculum opportunities to explore in greater depth areas of basic and clinical medical sciences; and (3) enable the future physician to develop a humanistic, collaborative and scientific approach toward prevention and the care of people with medical problems.

Additional goals are to: (1) teach students the tentative nature of scientific conclusions; (2) encourage students to assume responsibility for their own education; (3) encourage students to think critically and independently within the framework of social responsibility; and (4) encourage students to develop a logical approach to the analysis and management of clinical problems and (5) prepare students to function effectively in our complex health care system.

The four-year curriculum has been designed to achieve these goals. First year students will be entering the JeffMD Curriculum described below. The second year in the legacy curriculum focuses on the pathophysiology of disease and methods used to diagnose and treat illness. The medical practice curriculum adds emphasis on the development of “bedside” skills. The third and fourth years are an immersion in clinical medicine, and primary and specialty care in outpatient and inpatient settings. Emphasis is placed on core medical specialties with many opportunities for electives. All students revisit the biomedical sciences during the third and fourth years, in core clerkships, during the advanced basic science courses and by choosing to conduct independent research.
JeffMD Curriculum (Class of 2021)

JeffMD is a three phase curriculum that integrates basic science with clinical knowledge and skills, and promotes professional development. Instruction during Phase 1 focuses on small group case-based learning, enhanced by other forms of active learning with less time in the lecture hall. Lectures, labs and clinical skills sessions support the case of the week, giving the student clinical context for basic science content. All students will choose an area of concentration for Scholarly Inquiry. Students will be assigned a mentor and complete independent projects appropriate for that track throughout their four years. For 2017-18, the tracks are: Population Health, Design, Clinical and Translational Research, Humanities, and Healthcare Systems. Phase 2 shifts to clinical rotations incorporating basic science concepts and Phase 3 encourages students to concentrate on a specialty interest.

Medical school is the first formal step in the lifelong process of medical education. The skills developed in meeting the challenges of adjusting to medical school will be honed as each individual progresses through residency training and into a career in medicine. There is no one formula for success. Each individual must take responsibility for his or her own mastery of the curriculum and professional development. The faculty, administration, staff, and fellow students are here to guide you through this challenging and rewarding experience.

College within the College (“CwiC”) (Classes 2018, 2019 & 2020)

The College within the College Scholarly Concentrations Program at Jefferson provides highly motivated students with academic opportunities outside of the traditional medical curriculum. This program currently offers four choices: Population Health, Clinical Translational Research (CTR), Humanities, and Design.

These 3.5 year co-curricular programs place emphasis on longitudinal mentored relationships, group seminars/courses/workshops and independent scholarly work. They will attend didactic sessions, seminars, and experiential programs. Students in the CTR Program conduct hypothesis-driven research in Years 1 and 2. In Years 3 and 4, students complete clinical rotations and electives related to their concentration and continue their independent scholarly activity. Additionally, each student must produce a “scholarly product” prior to program completion. Scholarly products may take the form of published papers, conference presentations, curriculum modules, policy analysis, design projects and/or other scholarly work. Students may have the opportunity to publish their work and/or present at regional and/or national conferences.

In addition to the longitudinal mentorship and enhanced curriculum, benefits to students include annotation of the transcript, discussion of the Scholarly Concentration in students’ Dean’s Letters and a certificate upon completion of the program.

Sidney Kimmel Medical College Graduation Competencies*
(revised February 2016)

**Competency #1 – Patient Care**

*Physicians should provide patient-centered care that is compassionate, appropriate, and effective for the treatment of health problems and the promotion of health. Educational Program Objectives-Graduates will:*

**PC 1.** Perform essential basic procedures.

**PC 2.** Gather essential and accurate information about patients and their condition through history-taking, physical examination, and the use of laboratory data, imaging, and other tests.

**PC 3.** Organize and prioritize responsibilities to provide care that is safe, effective, and efficient including in urgent and emergent situations.

**PC 4.** Interpret laboratory data, imaging studies, and other tests required for the area of practice.
PC 5. Make informed decisions about diagnostic and therapeutic interventions based on patient information and preferences, up-to-date scientific evidence, and clinical judgment.

PC 6. Develop and carry out patient management plans including provision of palliative and end-of-life care.

PC 7. Counsel and educate patients and their families to empower them to participate in their care and enable shared decision making.

PC 8. Provide appropriate referral of patients including ensuring continuity of care throughout transitions between providers or settings and following up on patient progress and outcomes.

PC 9. Provide health care services to patients, families, and communities aimed at preventing health problems or maintaining health.

Competency #2 – Knowledge for Practice

Physicians should demonstrate knowledge of established and evolving biomedical, clinical, epidemiological, and social-behavioral sciences, as well as the application of this knowledge to patient care. Educational Program Objectives—Graduates will:

KP 1. Demonstrate an investigatory and analytic approach to clinical situations.

KP 2. Apply established and emerging biomedical scientific principles fundamental to health care for patients and population.

KP 3. Apply established and emerging principles of clinical sciences to diagnostic and therapeutic decision making, clinical problem solving, and other aspects of evidence-based health care.

KP 4. Apply principles of epidemiological sciences to the identification of health problems, risk factors, treatment strategies, resources, and disease prevention/health promotion efforts for patients and populations.

KP 5. Apply principles of social-behavioral sciences to provision of patient care, including assessment of the impact of psychosocial-cultural influences on health, disease, care-seeking, care-compliance, and barriers to and attitudes toward care.

KP 6. Contribute to the creation, dissemination, application, and translation of new health care knowledge and practices.

Competency #3 – Practice Based Learning and Improvement

Physicians demonstrate knowledge of established and evolving biomedical, clinical, epidemiological, and social-behavioral sciences, as well as the application of this knowledge to patient care. Educational Program Objectives—Graduates will:

PBLI 1. Identify strengths, deficiencies, and limits in one’s knowledge and expertise.

PBLI 2. Set learning and improvement goals.

PBLI 3. Identify and perform learning activities that address one’s gaps in knowledge, skills, or attitudes.

PBLI 4. Systematically analyze practice using quality-improvement methods and implement changes with the goal of practice improvement.

PBLI 5. Incorporate regular feedback into practice.

PBLI 6. Locate, appraise, assimilate and apply evidence from timely scientific studies related to patients’ health problems.

PBLI 7. Participate in the education of patients, families, students, trainees, peers, and other health professionals.
PBLI 8. Obtain and utilize information about individual patients, populations of patients, or communities from which patients are drawn to improve care.

**Competency #4 – Interpersonal and communication skills**

*communication skills that result in the effective exchange of information and collaboration with patients, their families, and health professionals. Educational Program Objectives-Graduates will:*

ICS 1. The ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with patients, patients’ families, colleagues, and others with whom physicians interact in the professional setting.

ICS 2. The ability to maintain comprehensive, timely, and legible medical records.

ICS 3. The ability to work within a patient care team to provide safe and effective care by striving for a common understanding of information, treatment, and care decisions.

ICS 4. The ability to use understanding of the patient-doctor relationship in a therapeutic, supportive and culturally sensitive way for patients and their families.

ICS 5. The ability to critically evaluate the medical literature and to seek opportunities to expand understanding and appreciation of scientific discoveries and their applications.

**Competency #5 – Professionalism**

*Physicians should demonstrate a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities and an adherence to ethical principles. Educational Program Objectives-Graduates will:*

P 1. Demonstrate compassion, integrity, and respect for others.

P 2. Demonstrate accountability to patients, society and the profession.

P 3. Demonstrate respect for patient privacy and autonomy.

P 4. Demonstrate sensitivity and responsiveness to a diverse patient population, including but not limited to diversity in gender, age, culture, race, religion, abilities, and sexual orientation.

P 5. Demonstrate a commitment to ethical principles pertaining to provision or withholding of care, confidentiality, informed consent, and conflicts of interest.

**Competency #6-System – Based Practice**

*Physicians should demonstrate an awareness of and responsiveness to the larger context and system of health care, as well as the ability to call effectively on other resources in the system to provide optimal health care. Educational Program Objectives-Graduates will:*

SBP 1. Work effectively in various health care delivery settings.

SBP 2. Coordinate patient care within the health care system.

SBP 3. Incorporate considerations of cost awareness and risk-benefit analysis in patient and/or population based care.

SBP 4. Advocate for access, quality patient care and safety.

SBP 5. Participate in identifying system errors and implementing potential systems solutions.

SBP 6. Demonstrate understanding of various approaches to the organization, financing and delivery of health care at the regional, national and global levels.
Competency #7 – Interprofessional Collaboration
*Physicians should demonstrate the ability to engage in an interprofessional team in a manner that optimizes safe, effective patient and population-centered care. Educational Program Objectives-Graduates will:*

- **IPC 1.** Work with other health professionals to establish and maintain a climate of mutual respect.
- **IPC 2.** Recognize the roles and responsibilities of other health/healthcare providers and how the team works together to provide care.
- **IPC 3.** Work to ensure common understanding of information, treatment, and health/healthcare decisions by listening actively, communicating effectively, encouraging ideas and opinions of other team members and expressing one’s knowledge and opinions with confidence, clarity and respect.
- **IPC 4.** Reflect on the attributes of highly functioning teams and demonstrate the responsibilities and practices of effective team members.

Competency #8 – Personal and professional development
*Physicians should demonstrate the qualities required to sustain lifelong personal and professional growth. Educational Program Objectives-Graduates will:*

- **PPD 1.** Develop the ability to use self-awareness of knowledge, skills, and emotional limitations to engage in appropriate help-seeking behaviors.
- **PPD 2.** Develop healthy coping strategies.
- **PPD 3.** Manage competing needs of personal and professional responsibility, and recognize that patient needs may supersede self-interest.
- **PPD 4.** Demonstrate trustworthiness to one’s colleagues regarding the care of patients.
- **PPD 5.** Provide leadership skills that enhance team functioning, the learning environment, and/or the health care delivery system.
- **PPD 6.** Recognize that ambiguity is part of clinical health care and respond by using appropriate resources in dealing with uncertainty.
### Summary of Required Courses and Credits

#### For the class of 2021, the credit summary is:

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The calendar for the Classes of 2018 and 2019, for the two-year clinical curriculum, consists of 100 weeks: 84 instructional and 16 vacation. The teaching blocks are four, six weeks, or 12 weeks (three blocks of four weeks).

#### For the classes of 2018 (Phase II) and 2019, (Phase I) the credit summary for the clinical years is:

**Phase I**—to be completed during the first 50 weeks

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Class Location

Courses in the curriculum are offered on the Jefferson campus and at all hospitals affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College. Affiliated hospitals are listed on the following pages. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation and covering the expenses involved when they are assigned to a course at an affiliated hospital.

**Abington Memorial Hospital** — This state-of-the-art hospital offers outstanding academic training in a supportive community environment. In addition to strong community outreach and service, Abington has a diverse patient population.

**Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children** — This children's hospital of 150 beds became affiliated with the Medical College in 1989 and is now the primary location of Jefferson's Department of Pediatrics. Clinical courses are offered in Pediatrics and Pediatric subspecialties.

**Albert Einstein Medical Center** — Based in Philadelphia, this teaching hospital became a Jefferson affiliate in 1998. Clinical instruction is offered in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopaedics, Emergency Medicine, and Neurology/Rehabilitation.

**Atlantic Health System** — Atlantic Health System is comprised of Morristown Medical Center, Overlook Medical Center, Chilton Medical Center, Newton Medical Center and Goryeb Children's Hospital – is one of the largest non-profit health care systems in New Jersey.

**Bryn Mawr Hospital** — This hospital of 283 beds became a major affiliate of Jefferson in 1972. The clinical educational program includes Anesthesiology, Family Medicine, Orthopaedic Surgery, Urology, Surgery and Emergency Medicine.

**Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital** — This 118-bed hospital became an affiliate of Sidney Kimmel Medical College in 1982. Clinical instruction in Rehabilitation Medicine is offered.

**Christiana Care Health Services** — With two locations, one in Newark, Delaware and the other in Wilmington, Delaware, it became affiliated with Jefferson in 1970. It is a 1180 bed complex in northern Delaware, 27 miles from the Jefferson campus. Clinical instruction is offered in Family Medicine, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Psychiatry, Surgery, Anesthesia, Emergency Medicine, Neurology, Radiology, Surgical Subspecialties and Rehabilitative Medicine.

**Crozer-Keystone Health System** — Numerous challenging and fully accredited residency programs are offered at one of the leading health care systems in the Delaware Valley. Notably, Crozer-Keystone offers stellar allopathic residencies in Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics and Transitional Year, as well as Osteopathic Internal Medicine, podiatric residency and a variety of osteopathic and allied health training programs.

**Excelsa Health Latrobe Hospital** — Westmoreland County’s largest employer, joins together 725 medical professionals in 35 specialties to provide health care to Westmoreland County and parts of Fayette and Indiana counties. With a workforce of 4,500, Excelsa Health offers traditional inpatient care through hospitals in Greensburg, Jeannette, Latrobe and Mount Pleasant, and outpatient treatment and specialty services to rank as the region’s third largest health care network.

**Inspiria Health Network** — This 310-bed nonprofit community hospital became an affiliate of Jefferson's in 1997. Clinical instruction is offered in Family Medicine.

**Jefferson Hospital for the Neurosciences** — JHN is the home of one of the nation's busiest neurosurgery programs. It also houses the Farber Institute for Neurosciences, a neuroscience research institute, the Department of Neurology and the Jefferson Geriatric Psychiatry Program.
Lankenau Hospital — This 351-bed hospital entered into affiliation with Jefferson in 1966. Instruction is offered in the Departments of Anesthesiology, Medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Surgery, and Emergency Medicine.

Magee Rehabilitation Hospital — This specialty hospital of 96 beds is devoted to Rehabilitation Medicine. This affiliation was established in 1975.

Methodist Hospital — The Methodist Division of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital since 1996, as a community hospital with 203 beds, is dedicated to excellence in patient care in a neighborhood setting. Methodist Hospital is now the sole provider of acute care services and houses the only Emergency Department in South Philadelphia. Clinical instruction is offered in Internal Medicine, Surgery and Emergency Medicine.

Morristown Medical Center — Morristown Medical Center in Morristown, NJ was established in 1892. It is part of the Atlantic Health System.

Overlook Medical Center — Overlook Hospital is a 504-bed non-profit teaching hospital located in Summit, NJ.

Reading Hospital and Medical Center — This 664-bed hospital became affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College in 2000. Clinical instruction is offered in Family Medicine.

Veterans Affairs Medical Center — This 100-bed general hospital became affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College in 1979. Instruction is offered in Medicine, Neurology, Surgery and Urology.

Virtua Hospital — This 277-bed hospital became affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College in 1991. Clinical instruction is offered in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Family Medicine.

Wills Eye Institute — This specialty Institute became affiliated with Jefferson in 1972. Clinical instruction is offered in Ophthalmology and all subspecialties of Ophthalmology. It is located at 9th and Walnut Streets in Philadelphia.

York Hospital — What began in 1880 has become a 558-bed community teaching hospital that employs more than 3,400 people and serves a population of 520,000 in south central Pennsylvania. In addition to being named a top 100 hospital for the sixth time, York Hospital has also been ranked among the top 100 open heart surgery programs and recognized by US News and World Report as one of the country’s top 50 hospitals for orthopedics. There are clerkships in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Surgery at this affiliate.

Main Line Health – Jefferson Core Clinical Campus

Students who are interested in establishing a relationship with Main Line Health (MLH) may elect to participate in this program starting as early as their first year through a customized summer internship in basic science research, patient safety and quality, or educational outreach. Students who elect to participate in this program during their third year will be given priority in scheduling and must do at least three (but may do all five) of their third-year core clinical clerkships offered through Main Line Health at one of the hospitals in the system (Lankenau, Bryn Mawr or Paoli). Students in this program will be assigned a faculty and resident mentor and will have the opportunity to participate in academic enrichment sessions and talks offered by the Main Line Health System. Students in this program will also be given priority in scheduling at MLH during their fourth year.
Preamble

Sidney Kimmel Medical College recognizes that it has obligations not only to its students, but also to the faculty of the institution, to the medical profession, and most important, to society. The function of the Committee on Student Promotion is to help ensure that each graduate of Sidney Kimmel Medical College meets essential requirements of medical knowledge, skills, and attitudes. The Committee on Student Promotion must also ensure that each student demonstrates the appropriate professional behavior, ethical conduct and personal attributes that are crucial to the practice of medicine. As students progress through the College curriculum, the Committee on Student Promotion must ensure that students meet those overall requirements to move from one level of instruction to the next. Through the Committee on Student Promotion, Sidney Kimmel Medical College seeks to ensure that each student fulfills all requirements for every course included within their program of medical education, as well as all non-cognitive requisites for pursuing a medical career. The purview of the Committee on Student Promotion extends to all aspects of the student’s ability to perform as a physician inclusive of professional behavior. It is also recognized that through its faculty and through the Committee on Student Promotion, Sidney Kimmel Medical College has an obligation to help each student to recognize and, where possible, to correct any identified deficiencies. When this cannot be reasonably accomplished, the institution, through the Committee on Student Promotion, has the further obligation to withhold a medical degree.

A candidate for the Doctor of Medicine degree must demonstrate abilities and skills in a number of areas including: observational, communicative, motor, conceptual, integrative and quantitative, and behavioral and social. Candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine must be certified by the faculty to exhibit the requisite knowledge, skills and attitudes to complete the prescribed course of study. Students must also possess personal qualifications and attributes deemed necessary to perform the duties of the medical profession. All candidates must be free of any judgment-impairing condition, attitude, habit or addiction. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to withhold the degree from any candidate who has not been certified for graduation by the Committee on Student Promotion.

The Committee on Student Promotion of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College faculty is vested with the responsibility of evaluating the academic performance, the professional and ethical conduct, and the personal attributes of all students and rendering decisions regarding promotion, dismissal, leaves of absence, or any other appropriate actions. The following guidelines highlight specific policies and procedures of the Committee on Student Promotion with respect to promotion of qualified and competent students. These guidelines are implemented at the sole discretion of the Committee on Student Promotion. In such situations, the Committee will carefully examine all relevant facts and assess any extenuating circumstances.
Student Evaluation in the Core Curriculum

Students are evaluated by an appropriate departmental or interdepartmental faculty. Criteria for evaluation are established using general guidelines formulated and approved by the Committee on Student Promotion. These guidelines reflect and recognize differences in methods of evaluation unique to each course. Specific course requirements, such as format, date and logistics of examinations, requirements for satisfactory course completion, textbook suggestions, etc. are made available during the first week of each course. It is the student’s responsibility to become familiar with all course requirements.

1. Grading System

a. Grading in Year 1 (JeffMD)

There are five components to assessment in the Foundations of Medicine courses I-IV in JeffMD:

1. Weekly quizzes (scheduled every Friday at 9:00 a.m.)
2. Block exams (scheduled the Friday of assessment week at 9:00 a.m.)
3. Case-based learning assessments (narrative feedback from facilitator and peers)
4. Clinical skills assessments (includes clinical skills small group narrative feedback)
5. Science skills assessments (includes anatomy lab practicals)

6. To achieve a Pass for each semester, a student must pass all 5 components in each semester.

Case-based learning, clinical skills, and science skills are all Pass/Fail components. Weekly quizzes must be passed with a grade of 65 or better, and at the end of the block, the lowest quiz grade will be dropped. The block exams must be passed with a grade of 70 or better. These assessments will all occur during the scheduled assessment week at the mid and/or end point of every block.

Attendance is mandatory at all assessments. Students should refer to the Absence Policy on procedures for missed assessments.

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Weekly Quizzes are scheduled for 9 AM every Friday (except during assessment week). In each block, a student’s lowest quiz grade will be dropped. For a student to pass the quiz component in a given semester, their average grade must be greater than 65.

Block Exams are scheduled for 9 AM the Friday of an assessment week. For a student to pass the block exam component in a given semester, their average grade must be greater than 70.

Case-based learning assessment will include narrative feedback from a student’s facilitator in each block, as well as narrative feedback from the student’s small group peers.

Clinical Skills will be assessed during sessions in each assessment week. These assessments include clinical exercises known as Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) as well as Clinical Skills small group narrative feedback.

Science Skills will be assessed during practical sessions scheduled for afternoons in each assessment week.

In addition to the Foundations of Medicine courses I-IV, students are assessed on a Pass/Fail basis in Scholarly Inquiry, Clinical Experience, and the Humanities Selectives courses. These courses will be separately evaluated via student portfolios, with checkpoints throughout the three Phases.
Students will be assessed for continuation in the program 2 times in Year 1:
1. End Fall semester Year 1 (end of Block 3A)
2. End Spring semester Year 1 (end of Block 4B)

b. Courses in Year 2
Courses will be evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis. A grade of Fail will be given for final averages below 70%. For first-year courses, a score of 70% or above must be earned in all components of each course to earn a grade of Pass. In order for students to be able to track their own progress throughout the course, students will receive numerical scores for their performance on interim evaluations.

c. Courses in Years 3 and 4
All year 3 and year 4 clerkships will be recorded in the student’s academic record with the following grades: High Honors-5, Excellent-4, Good-3, Marginal Competence-2, Incomplete-I, Failure-1. The passing grade on NBME subject examinations is determined by the Clerkship Director. It is a requirement that a student pass it in order to pass the clerkship. A failure of the NBME subject exam will result in a grade of Incomplete until the failure can be remediated. Students are reminded that all courses must be passed for promotion or graduation.

Class Hours
All classes begin on the hour or half-hour and end at 10 minutes before the hour or half-hour. Classes for all class years begin at 8:00 a.m. unless otherwise scheduled by a basic or clinical department.

Class Attendance
Class of 2021 (JeffMD)
JeffMD Attendance Requirements
• Case-Based Learning Sessions – Mandatory
• Clinical Skills Sessions – Mandatory
• TBLs – not mandatory but quizzes may be given
• Patient present sessions – Mandatory
• Labs – not mandatory
• Lectures – not mandatory except for those designated as Professionalism Lectures where attendance is mandatory

Recording of Sessions
Lectures will continue to be recorded as follows:
• Block directors, however, have the discretion to determine that a lecture will not be recorded if they feel it is too interactive to capture well; in this case, it will be indicated on the calendar that it will not be recorded.
• Student expectations will be explained at orientation.
  ◦ Delivery – many lectures are interactive, which may not record well.
  ◦ Professionalism – students are responsible for obtaining the content in the best manner for them, and should be prepared that electronic delivery may not translate the same as it would by attending a live lecture; respectful behavior is expected.

Non-Lectures will not be recorded, specifically for the following situations:
• Team Based Learning sessions (TBLs)
• Any session when a patient is present
• Case-Based Learning sessions (CBLs)
• Clinical Skills sessions
• Lab sessions
• Interactive Review sessions

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The educational program is designed to offer the student varied modes of learning. This includes classroom lectures, seminars, small group sessions, demonstrations, and laboratory exercises, as well as the use of textbooks and other written material and audiovisual presentations. Direct faculty-student contact in various settings offers special advantages over other modes of communication. The classroom gives the faculty an opportunity to highlight, comment on, update, and summarize the material at hand. Demonstrations, laboratory exercises, and bedside learning can, in turn, provide a dimension not obtainable through reading and other didactic modes of learning. Participation in these activities is essential for a sense of collegiality, which will play an important role in the professional development of each individual. Therefore, distractors, such as the use of cell phones and other non-approved electronic devices during lecture, are not permitted.

The procedure used to monitor attendance will be described in the beginning of each course. Attendance is required for all small groups, laboratory, clinical correlations and presentations, clinical skills teaching, clinical skills assessment (i.e., OSCE), and clinical activities including didactic sessions, in all four years. Failure to meet clinical responsibilities, even if the absence is justifiable, may result in a grade of Incomplete. An Incomplete is to be given when a student has been unable to meet the requirements for completion of a particular course. It implies that a student has made a legitimate effort to comply with the course requirements. Coincident with submission of an Incomplete must be a statement from the faculty documenting the reasons for the evaluation, detailing the mechanisms for completion of the required course work, and establishing a time frame within which this work must be completed. Failure to meet clinical responsibilities because of the unjustified lack of attendance will result in the grade of Failure and will be referred to the Committee on Student Promotion for appropriate action.

**Sidney Kimmel Medical College’s Policy on Student Duty Hours**

**Policy on Unscheduled Time for Years 1 and 2**

The Committee on Curriculum is committed to assuring that there is sufficient time available for independent study and other non-curricular activities. On this basis, the pre-clinical courses must provide the students with on average, two free half days per week. This time must not be converted to any mandatory curricular activity, including, but not limited to lecture, directed small group sessions, laboratory activities or clinical skills training. Adherence to this policy will be reviewed by the Committee on Curriculum at least annually, or as needed.

**Policy on Clinical Duty Hours**

Medical students must learn to balance the long hours that patient care and learning demand while at the same time getting adequate rest to ensure that they function at the highest level while caring for their patients. Sidney Kimmel Medical College is committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for our students. Using both the ACGME and the Institute of Medicine duty hour policies as guides, the Sidney Kimmel Core Clerkship committee with input for all of the clerkship directors has developed a policy regarding students’ duty hours. The policy was reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and adopted.

**Sidney Kimmel Medical College policy regarding students’ duty hours follows:**

1. The definition of duty hours is all clinical and academic activities undertaken by students. These activities include patient care, in house time spent on call, and scheduled academic activities such as conferences. Duty hours do not include reading and preparation time spent away from duty site.
2. Each student must have no more than 80 hours per week of duty hours, averaged over a four week period.

3. One day in seven must be free from required clinical and educational experiences averaged over a 4-week period. A day is defined as one continuous 24-hour period free from all clinical, educational, and administrative activities. Eight hours duty free time must separate work periods.

4. Continuous on-site duty hours must not exceed 28 hours.

5. Compliance is monitored by the clerkship directors who receive the data from student questionnaires administered at the end of each clerkship rotation.

6. Any violations of the regulations should be reported by the students to the clerkship coordinator, site director, or the clerkship director. The faculty member or resident who is responsible for the violation will be contacted to make sure that the policy is understood and future violations don’t occur. If repeated violations occur the clerkship director will be notified and will report the problem to the curriculum committee.

7. The policy is discussed yearly with each affiliate site. The policy is in the student handbook. Each clerkship director reviews the policy with the students at the beginning of each rotation.

**Approved Absences**

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**Missed Time in Phase I**

Attendance is required for case-based sessions, clinical skills sessions, clinical experience, patient sessions, quizzes, and all other sessions labeled mandatory. Excused absences may be granted in the case of illness, personal/family emergency, or religious holidays.

1. **Acute Illness or Emergency**
   - **Block and Clinical Examinations:** A student must contact the Dean for Student Affairs to be excused. The student must contact the Dean at 215-503-6988 if during business hours or via pager (877-656-4337) at all other times. All health-related excuses for missing examinations must also have documented approval of the Director of University Health Services or his/her designee. Make-up for the missed examination will take place on designated exam make-up dates and times, published on the university calendar.

   If the Student Affairs office approves the absence from the examination as excused, they will notify the appropriate educational coordinator. The educational coordinator will communicate this information to the Block Director as well as to the Phase 1 Director for informational purposes.

   Students with grievance of decision should contact the Vice Dean of UME/Academic Affairs.

   - **Other Mandatory Sessions (such as case-based sessions, clinical skills sessions, quizzes, etc.):** A student must notify the Office of UME/Academic Affairs, in writing via electronic submission, to be excused. *If it is within two hours of a mandatory session, the student must contact the educational coordinator, Kathleen Kieser (Kathleen.Kieser@jefferson.edu or 215-955-9714; a student must leave a voicemail for all unanswered calls.) Students are responsible for contacting the Block Director regarding make-up arrangements for all missed work.*

   Students with grievance of decision should contact the Dean of Student Affairs.
2. Requests for Absence due to Religious Holidays

Students must notify the Office of UME/Academic Affairs, in writing via electronic submission, of any days they will miss class because of religious holidays within three business days of the start of classes on a semester by semester basis. Students will not be excused from class for days intended for travel for religious observance.

(For more information refer to -http://www.jefferson.edu/university/academic-affairs/schools/student-affairs/student-handbooks/university-policies/religious-accommodation-policy.html)

Students with grievance of decision should contact the Office of the Provost.

3. Requests for Absence due to Special Circumstances

Examples of special circumstances where absences from mandatory sessions may be approved include family member weddings or student presentation at a conference. Since dates for these special circumstances are known in advance, requests must be made in writing via electronic submission to the Office of UME/Academic Affairs as early as possible but at least four weeks prior to the event. The more advance notice that is given, the more likely the request will be able to be accommodated.

Students with grievance of decision should contact the Dean of Student Affairs.

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**Absences from Examinations in year two**

Students are excused from taking examinations at scheduled times only for the most extraordinary of circumstances, such as acute debilitating illness or an unanticipated family emergency. Students requesting to be absent from a scheduled examination for these or other reasons (for example, see the Student Religious Observance Policy (125.01) on Blackboard) must do so in a timely manner. Students
are required to request to be excused from taking an examination at a scheduled time. Approval for the request must be obtained from the course/clerkship director. All health-related excuses must also have documented approval of the Director of University Health Services or his/her designee. Remediation for the missed examination will be made at the discretion of the course/clerkship director.

Students in fourth year who plan to take extended leaves to visit postgraduate programs are urged to use their vacation time for this purpose. If additional time is needed for residency interviews, a student may request additional days of excused absence during the fourth-year clerkships, but in no instance shall such absences exceed two days per four-week clerkship period. All such excused absences must have approval of the department course director or his or her designee (at TJUH or affiliate) for the clerkship or basic science course in which the student is enrolled. The course/clerkship director may require a student to make up missed time. Absences greater than this will result in the student being given an Incomplete (I). Any exceptions to the above policy must be approved by the Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling, in consultation with the Office of Academic Affairs. Students in the third year have no days off with the exception of official college holidays. If a need for time away from third-year clerkships arises, it must be requested and approved by the clerkship director at Sidney Kimmel Medical College and by faculty and residents at the clinical site; the Office of Students Affairs must also be notified.

**Fourth Year Flexible Curriculum**

Under certain circumstances, a voluntary extension of a student’s medical education via a flexible fourth-year may be approved by Sidney Kimmel Medical College’s Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling. Approval is contingent upon the criteria described below.

1. Unless otherwise approved by the Committee on Student Promotions (COSP), a student must fall within the maximum time frame for graduation to be eligible for this one-year special program. That is, “A student is expected to complete the medical curriculum in a maximum of six (6) years, inclusive of approved leaves of absences. Students who are enrolled in the MD/PhD program are expected to complete the combined curriculum in twelve (12) years, inclusive of approved leaves of absence…” (*SKMC Student Handbook*).

2. Both the student and his/her OSACC Dean believe that such an extension is needed to enhance a student’s experience/competitiveness/progress toward a particular specialty. The flexible curriculum is not available to students who wish to do a year of research at an outside institution. This academic work is considered a Leave of Absence.

3. The student has not yet completed all SKMC graduation requirements.

4. The a student will work with his/her assigned student affairs dean and a faculty advisor to design a flexible/extended schedule. This schedule may consist of research experiences, required clerkships and electives. Electives may be performed either on-campus or may be extra-mural electives. In addition, student must:
   - Fulfill specific academic requirements deemed necessary by their faculty advisor or OSACC dean.
   - Be limited to one sub-internship at TJUH or affiliates, if available, unless approved by a Dean for Student Affairs.
   - Be committed to at least 12 credits per semester of academic work during his/her additional year.
   - Work with the Office of the Registrar to finalize his/her schedule after the regularly scheduled fourth-year students have completed registration for fourth year courses.
   - Provide a letter of support from a research mentor if assisting in a research project for a period exceeding four weeks. This letter must detail the research experience, including goals and objectives.
5. The student must notify his/her assigned OSACC Dean, the Office of the Registrar and Office of Financial Aid by March 31st of their scheduled graduation year of their request to participate in the program.

6. Meet quarterly with an OSACC Dean and faculty advisor during the extended fourth year.

7. Provide an administrative fee in order to maintain his/her matriculation.

8. Provide documentation of a meeting with the Director of Financial Aid to the OSACC. Full tuition must be paid for the first year of the two year flexible fourth year curriculum. An administrative fee of will be charged during the second year of this academic program.

All such students on a Flexible Curriculum will be presented to the Committee on Student Promotion as an information item.

A student who has been initially unsuccessful in the Match and intends to flex the fourth year curriculum to improve his/her application, is still eligible to accept a residency position outside of the Match, should a vacancy arise. However, such student may only accept this residency position, and receive a diploma from SKMC, contingent upon completing all SKMC graduation requirements. Such student will have a graduation date which is consistent with their acceptance of such a vacant residency position. In all other cases, the extension of a student’s academic program will result in a graduation date of either August 31st or December 31st of a given academic year or the regularly scheduled graduation date at the end of a given academic year.

An acknowledgement of the above will be signed by both the student and their OSACC dean.

**Policies Concerning Promotion and Graduation**

There are areas of competency that must be met for students to be promoted and graduated from Sidney Kimmel Medical College. These are medical knowledge, psychomotor skills, communication skills, interpersonal skills, attitudes, professional and ethical conduct, and personal attributes. If a student fails to meet any of these requirements, he or she may not be promoted or graduated. It is the responsibility of the Committee on Student Promotion to evaluate each individual in light of each of these requirements and to make determinations based upon the circumstances of each individual case.

1. **Committee on Student Promotion Procedures**

   The Committee on Student Promotion is charged with determining that the institutional requirements for each of the General Requirements for Promotion/Graduation are met by all Sidney Kimmel Medical College students.

   a. **Committee Membership**

      The Committee on Student Promotion is composed of at least 12 members of the Professorial Faculty including six basic science and six clinical science faculty and a representative from the Office of the Dean.

   b. **Meetings**

      The Committee on Student Promotion meets monthly. At least one-half of the members must be present to constitute a quorum; however, the Executive Council of Sidney Kimmel Medical College may, at its sole discretion, provide for a different quorum requirement. Written minutes of each committee meeting shall be prepared and retained in the Office of the Dean.

      The Bylaws of the Medical College require that the Committee on Student Promotion recommend to the Professorial Faculty evaluation procedures, requirements, and general policies for satisfactory scholarship. The Professorial Faculty shall apply such policies as the Committee may adopt from time to time. The Committee’s decisions with respect to particular students may not be reversed by another faculty body or individual at Sidney Kimmel Medical College, except as expressly provided herein.
c. Receiving Reports, Nature of Reports Received

All course grade reports and evaluations in any course shall be properly signed by the course director, or otherwise electronically approved, and transmitted to the University Office of the Registrar from the course coordinator or the department chairman’s designee.

The Registrar, in turn, submits unsatisfactory and remediated grades and evaluations to the Office of Academic Affairs/Undergraduate Medical Education, which then submits them to the Committee on Student Promotion. Unsatisfactory and remediated grades and evaluations shall also be reported to the Office of Student Affairs.

After review, the Committee on Student Promotion may accept the grades or evaluations submitted or may return them for departmental clarification or reconsideration if a discrepancy or inconsistency appears, or if other questions arise relating to the academic, professional/ethical status, or personal attributes. The Committee on Student Promotion may not, however, change any course grade or evaluation. Only the responsible faculty member is vested with the power to modify a specific grade or evaluation. Any student who challenges a grade should direct his/her question to the appropriate Course Director. The Committee on Student Promotion will notify each student in writing about any actions it has taken regarding his/her student status, except for the routine acceptance of grades.

The ultimate decision regarding any action to be taken on unsatisfactory grades or changes of evaluations is the responsibility of the Committee on Student Promotion. Students who receive grades below the expected level of competence will have their entire record reviewed for appropriate action, which may include counseling, academic probation or other actions as described below. The Committee on Student Promotion may review at any time the entire academic history and record of any student for consideration of cognitive and noncognitive behavior, including professional, social, moral, and personal attributes.

2. General Requirements for Promotion/Graduation

a. Overview

The student must meet all of the requirements of the curriculum in terms of specific courses taken as defined by the Curriculum Committee. The student must meet all of the requirements specified by each contributing department for each course taken.

1. Demonstration of adequate knowledge.
2. Demonstration of appropriate skills, attitudes, professional and ethical conduct, and personal attributes.
3. Attendance, punctuality and respect for property of the College and its affiliated training sites.

b. USMLE

The student must receive passing scores in Step 1 and Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge) and Step 2 CS (Clinical Skills) of the United States Medical Licensing Examinations (USMLE) of the National Board of Medical Examiners. These examinations are recognized by the College as Comprehensive Examinations for the preclinical and clinical years of study, respectively. Second-year students must pass Step 1 to be officially promoted to the third year. Fourth-year students must pass Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS to satisfy graduation requirements.

The second-year Comprehensive Examination (USMLE Step 1) is taken following the successful completion of all second-year courses. This exam must be taken prior to the first day of third-year clerkships.

No student with a failing grade in any course during the second year will be permitted to take the USMLE Step 1 until that failure has been resolved. If approved to do so by the Committee on Student Promotion, the student may resolve the failure by passing a makeup examination(s). If the reexamination(s) is passed, the student will be allowed to sit for Step 1, but may be advised to take the first teaching block as vacation to prepare for the Step 1 Examination. If the course reexamination(s) is not passed, the student will not be permitted to take the Comprehensive Examination until a passing score on this reexamination is achieved. The Committee on Student Promotion may allow additional re-
mediation and reexamination, may require the student to start Year 1 of the JeffMD curriculum, or may give the student an Academic Dismissal.

The student who passes the makeup examination and passes the Comprehensive Examination will continue with his/her classmates in the third-year curriculum.

1.) Step 1
A student who fails the Comprehensive Examination Step 1 at the first sitting will be expected to repeat the Comprehensive Examination before continuation in clerkships and promotion to the third year. The student is expected to seek guidance from the Office of Academic Affairs/Undergraduate Medical Education to assist the student in completion of the USMLE.

The student who fails the Comprehensive Examination Step 1 at the first sitting will be removed from his/her clerkships and placed on a vacation block until he/she sits again for the examination. Special consideration may be given if the student requests permission to finish the clerkship currently in process. Such a student may be allowed to complete this clerkship only.

The student who satisfactorily passes the Comprehensive Examination at the second sitting will be returned to accredited third-year status. Credit may be given for clerkships passed to date if the student returns during the current academic year. If the student does not return in the current academic year, no credit will be given for clerkships completed before the academic leave of absence.

The student who fails the repeat Comprehensive Examination may either be academically dismissed or sponsored for a 3rd and final sitting. Sponsorship for a third sitting of the USMLE Step 1 will be decided on an individual basis by the Committee on Student Promotion and is impacted by relevant factors, including the student's previous academic history. A student sponsored for a 3rd sitting will be placed on a mandatory academic leave of absence. Due to the mandatory leave of absence for such students, and the extended time away from the 3rd year curriculum, students requiring 3 attempts to pass the USMLE Step 1 exam will be expected to complete the 3rd year curriculum in its entirety upon their return to SKMC; i.e., no credit will be given for 3rd year clerkships taken and passed prior to passing Step 1. Upon receipt of a passing USMLE Step 1 score, the student should submit a letter requesting termination of the leave of absence by May 1 for the next academic year. It is expected that the student will progress through the 3rd year curriculum, uninterrupted, within one calendar year.

Failure of the Comprehensive Examination Step 1 at the third sitting will result in academic dismissal.

2.) Step 2 CK
The fourth-year Comprehensive Examination (USMLE Step 2 CK) is taken following successful completion of the Phase I clerkships. No student with a failing grade in any course/clerkship will be permitted to take the Comprehensive Examination Step 2 CK until that failure has been resolved. It is strongly recommended that Step 2 CK be taken between August and October of the fourth year, and is required to be taken by December 31 of the fourth year. If circumstances arise that make it a hardship to comply with this deadline, the student must request permission for an extension through the Office of Student Affairs and the Office of Academic Affairs/Undergraduate Medical Education.

If the student fails this examination at the first sitting, he/she will be placed on academic probation and will be allowed to remain in clerkships until the results of the second USMLE Step 2 CK sitting are reported. If a student has not obtained a passing grade on the USMLE Step 2 CK exam by April, the residency program to which the student has matched will be notified. Students who fail the Comprehensive Examination Step 2 CK at the second sitting will be considered on an individual basis by the Committee on Student Promotion; such a student may be allowed to continue on academic probation or may be academically dismissed. A student’s previous academic history impacts this decision.

3.) Step 2 CS
This test of clinical skills is a requirement for medical licensure in the United States. All students are required to pass the examination before graduation. It is strongly recommended that this be completed
by November 1 of the fourth year. Students should be aware that some residency programs may not rank a student for the Match if he/she does not have a passing score reported on this exam.

The student who receives passing scores on USMLE Step 2 CK and USMLE Step 2 CS in the fourth year, with results reported by mid-April, will have satisfactorily complied with the requirements of the Comprehensive Examinations at SKMC. Receipt of passing scores on Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS is required for a student to participate in graduation ceremonies and to receive his or her M.D. degree with the class. Students requesting an exception to this policy, and with expected completion of requirements by July 1st, must submit a written request to the Committee on Student Promotion no later than April 20th. Factors to be considered include compelling exigencies that may have precluded timely completion of these testing requirements. Students who are permitted to participate in graduation, but who have not met all graduation requirements, will be noted as such with an asterisk in the graduation program.

c. End-of-Clerkship NBME Subject Examinations

All students are required to pass the clinical clerkship examinations at the end of each core clerkship. If an exam is failed, the student will receive the grade of Incomplete for the clerkship; makeup NBME subject exams must be taken on specific reexamination dates set by the Office of Academic Affairs/Undergraduate Medical Education. If the student fails the reexamination, the Committee on Student Promotion will determine appropriate remedial action, which may include repeating the clerkship, repeating the year in question, a remedial time period for reading and attendance at didactic lectures, or academic dismissal. All third year core clerkships must be passed before a student will be promoted to the fourth-year curriculum. See also 3.e. Reexaminations (below).

d. End-of-Third Year OSCE

All students are also required to take and pass the Sidney Kimmel Medical College End-of-Third Year Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). Students who do not pass this exam on the first try will be required to complete a remedial elective and re-sit for an OSCE. It is very strongly advised that students sit for the USMLE Step 2 CS exam only after passing this OSCE.

e. Additional Requirements for Promotion

Each student must demonstrate appropriate standards of professional and ethical conduct, attitudes, moral, and personal attributes deemed necessary for the practice of medicine. These behavioral traits include, but are not limited to: honesty, integrity, willingness to assume responsibility, good interpersonal skills, compassion, logical thinking, good judgment, the absence of chemical dependency, and appropriate professional, social, moral, and personal behavior. The Committee on Student Promotion may dismiss a student for failure to meet these standards. If a student poses a threat to the health, welfare, or safety of patients, staff, or colleagues, the Committee on Student Promotion will remove such a student from the classroom or clinical setting immediately and, if warranted, dismiss him/her from the College. The Committee on Student Promotion may require a psychiatric evaluation and report from a psychiatrist selected by Sidney Kimmel Medical College for any student whose conduct during a course is deemed to warrant such an evaluation.

There must be no legal or other impediments to the student’s being promoted or graduated. Legal impediments to the student’s promotion or graduation will be resolved by the joint action of the Judicial Board and the Committee on Student Promotion, in consultation as necessary with college administration and legal counsel.

3. Specific Academic/Promotion Guidelines

a. First Year (JeffMD Curriculum)

First year Students with Block exam scores falling below 70% or subthreshold competencies in any other block component, including clinical skills, CBL, etc., are reported to COSP as an information item. For students on Academic Probation, failing Block exam scores will be reported as an actionable item.
b. Third and Fourth Years (Clinical Curriculum)

Because these two years provide the most important opportunity to assess a student’s ultimate ability to function successfully in a patient care setting, it is imperative that the Committee on Student Promotion exercise even greater flexibility and latitude in determining academic status. A student who fails one or more clinical clerkships will be required either to retake the clerkship(s) or to repeat the entire year’s rotations, or he/she may be dismissed from the College, depending on an evaluation by the Committee on Student Promotion of all relevant factors in the student’s entire record.

A student who is in good academic standing and receives one “Marginal Competence” evaluation in a clerkship will be placed on Academic Probation and offered the option of repeating that clerkship for academic remediation. The timing of the repeat clerkship will be determined by the Committee on Student Promotion and the Office of the Registrar in collaboration with the clerkship director. This time will be taken from the 10 weeks allotted vacation or may result in delayed graduation. The student may be offered the opportunity to improve the grade from Marginal Competence to Good or Excellent.

In addition to being placed on Academic Probation, a student who receives one or more Marginal Competence evaluation during the clinical years will have his/her entire academic record reviewed. The Committee on Student Promotion may exercise one of the following options: repetition of the course involved, repetition of the year, or academic dismissal for poor performance.

c. Academic Deficiencies

All academic deficiencies and grades of Incomplete, described in the section on class attendance, must be resolved before a student may be promoted into the next academic year. The mode of removing such deficiencies will be determined by the Committee on Student Promotion and transmitted to the student by the Office of Student Affairs. Such recommendations are carefully made on an individual basis and must be followed closely. The Committee may permit a student to begin the third year on a conditional basis while awaiting the reporting of Step 1 scores, but the student will not be officially promoted until all work of the previous academic year has been satisfactorily completed.

d. Clerkship OSCE

By direction of a clerkship director, a student may be required to review the video of his clerkship OSCE. When the need for such a session is made known to the student by the clerkship director, the student must contact designated faculty in the University Clinical Skills and Simulation Center in a timely fashion to arrange a time to review the OSCE video. The designated faculty will collect pertinent information from the clerkship director.

After this OSCE review, a report will be sent to the clerkship director. Failure to review the OSCE will result in the student receiving an Incomplete grade until this requirement is completed.

e. Reexaminations

Course and clerkship reexaminations are given only with approval by the Committee on Student Promotion. A course passed by reexamination will be noted on the transcript with a pound sign (#).

It is a Committee directive that course reexaminations in first- and second-year courses are to be given only during officially scheduled reexamination periods. Any request by a student for reexamination at a time other than the official reexamination period must be submitted in advance to the Committee on Student Promotion and must be supported by the course director.

Second-year students may be offered reexaminations in the Fundamentals of Pathology and Pharmacology course and Immunity Infection and Disease. This option may only be offered by the Committee on Student Promotion after a review of the student’s academic record. Prior Academic Probation status may preclude this reexamination option.
In the second-year course, Foundations of Clinical Medicine, students must achieve a passing grade on each of the module examinations. Failure on any of the module examinations will be referred to the Committee on Student Promotion for review regarding the option of reexaminations. Prior Academic Probation status may preclude this reexamination option. Module re-exams passed will be recorded in the transcript with a (#) sign. Failure on three module examinations (or any combination of module examinations and re-examinations) in the Foundations of Clinical Medicine course may necessitate a restart of the JeffMD curriculum in year 1.

For a student with no previous academic problems, pre-approval may be given in year 2, to allow re-examination, by either the Dean’s Representative or the Chair of the Committee on Student Promotion; in such instances, information about the re-examination will be provided to the Committee on Student Promotion as an information item (no action required). For the 2nd year course Foundations in Clinical Medicine, up to two module re-examinations may be pre-approved if there are no previous academic problems.

Third- and fourth-year subject reexaminations must be passed in order to remediate the grade of Incomplete. A student who does not pass the reexamination may be given the opportunity to remediate this reexamination failure. This remediation may involve a repeat of the clerkship, reading time and attendance at didactic lectures, or a repeat of the third year of the SKMC curriculum. Based on review of the entire academic record, the student may be given an academic dismissal. Remediation for reexamination failures will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Students who experience a second examination failure, in a different clerkship, will be reviewed on an individual basis by the Committee on Student Promotion. Such students may be offered the opportunity to take a reexamination, to repeat the clerkship in its entirety, to repeat a year of the SKMC curriculum in its entirety or may be academically dismissed. Students who experience more than two examination failures, or who fail to successfully complete a scheduled reexamination, may be offered the opportunity to repeat a year of the SKMC curriculum in its entirety or, in extreme circumstances, a remedial time period for reading and attendance at didactic lectures, or academic dismissal.

Passing grades on all reexaminations in the clinical years shall be recorded on the student’s transcript with a pound sign (#) to indicate that the grade was achieved by reexamination, regardless of the actual score achieved on the reexamination.

f. Repeat of year

When students are directed by the Committee on Student Promotion to repeat the entire academic year, they are required to retake each course/clerkship and all examinations. A grade will have to be resubmitted for each course/clerkship. A student will only be permitted to repeat one academic year during their progress at Sidney Kimmel Medical College. Students who afford themselves of the opportunity to repeat a year of curriculum must pass all courses. Matriculation may be terminated if any student fails to achieve satisfactory scholarship, or pass any course in its timely sequence, during a second attempt at a year of the curriculum.

g. Maximum time frame

A student is expected to complete the medical curriculum, as a full-time student, in a maximum of six (6) years, inclusive of approved leaves of absence. Rare exceptions will be considered by the Committee on Student Promotion in the event of extenuating circumstances. Students who are enrolled in the MD/PhD program are expected to complete the combined curriculum in twelve (12) years, inclusive of approved leaves of absence, unless extenuating circumstances are presented to and approved by the Committee on Student Promotion.
4. Academic Status

a. Academic Probation

Academic Probation is an administrative warning for any student who does not achieve a grade of Pass in a course, Step 1 or 2 CK or 2 CS of the USMLE, or receives a grade of Incomplete (for reason of NBME subjection examination failure), Marginal or Fail in a clinical clerkship.

Academic probation is not recorded on a student’s permanent academic record. It is used as an internal early academic warning to the student, and will be considered should the student’s subsequent performance warrant review by the Committee on Student Promotion.

A student who is on Academic Probation will remain in such status for at least the equivalent of 12 months. The student who is required to repeat a year for academic reasons or has received an academic dismissal and subsequent reinstatement, will be on Academic Probation as long as he/she remains a student at Sidney Kimmel Medical College. Students on Academic Probation for the repeat of a year and/or reinstatement are expected to achieve passing grades in all subsequent courses. Failure to achieve passing grades while on Academic Probation may result in Academic Dismissal.

Each student’s continuing probationary status in medical school will be dependent on the individual student’s entire record as evaluated by the Committee on Student Promotion. A student who is on academic probation who receives Marginal or Fail on clinical clerkship evaluations, fails any course, or manifests unprofessional behavior, may be subject to any of the following actions: reexamination, repeat of the course or clerkship, repeat of the year, or academic dismissal.

b. Academic Dismissal

Academic dismissal is the separation of a student from the medical college because the student has not met the academic requirements of Sidney Kimmel Medical College. Academic dismissal is invoked only after a most careful review of the entire academic history and record of a student by the Committee on Student Promotion and only in situations in which the Committee feels the student has demonstrated a consistent inability to achieve a satisfactory academic record in the medical curriculum of Sidney Kimmel Medical College. In most, but not all, situations, students whose academic records are unsatisfactory will be warned by being placed on academic probation prior to academic dismissal.

c. Appeal Procedures for Academic Dismissal

1) Following receipt of notification of academic dismissal by the Committee on Student Promotion, a student may appeal a decision about his/her student status by submitting within 10 days a written request to both the Dean of the Medical College and the Office of Academic Affairs/Undergraduate Medical Education. This request must contain the grounds being asserted by the student for the appeal. This written request must state the basis for the appeal and may include new information that would warrant a reconsideration of the decision to dismiss.

2) Upon review of the student's request, the Dean may either deny the appeal or refer the matter to the Appeals Committee on Student Promotion for reconsideration. A denial of appeal rendered by the Dean is final and binding.

3) The student will be notified in writing of the Dean's decision within 14 days after receipt of his/her written request.

4) If the Dean refers the matter, the Appeals Committee on Student Promotion will convene within 30 days of the Dean's decision and review and evaluate the appeal. The student will have the right to appear at this meeting to give a brief summary of information presented to the Dean and to respond to questions. At this meeting, the Appeals Committee on Student Promotion may decide either to rescind or maintain the dismissal. A final decision may be postponed for up to 10 days if additional investigation is required. The decision rendered by the Appeals Committee on Student Promotion is final and binding.
5) The Appeals Committee on Student Promotion shall be a subcommittee of the Committee on Student Promotion. It shall be composed of 5 members of the Committee on Student Promotion drawn from the Professorial Faculty, including one designee appointed by the Dean. Members of the Appeals Committee on Student Promotion will not attend regular monthly meetings of the Committee on Student Promotion and will not have deliberated or voted on original dismissal actions.

d. **Reinstatement of Students after Academic Dismissal**

Any student dismissed from Sidney Kimmel Medical College wishing to continue his/her medical studies within two years after academic dismissal may apply once (in writing) for reinstatement to the Committee on Student Promotion.

A student whose dismissal includes failure of a USMLE will have to obtain the support of the Committee on Student Promotion to retake that examination. In evaluating a request for reinstatement, the Committee on Student Promotion will consider all factors related to the student’s performance and potential to succeed, including, but not limited to, results of repeat USMLE, remedial work during time away from school, motivational and other behavioral factors, and attitude.

In making its decision, the Committee on Student Promotion may request additional information and/or personal interview(s) with the student. The procedure to be used will be determined at the discretion of the Committee on a case-by-case basis.

e. **Withdrawals**

Withdrawals from the medical college may be permitted under special circumstances. The Office of Student Affairs shall be consulted before any steps are taken. A letter of withdrawal shall then be submitted to the Committee on Student Promotion. For a student in good academic standing, the withdrawal will be noted on the transcript as “withdrawal in good academic standing.” Any student who withdraws from the medical college and wishes to subsequently return within two calendar years must submit a letter with this request to the Committee on Student Promotion. The Committee will rule on any and all such requests for readmission on a case-by-case basis. Inactive status after two calendar years will result in an administrative withdrawal.

f. **Voluntary Leaves of Absence**

Under certain circumstances, leaves of absence may be granted to students upon request to the Committee on Student Promotion.

1.) **Medical Leave of Absence**

A student who wishes to take a medical leave of absence must meet with the Medical Director of University Health Services, prior to the start of the leave, to discuss the reasons for the leave and to provide information from the treating clinician. The student must also provide a letter to the Committee on Student Promotion requesting a medical leave of absence. The Medical Director will evaluate the student and will communicate in writing to the Committee on Student Promotion if a leave is warranted. In the event of an urgent medical condition, the Medical Director may opt to forego a personal visit and may gather the necessary information from the treating clinician with the student’s consent. If the Medical Director is the treating provider of the student, an alternate, independent physician will be selected to evaluate the need for a leave of absence. All medical reasons for a leave of absence will be evaluated in this manner. In the event of a medical leave for a psychiatric diagnosis, the Medical Director may consult an independent psychiatrist for assistance. The Committee on Student Promotion will consider both the letter from the student and the letter from University Health Services. Approval for a medical leave of absence will be provided to the student, outlining the process for a future return from the leave.

Students requesting a return from a medical leave of absence must advise, in writing, the Medical Director of University Health Services and the Committee on Student Promotion of their intent. Appropriate medical screening will be arranged by the Medical Director that includes information
from the treating clinician. Reentry after a leave for psychological/psychiatric reasons will include an interview by the psychiatrist designated by the Committee on Student Promotion. Information from the treating psychiatrist will be considered in the evaluation. Either the Medical Director or the designated psychiatrist will provide a written opinion regarding the return of the student. This may include recommendations for continued enrollment. The Committee on Student Promotion will consider the information provided and will notify the student in writing of their approval and any conditions of continued enrollment.

2.) Academic Enrichment/Personal/Non-Medical
Leaves of absence for academic enrichment and personal, non-medical reasons, may be entertained by the Committee on Student Promotion upon receipt of a written request from a student in good academic standing in the medical college. The student must supply to the Committee the reasons for a personal or academic leave. As a corollary, should such a leave be granted, the Committee, at the time that the leave is granted, will establish clear stipulations that the student must follow in order to gain reinstatement. Generally, such leaves will be for no more than one (1) year in duration. Leaves of absence for PhD work either at Thomas Jefferson University or another institution will be granted for up to 4 years. Non-medical leaves do not involve or require action or endorsement by the Director of University Health Services. Failure to submit a written request to return to SKMC within two calendar years may result in an administrative withdrawal.

g. Mandatory Medical Leaves of Absence
Sidney Kimmel Medical College has an obligation to protect patients, students, faculty and employees from harm caused by the actions of any student.

If remaining in a course or rotation or in medical school is thought to be detrimental to classmates, faculty or to the delivery of patient care, the Dean of the Medical College or the Dean’s designee has the right to temporarily remove a student from SKMC, a course, or a rotation, pending medical and/or psychiatric evaluation. Removal from SKMC, a course, or rotation, are all subject to review by the Committee on Student Promotion or the Judicial Board, as appropriate.

The Committee on Student Promotion will determine the length of the medical leave of absence and will require the student to demonstrate fitness to return to school. The Dean's designee will determine whether restrictions in access to campus, students, email account or other university services are necessary during the leave. The Dean's designee will alert the student, in writing, of any restrictions during his/her leave of absence.

Prior to reentry, appropriate medical screening will be arranged by the Director of University Health Services with consultation, if necessary. Reentry after a leave for psychological/psychiatric reasons will include an interview by the psychiatrist designated by the Committee on Student Promotions.

Should the Committee on Student Promotion direct a mandatory leave of absence, the Committee on Student Promotions will define the conditions of return, which may include restricting the scheduling of clinical or research rotations at away sites or at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals.

h. Class Assignments Following a Leave of Absence
Following a leave of absence, a student approved to return to active status will be scheduled for clerkships or courses as they are available.

i. Special Policies in Regard to Course Incompletes, Withdrawals, and Repetitions
The Committee on Student Promotion evaluates the academic performance of each student and determines promotion, probation, and academic dismissal. It also determines, on an individual basis, a plan for students with academic deficiencies. Due to the nature of the curriculum, this plan may require a student who has had academic difficulty at a certain point to repeat an entire year.
Students who take a leave subsequent to a failed or incomplete course are strongly encouraged to talk to the relevant course director(s) and to the SKMC Learning Specialist before leaving SKMC. The student should be counseled on acquiring skills that lead to improved learning and academic performance.

**Qualifications for License in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

The Commonwealth enacted a new Medical Practices Act in 1985 (Act 112 of 1985) that specifies the qualifications for obtaining a license to practice medicine from the Pennsylvania Board of Medical Education and Licensure.

The Board shall not issue a license or certificate to an applicant unless the applicant establishes with evidence, verified by an affidavit or affirmation of the applicant, that the applicant is of legal age, is of good moral character, and is not addicted to the intemperate use of alcohol or the habitual use of narcotics or other habit-forming drugs and that the applicant has completed the educational requirements prescribed by the Board and otherwise satisfies the qualifications for the license or certificate contained in or authorized by this act. The Board shall not issue a license or certificate to an applicant who has been convicted of a felony under the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No. 64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, or of an offense under the laws of another jurisdiction which, if committed in this Commonwealth, would be a felony under The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, unless:

1) at least ten years have elapsed from the date of conviction;

2) the applicant satisfactorily demonstrates to the Board that he has made significant progress in personal rehabilitation since the conviction such that licensure of the applicant should not be expected to create a substantial risk of harm to the health and safety of his patients or the public or a substantial risk of further criminal violations; and

3) the applicant otherwise satisfies the qualifications contained in or authorized by this act.

As used in this section the term ‘convicted’ shall include a judgment, an admission of guilt or a plea of “nolo contendere.”

**Policy and Procedure for Students Promoted to and Enrolled in the Fourth Year Who Fail to Meet the Requirements for Graduation by the Scheduled Time of Commencement**

1. **Official Graduation List Published in the Graduation Program**
   If the student has not fulfilled the requirements for the degree his/her name may not appear on the graduation list for his/her class. His/her name will be included on the graduation list for the next scheduled Commencement, following the approval to issue the student the degree. The entry on the list will indicate, following the student’s name, the date the degree was conferred.

2. **Attendance at Commencement**
   Students who have not fulfilled the requirements of the degree cannot participate in the Commencement program. A degree cannot be conferred until all requirements for the degree have been completed and approved. After a student has the degree conferred during the year, he/she may participate in the following year’s Commencement program. Attendance at Commencement is required.

3. **Yearbook**
   At the beginning of the school year, the yearbook editor verifies the members of the class to be included in the yearbook. In the event a student is not able to graduate, he/she should contact the editor and indicate his/her status and preference (1) to be continued in the yearbook or (2) to be included in the next published yearbook. Inclusion in the yearbook is not official confirmation of graduation.
4. Alumni Records
When a student will not graduate with his/her class, it is recommended that he/she contact the Alumni Office and express his/her desire to be included with his/her class of Alumni functions.

5. Procedure for Awarding Degrees to Students not Graduating with their Regular Class
   a. All students who have not completed the requirements for their degree at the scheduled time for Commencement will:
      i) Be required to meet with their Dean in the Office of Student Affairs to discuss what they need to do to fulfill the requirements for graduation;
      ii) Receive a schedule of when each course will be taken and where (if applicable); and
      iii) Be informed that:
          • He/she must register for each course at the University Office of the Registrar.
          • He/she should inform the University Office of the Registrar of a firm contact address subsequent to the completion of all graduation requirements.
   b. Upon receipt of the grades that will conclude a student’s requirements for the degree, the University Office of the Registrar will prepare a copy of the academic record and submit this to the Office of Student Affairs. The Office of Student Affairs will submit the record to the Committee on Student Promotion for action at its next scheduled meeting.
   c. In all cases, the student will be asked to receive his/her diploma in person from the Dean or his/her representative after administration of the Oath of Hippocrates by the Dean in the Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling. If this is not feasible, arrangements will be made to have another physician known to the Office of Student Affairs complete this process.
### Sidney Kimmel Medical College – Clinical Student Evaluation

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<td>Integrity</td>
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<td>Behavior in professional situations is questionable or deficient</td>
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<td>Outstanding commitment to honesty and integrity in all professional situations</td>
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<td>Compassion</td>
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<td>Unconcerned for patient’s needs, disrespectful, lacks sympathy and compassion</td>
<td>Demonstrates high degree of empathy with patients and families, appropriately respectful and thoughtful</td>
<td>Outstanding commitment to compassionate treatment of patients; always respectful and concerned; often member of team patients and families turn to first</td>
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<td>Altruism</td>
<td>No chance to observe</td>
<td>Erratic commitment to quality care needs</td>
<td>Conscientious commitment to identified quality care needs</td>
<td>Outstanding commitment to all aspects of quality care for all people, regardless of the impact on oneself, without prompting</td>
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<td>Interpersonal Relationships</td>
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<td>Poor team member, disrespectful, insensitive to others</td>
<td>Good team member, cooperative, gets along well with physicians, other health care workers, students</td>
<td>Outstanding team member, exceptionally cooperative, always respects opinion of others and sensitive to their needs</td>
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<td>Initiative, Reliability</td>
<td>No chance to observe</td>
<td>Often late, passive and uninterested, requires frequent structuring</td>
<td>Punctual, well-motivated, follows through on assigned tasks, accepts responsibilities</td>
<td>Exceptional initiative, actively seeks additional work and learning experiences works independently, knows limits</td>
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<td>Commitment to Learning</td>
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<td>Poor effort in self-directed learning, does not use appropriate resources, resistance to constructive criticism</td>
<td>Appropriate use of resources for self-directed learning, accepts constructive criticism well</td>
<td>Extensive use of resources for self-directed learning; communicates findings and actively teaches; recognizes own strengths and limitations</td>
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<td>No chance to observe</td>
<td>Limited knowledge and understanding of diseases and pathophysiology</td>
<td>Good knowledge and understanding of diseases and pathophysiology; usually current</td>
<td>Outstanding knowledge and understanding of diseases and pathophysiology; always current</td>
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<td>Synthesis and Application of Knowledge</td>
<td>No chance to observe</td>
<td>Limited ability to apply knowledge in clinical situations; usually unable to develop differential diagnoses and appropriate treatment plans</td>
<td>Good application of knowledge in clinical situations; differential diagnoses include most common possibilities; can develop a treatment plan with most appropriate measures</td>
<td>Knowledge always applied effectively in clinical situations; outstanding ability to develop a comprehensive differential diagnosis and plan for patient management</td>
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<td>Data Gathering</td>
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<td>Incomplete histories with essential information omitted, frequently disorganized; insensitive to needs of patient</td>
<td>Careful histories with most significant information covered, organization usually logical; sensitivity to patient</td>
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<td>Physical Examination</td>
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<td>Superficial examinations, often incomplete; frequently misses major findings</td>
<td>Careful examinations, generally thorough, most findings detected</td>
<td>Superb examinations, thorough and accurate; elicits all findings including subtle ones</td>
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<td>Interview skills facilitate the student-patient interaction. Demonstrates awareness of the cross-cultural and psychosocial issues. Good rapport established</td>
<td>Exceptional ability to communicate. Able to modify interviewing style to patient interviewing challenges. Outstanding sensitivity to cross-cultural and psychosocial issues. Excellent rapport</td>
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<td>Rarely includes prevention. Communicates incorrect information to patient. Uses jargon. Inappropriately reassures patient</td>
<td>Communicates facts accurately. Avoids the use of medical jargon. Seeks appropriate supervision for areas beyond the student’s expertise</td>
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<td>Doesn’t understand indications for common tests, inability to integrate results meaningfully</td>
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**Signatures:**
Preceptor: ______________________________ (please print): ______________________________ Date: ______________________________
Student: ______________________________ Date: ______________________________
Accepted ______________________________ Approved ______________________________

Course Coordinator ______________________________ Approved Department Chair/Designee ______________________________
Guidelines for Medical Students with Academic Issues and Concerns

The Dean, the faculty and the administration of Sidney Kimmel Medical College are committed to providing a positive learning environment. The flow charts on the following pages depict the paths to follow when academic concerns are an issue. As you can see, there are many opportunities to get help.

### Students with Academic Concerns

- Student
- Assigned Student Affairs Dean
  - Individual Learning Plan
  - Course Director Mentoring Programs from Courses
  - Academic Development Specialist
  - Personal Counseling Center
  - Peer Tutoring Programs

### Failure of Preclinical Interim Exam

- Student
- Course/Block Director
- Assigned Student Affairs Dean
  - Personal Counseling Center
  - Peer Tutoring Programs
  - Academic Development Specialists
Failure of Preclinical Course

Student

Course/Block Director  Assigned Student Affairs Dean  Academic Affairs/Vice Dean UME

Committee on Student Promotions

Academic Development Specialists  Assigned Student Affairs Dean

Individual Learning Plan  Personal Counseling Center  Peer Tutoring Programs  Course/Block Director

Failure on the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)

Student

Academic Affairs/Vice Dean UME  Assigned Student Affairs Dean

Committee on Student Promotion

Assigned Student Affairs Dean

External and/or Internal Tutoring Program  Personal Counseling Center

Course Directors  Peer Tutoring Programs  Academic Development Specialists  Commercial Programs
Students will receive final evaluations for required clerkships within six weeks of completing the clerkship. Evaluations will be submitted to the registrar by the clerkship director and posted on Banner. Students who have concerns regarding the content of the evaluation may contact the clerkship director to schedule an appointment at least one week, but not more than six weeks, after the evaluation has been posted. Students should be aware that the purpose of this meeting is to clarify the content of the evaluation and not to change the grade or the comments in the evaluation. The sole indication for change of grade and/or comments is new information that the clerkship director solicits from evaluators. If the student’s concerns are not resolved at this meeting, the student may proceed along the algorithm to his/her assigned Student Affairs Dean.
Whom to Approach with Specific Concerns

Sidney Kimmel Medical College is committed to the promotion and support of a collegial, effective and safe learning environment. These algorithms were developed as a reference to be used when concerns arise related to academic issues.

Concerns with a Question on an Examination

Concerns with Clinical Evaluation

Concerns with Test Scheduling
Specific Concerns about Block/Course/Clerkship Content

Course Liaison
Or
Student Representative to the Curriculum Committee

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Course Director or Block Director (Jeff MD)

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Assigned Student Affairs Dean

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Chair, Curriculum Committee

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Vice Dean, Academic Affairs/Undergraduate Medical Education

Specific Concerns about Block/Course/Clerkship Director

Course Liaison
Or
Student Representative to the Curriculum Committee

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Course Director or Block Director (Jeff MD)

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Assigned Student Affairs Dean

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Chair, Curriculum Committee

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Vice Dean, Academic Affairs/Undergraduate Medical Education
**Concerns about a Faculty Member**

1. Course Liaison
2. Or
3. Student Representative to the Curriculum Committee
4. Course Director or Block Director (JeffMD)
5. Assigned Student Affairs Dean
6. Chair, Curriculum Committee
7. Vice Dean, Academic Affairs/Undergraduate Medical Education

**If You Witness Cheating**

1. Approach the Student Involved
2. Student Professional Conduct Committee (PCC)
3. Block/Course/Clerkship Director
4. Assigned Student Affairs Dean
5. Associate Dean of Professionalism
### Mistreatment/Harassment by a Faculty Member, Resident, Staff Member or Student

**Options for Reporting a Concern**

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### Comments and Suggestions about the Curriculum

- **Course Liaison**
- **Or**
- **Student Representative to the Curriculum Committee**
- **Block/Course Director**
- **Chair, Curriculum Committee**
- **Vice Dean, Academic Affairs/Undergraduate Medical Education**
Professional Conduct
Procedures

Procedural Framework for Managing Breaches of the SKMC Honor Code

The Sidney Kimmel Medical College Honor Code is concerned with standards of professional conduct and honorable behavior for the Sidney Kimmel Medical College community.

1. Faculty

Faculty Professional Code Committee (Faculty PCC)
The Faculty PCC is a body of faculty peers that provides assistance to the SKMC Community in matters relating to faculty violations of the SKMC Honor Code. Problems are to be handled with goals similar to those used for handling the impaired physician, with members aiming for assistance to rather than judgment of the faculty member. Thus, the Faculty PCC is not a disciplinary body and does not function as such. The Faculty PCC is not intended to alter those terms and conditions of employment set forth in the SKMC Bylaws, the SKMC Faculty Handbook, and Thomas Jefferson University Policies.

Allegations of any serious misconduct, such as research misconduct, violations of the conflict of interest policy, IRB noncompliance, unlawful discrimination or harassment or conduct which could be cause for dismissal as outlined in Section 10 of the SKMC Bylaws, should be handled by the appropriate committee or institutional official.

Since the Faculty PCC is not a disciplinary body, it cannot make a determination of guilt. It is a committee charged with exploring the problem with the faculty member(s) involved. The following options are available to it:

1. No further action.
2. Remedial action through assistance to the faculty person and based upon his/her concurrence.
3. Deferred action for future contingencies.
4. Referral to the Dean or his designee.
5. Referral to the Faculty Affairs Committee.
6. Other action as appropriate.

A person who becomes aware of any unprofessional behavior by a faculty member must act in one of the following ways:

1. Approach the identified faculty member concerning a possible breach of the Honor Code.
2. If the matter is still unresolved, one of the actions below must be pursued:
   a) Discuss the matter with a member of the Faculty PCC.
   b) Refer the matter to the chairman of the Faculty PCC for action.
   c) Other action sanctioned by the College, e.g., direct contact with the chairman of the department, or the Dean or his designee.
All of these actions are confidential. Failure by a faculty member or student to take action as outlined would be a violation of the SKMC Honor Code.

2. Students

Bylaws of the Student Professional Conduct Committee (Student PCC)

Article I.
The Student Professional Conduct Committee deals confidentially with all matters of professionalism pertaining to students brought to its attention. Problems are to be handled in a similar fashion to that used for the impaired physician, with the goal for students and faculty of assistance rather than judgment of the individual student. Thus, the Student PCC is not a disciplinary body and does not function as such. If the Student PCC determines that a violation of student rights, freedoms and responsibilities (as defined in the Student Handbook) may be present, the matter will be referred as delineated therein.

It is preferable that all matters of professionalism pertaining to students first be routed through the Student PCC with the clear understanding that any possible serious misconduct shall be referred promptly to the Office of Student Affairs or Judicial Board on student conduct for appropriate investigation and action. Although it is understood that students, faculty, and administration have the right to proceed directly to the Office of Student Affairs, the hope is that the Student PCC will be utilized as an initial step for problems relating to students.

Article II. Membership

Section I. Composition of the Student PCC
The Student PCC will consist of five students from each matriculating class.

Section II. First Year Selections
Five first-year members will be selected, through interviews in September, by the current student PCC members. These selected members will serve until elections are held as outlined in Article II, Section III.

Section III. Elections
Election of students to the PCC will occur by the end of March of the first year. The ballot will be composed of those students who wish to be on it and who have submitted a statement of interest, to be included on the ballot, by a deadline determined by the PCC. Elections will be carried out electronically or by comparable means. Each student of the first-year class will have a maximum of five votes. The five candidates receiving the most votes will become elected members of the PCC. In the event of a tie, a run off vote will be conducted. Elected members will serve as representatives of their class until they graduate. Five members will be chosen and electronic election records will be maintained. If a representative of a class leaves Jefferson permanently or is removed from the PCC, the PCC will appoint another student from the class that elected the departing representative.

Section IV. Leadership
The PCC will be lead by a Steering Committee consisting of the second-year PCC members. One person within that steering committee shall act as the Chairperson of the PCC.

Section IV. A. Responsibilities of the Chairperson
Responsibilities of the chairperson will include the following:
  i. Organize, set the agenda for, and facilitate meetings.
  ii. Act as a point of contact for external inquiries to the PCC.

Section IV. B. Responsibilities of the Steering Committee
Responsibilities of the steering committee will include the following:
  i. Maintain communication with the faculty advisor
  ii. Maintain communication with the dean's office
iii. Maintain the website of the PCC
iv. Provide a representative to the Faculty PCC
v. Provide a representative to the Professionalism Task Force
vi. Provide a representative to the Committee on Professionalism
vii. Organize first-year professionalism orientation
viii. Organize first-year PCC applications and appointments
ix. Organize first-year elections
x. Identify a steering committee member to take minutes at meetings and provide those minutes to the membership
xi. Identify a steering committee member to handle the finances of the committee
xii. Identify a member of the PCC (not necessarily on the steering committee) to maintain the archives of the PCC

Section IV. C.
Should the steering committee members choose to organize themselves differently than provided for above, they must ensure that all of the above duties are addressed.

Section V. Removal of a Member
If any member of the Student PCC is found to be guilty of unprofessional behavior by an administrative body (including, but not limited to the Judicial Board, Course Coordinators, Clerkship Directors, and Deans of the Medical School), they may be removed from the PCC as outlined below.

If any member of the Student PCC feels that another member has committed an act unbecoming of a member of the Student PCC, the student in question may be removed from the PCC as outlined below.

Removal will be by a 2/3 vote of the full elected membership, with the votes collected anonymously by one of the first-year appointed members or a volunteer who recuses himself or herself from voting. The position of the removed member will be filled according to Article II, Section III.

Article III. Internal Procedures

Section I. Meetings
There are two types of official meetings: general meetings and case meetings. A quorum will consist of 50 percent of the committee membership, with at least two members from each class participating.

Section I. A. General Meetings
General meetings will be held quarterly or as needed as determined by the membership of the PCC. All decisions will be rendered by a simple majority vote.

Section I. B. Case Meetings
Case meetings will occur promptly within one week, whenever possible, after a concern is brought to the committee. Students, faculty, or administration may refer matters to the Student PCC. All final judgments as outlined in Article IV, Section I will be rendered by a two-thirds majority vote of the members participating.

Article IV. The Role of the Student PCC in Professionalism at Jefferson

Section I. Cases
Since the Student PCC is not a disciplinary body, it cannot make a determination of guilt. It is a committee charged with exploring the problem with the student(s) involved. The following options are available to it:

i. No further action
ii. Remedial action through assistance to the student and based upon concurrence by the students involved
iii. Deferred action for future contingencies
iv. Referral to the Office of Student Affairs

v. Referral to the Judicial Board on student conduct

vi. Other action as appropriate

If a student commits a dishonorable action but makes a conscientious and voluntary effort to rectify the situation prior to any investigational procedures, the Student PCC may take the student’s efforts into consideration.

No details of the proceedings of the Student PCC will be included in the student’s permanent record unless the Student PCC deliberations become part of the basis for subsequent action by the Office of Student Affairs or the Judicial Board on student conduct.

Section II. Education

The Student PCC will take a proactive role in the Jefferson community toward the promotion of professionalism as provided for in the Honor Code and the Shared Code of Professional Values. In particular, the Student PCC will assume the role of introducing the first-year class to Sidney Kimmel Medical College’s Honor Code through presentation and discussion, and facilitate the signing of the Honor Code.

Article V. Amendment of Bylaws

Any amendment of these bylaws must be ratified by a ¾ majority vote of the full elected membership (note that this does not include the five appointed first-year members).

3. Monitoring and Continuing Evaluation of the SKMC Honor Code

A person who becomes aware of any academic or clinical dishonesty or other unacceptable professional behavior by a student must act in one of the following ways:

1. Approach the suspected student concerning a possible breach of the SKMC Honor Code to determine whether suspicion was correct.

2. If the matter is still unresolved one of the actions below must be pursued:
   a) Discuss the matter with a member of the Student PCC.
   b) Refer the matter to the chairman of the Student PCC for action.
   c) Some other action sanctioned by the College; e.g., direct contact with the Office of Student Affairs

All of these actions are confidential. Failure by a student to take action as outlined would be a violation of the SKMC Honor Code.

The principles underlying the SKMC Honor Code should not change with time. However, the details of implementation might need revision in subsequent years. Review of the SKMC Honor Code shall be conducted by a standing committee of faculty and students, which will meet at least annually. This is called the Committee on Professionalism. This committee shall consist of eight persons: four faculty and four students. The Committee on Committees shall appoint two faculty and the Student Council, two students; the Student PCC, two students and Faculty PCC, two faculty members. Input in this evaluation process shall come from the following possible sources:

1) Periodic questionnaire to faculty and students.
2) Examination of the records of the Faculty PCC and the Student PCC.
3) Invited input from students and faculty; (e.g., Student Council, Faculty meetings [general, Professorial].
4) Office of Student Affairs.
5) Committee on Student Affairs.
6) Committee on Faculty Affairs.
7) Committee on Curriculum
Appendix 1 — Faculty PCC

1. Composition of Faculty PCC

The Faculty PCC will be selected by a vote of the Professorial Faculty as overseen by the Faculty Professorial Advisory Committee. The membership shall be ten faculty members serving a term of two years. They may be renewed twice for additional two year terms. A chairman, vice chairman, and recording secretary will be elected from among the members at the first meeting of the academic year. The chairman will be responsible (1) for presiding over the meetings (and in his or her absence, the vice chairman) according to Roberts’ Rules of Order; (2) for seeing that minutes of each meeting are kept by the recording secretary. Members of the Faculty Affairs Committee and members of the Faculty Grievance Subcommittee shall also not be members of the Faculty PCC.

2. Proceedings of Faculty PCC

Meetings shall be called by the chairman of the Faculty PCC, and will be held promptly within one week whenever possible after a complaint is received by the committee. Individual students, Student PCC, or faculty or administrators may refer matters to the Faculty PCC. A quorum shall consist of 50 percent of committee membership. For a matter involving either a basic science or a clinical science faculty member at least three members of the appropriate science faculty should be members of the Faculty PCC, respectively. If the problem involves a volunteer or full-time clinical science member, appropriate representation should be present.

Appendix 2 — Affirmation of SKMC Honor Code for Faculty and Students

I have read, and I understand, the Sidney Kimmel Medical College Statement of Professional Conduct. I shall conduct myself in a manner consistent with the SKMC Honor Code.

I understand that I am responsible for my own actions as well as for upholding the integrity of the medical profession. Should any of my colleagues appear to violate the SKMC Honor Code, I shall address the matter personally with that colleague, and/or discuss it with a member of the Faculty Professional Conduct Committee or Student Professional Conduct Committee, as appropriate, to resolve the matter, or take any other action consistent with the terms of this Statement.

Print Name:_______________________________________________
Signed:___________________________________________________

These affirmation statements will be collected by a member of the Student PCC at registration.

“In House” Written Examination Administration Procedures

It is our responsibility to foster a collaborative teaching and learning environment that is congruent with the precepts of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College Honor Code:

“As Jefferson students and faculty we seek to establish a community based on honor, integrity and awareness of others….As faculty, residents, fellows, and medical students, we pledge to embrace the academic and social integrity on which Jefferson was founded, pursuing honesty, equality and fairness in all aspects of our lives. This includes not seeking an unfair advantage over our peers, teachers, students, residents, fellows or any other member of the Thomas Jefferson University.”

As per the Student Handbook (from Appendices 3 and 4 — Conduct of Examinations and Statement of Professional Conduct for Examinations) these procedures will be followed for all examinations:
1) Deportment during examinations will be the responsibility of each individual student and the collective responsibility of all students present.

2) The faculty and/or staff will be present to administer the examinations.

3) Examinees will neither give nor receive aid during an examination.

4) In the case of a possible violation of professional conduct, the observer shall approach the student in question personally and/or discuss the matter with a member of the Student PCC to resolve the matter, or take any other action consistent with the terms of the SKMC Honor Code.

Test administration procedures will also be in place to minimize the potential for cheating. These include:

- Use of multiple examination forms.

- No access to cell phones or other extraneous electronic devices during exam administration. If feasible, phones and other non-examination electronic devices should be left at home. If this is not feasible, students must keep phones and other electronic devices turned off and stored under the desk.
In pursuit of its mission, the Sidney Kimmel Medical College (SKMC) recognizes that a diverse and inclusive community is imperative in achieving excellence in patient care, education, and research. SKMC is committed to diversity, inclusion and health equity in the broadest terms as defined by the Association of American Medical Colleges*. Given its location in metropolitan Philadelphia and in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, SKMC gives special emphasis to the recruitment of students from racial and ethnic groups that are underrepresented in medicine (URM), students that identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and those questioning their sexual identity (LGBTQ), first-generation college, and those from disadvantaged socioeconomic status.

*The AAMC definitions for Diversity, Inclusion and Health Equity (aamc.org/members/gdi)

**Diversity** — Diversity as a core value embodies inclusiveness, mutual respect, and multiple perspectives and serves as a catalyst for change resulting in health equity. In this context, we are mindful of all aspects of human differences such as socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, language, nationality, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, geography, disability and age.

**Inclusion** — Inclusion is a core element for successfully achieving diversity. Inclusion is achieved by nurturing the climate and culture of the institution through professional development, education, policy and practice. The objective is creating a climate that fosters belonging, respect, and value for all and encourages engagement and connection throughout the institution and community.

**Health Equity** — Health Equity is when everyone has the opportunity to attain their full health potential and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of their social position or other socially determined circumstance.

In furtherance of its commitment to diversity and inclusion, SKMC sponsors the Office of Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives whose mission is to support, promote and integrate diversity and inclusion into the fabric of the medical college. The Associate Dean for Diversity and Community Engagement along with the Assistant Dean for Diversity and Student Diversity Programs provide focused guidance and direction for the medical college. Key areas of ongoing focus include the expansion of a culture of inclusivity that values and cherishes diversity, the elimination of health disparities, the recruitment and retention of students and faculty, the curriculum, and student programs and activities. The office is intimately involved with the development of policies and programs to assure an optimal focus on diversity and inclusion. The office also interacts with the community at-large in the development of student pipeline programs, which support greater diversity of those entering the health professions, particularly the field of medicine.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives, together with the Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling and the Office of Student Life and Engagement, supports student groups and activities which enhance multicultural awareness and cultural sensitivity and promote diversity within the community. Examples of activities have included Black Heritage Month, LGBTQ Month, Latin Heritage Month, and Diversity Week. Cultural immersion opportunities through the Global Health initiative and courses in medical Spanish have also been offered.
Council on Diversity and Inclusion

SKMC also supports the Council on Diversity and Inclusion. This Council is comprised of students, housestaff, faculty, department chairs and senior administration. The SKMC Council for Diversity and Inclusion, led by the Dean, is charged with determining the course of diversity and inclusion within the medical college. It assesses the status and effectiveness of diversity and inclusion initiatives within the student, resident and faculty communities of SKMC, makes recommendations regarding initiatives, policies, and resources needed to achieve desired outcomes, and is charged with assuring the implementation of its recommendations.
Career Planning

There are a number of resources available to students as they seek counseling for career choices, for residency training, and clarification in the application process. The Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling (OSACC) is available to provide guidance and advice to each student regarding his or her career selection. You are required to meet at least annually with your assigned dean of Student Affairs to discuss the career selection process. The Career Planning Workshops offered through the OSACC several times throughout the year are interactive workshops designed to help students make informed career choices. Students are also encouraged to identify specialty-specific advisors, as well as continue to meet with their clinical mentor, assigned in the first year, for additional guidance in the career planning process.

The Student Affairs and Career Counseling Blackboard site provides links to choosing a specialty, instructions on residency planning, timelines for third- and fourth-year students, contact information for Jefferson residency directors, as well as specific information regarding the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) and the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP). Please use this site and the OSACC as valuable resources available to you for career planning.

Student Support Services

Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling

The goal of the Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling (OSACC) is to be available for academic and personal advising, advocate for student needs, foster career counseling, and improve student access to the university. The office is located in the College Building, 1025 Walnut Street and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The number for the OSACC is (215) 503-6988 during business hours. For emergencies after business hours, please page the on-call Dean for Student Affairs at 877-656-4437. Information can be found on the Student Affairs and Career Counseling site jefferson.edu/university/SKMC/student_affairs.html.

Academic Advising

The OSACC maintains a proactive stance regarding student academic performance. Drs. Pohl, DeSimone, Rosenthal, and Trayes as well as course directors and the deans for Undergraduate Medical Education are available for students with academic concerns or difficulty.

Clinical Mentor Program

The Clinical Mentor Program is designed to provide students with ongoing contact with a clinical mentor starting in the first year. Clinical mentors are assigned to incoming students to provide, not only clinical exposure, but also guidance and direction throughout medical school.
Personal Counseling

The Student Personal Counseling Center (SPCC) offers confidential and accessible contact with a mental health professional to discuss personal and academic concerns. The psychiatrists and therapists of the SPCC are available to discuss all types of issues including, but not exclusive to, stress management, problems with personal or family relationships, feelings of depression or anxiety, and issues involving eating disorders or substance abuse.

The Director of the Student Personal Counseling Center, Deanna Nobleza, MD of the Department of Psychiatry, may be reached directly and confidentially at 215-503-2817 to set up an appointment with her or another therapist or psychiatrist, on or off the Jefferson Campus. If there is an after-hours emergency, students should go to the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Emergency Room (located in the Main Hospital Building at 10th and Sansom Streets, 215-955-6840) and ask to speak to the psychiatrist on call.
# Resources and Programs on Career Counseling

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<td>Mandatory fourth-year orientation.</td>
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<td>September 15, 2017</td>
<td>Apply to ACGME-accredited residency programs. Provide the Office of the Registrar with a passport-sized photo to be scanned with your application. Avoid submitting a candid photo. Please refer to FREIDA online at ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/2997.html to identify whether specific programs accept applications via ERAS.</td>
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<td>September 15, 2017</td>
<td>Finalize ERAS application. You can check Banner to verify that your letters have been received and ERAS to verify that your letters have been scanned.</td>
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<td>NRMP application is available at nrmp.org. This is to register for the MATCH (and is separate from the ERAS application).</td>
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<td>September 2017</td>
<td>The NRMP Directory for the 2018 Match will be posted to nrmp.org/ and updated weekly thereafter.</td>
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<td>October 1, 2017</td>
<td>Recommended deadline for Letters of Recommendation to be uploaded onto ERAS.</td>
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<td>October 31, 2017</td>
<td>Deadline to take USMLE Step 2 CS. Programs may not rank a student without a passing Step 2 CS score - you should take this exam no later than this date to allow the scores to be available when programs construct their rank list.</td>
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<td>October 2017 – January 2018</td>
<td>Interviews take place at participating institutions.</td>
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<td>November 30, 2017</td>
<td>Registration deadline for NRMP (the Match). An additional late registration fee occurs between December 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017. Remember, the NRMP is separate from ERAS and you must register through the NRMP in order to participate in the Match.</td>
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<td>December 31, 2017</td>
<td>Take USMLE Step 2 CK. Programs may not rank a student without a passing Step 2 CK score. You should take this exam no later than this date to allow the scores to be available when programs construct their rank list.</td>
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<td>January 2017</td>
<td>Early Match Program notification</td>
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<td>January 15 - February 21, 2018</td>
<td>Applicants and programs enter their rank order lists using the Rank Order List Input Confirmation System (ROLIC) at nrmp.org/ using NRMP code and password.</td>
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<td>February 21, 2018</td>
<td>ROLIC closes at 8:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). NRMP must receive certified applicant and rank order lists and any other information pertinent to the match by this date and time.</td>
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<td>March 12, 2018</td>
<td>Matched and unmatched information on applicants will be posted at 12:00 noon EST at nrmp.org. Please visit the Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling in the event that you did not match. Filled and unmatched results for individual programs are posted to the NRMP site at 11:30 a.m. EST. Locations of all unfilled positions are released at 12:00 noon eastern time only to participants eligible for the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP). Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) process.</td>
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<td>March 16, 2018 Match Day!</td>
<td>Match day results are posted on the NRMP Web Site nrmp.org at 1:00 p.m. (EST). Note: Any contact between programs and unmatched applicants (or their designees) prior to 12:00 noon EST on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, is a violation of the Match Participation Agreement. Contact between programs and matched applicants prior to the general announcement of the Match results at 1:00 pm EST on Friday, March 18, 2016, is also a violation of the Match Participation Agreement.</td>
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<td>March 17, 2018</td>
<td>Hospitals send letters of appointment to matched applicants. You must sign and return the letters of appointment.</td>
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<td>May 23, 2018</td>
<td>Graduation! (estimated; this date is subject to change and has not been confirmed by the Registrar)</td>
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<td>June 2018</td>
<td>Residents start work.</td>
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*Note:* These dates are subject to change. Please periodically check this listing to confirm dates or call the Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling at 215-503-6988.
The following information, as well as additional details and forms can be accessed at the Financial Aid Web site jefferson.edu/financial_aid. The primary responsibility for financing the cost of medical education rests with the student and his or her family. However, it is recognized that increasing numbers of students and their families are unable to meet the costs of a medical education without some type of assistance.

The demonstration of need is the key factor in all financial aid awards. Determination of need is based upon a confidential analysis of information provided by the student and family to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) processing center.

When need is established and the resources of the student and family are clearly identified, the student is directed to obtain a minimum of $10,000 in the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. If need exists beyond this program, then the Medical College will attempt to meet a portion of this need from programs such as the Federal Primary Care Loan Program, and Jefferson’s loan and scholarship/grant funds. If funds are available, students demonstrating exceptional financial need (as defined by Health and Human Services) may also be considered for funding under the Loans for Disadvantaged Students and Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students programs. The University Office of Student Financial Aid also offers students information about alternative funding options offered via federal, public and private agencies. Eligibility for all forms of financial aid is determined on an annual basis and therefore a complete financial aid application must be submitted every year. All awards are contingent upon the availability of funding.

If a student demonstrates financial need, but is ineligible for federal grants or loans due to default on a prior educational loan and/or a negative credit rating, Sidney Kimmel Medical College will not commit institutional funds to remedy the default or negative credit status, or to compensate for the ineligibility for federal funds. The student is ultimately responsible for resolving all problems involving loan delinquencies, defaults, and/or any other circumstances that would result in the student being ineligible to borrow through any federal loan program.

Financial aid programs administered by the University are subject to change or termination at any time without notice or obligation.

**Application Procedures**

1. **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

Students who wish to be considered for University-administered aid are required to include parents’ information on the FAFSA. To complete the FAFSA, go to the FAFSA Web site at fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA school code for Sidney Kimmel Medical College is 010021.

Regardless of dependency status, medical students applying for institutionally based aid must include student, parent, and if applicable, spouse's information on the federal FAFSA need analysis document. If all required information is not provided, the determination of financial aid eligibility will be delayed.
Please note: For the 2014-2015 year and going forward, Federal Regulations will require that applicants use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. This Data Retrieval Tool allows students and parents to access the IRS tax return information needed to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students and parents may transfer the data directly from the IRS and beyond into their FAFSA.

If you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, you will be required to use this tool for several reasons:

1. It’s the easiest way to provide your tax data.
2. It’s the best way of ensuring that your FAFSA has accurate tax information.
3. It’s required by the Department of Education for verification purposes.

If you do not use or cannot use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to provide tax information, you may be required to obtain an official tax transcript from the IRS. The federal FAFSA processor will send the University Office of Student Financial Aid an electronic FAFSA analysis usually within 5 to 7 days of submittal by the student. At this time, the federal processor will send a Student Aid Report (SAR) to the student either by email or regular mail. The SAR will note whether any correction to the FAFSA is required.

2. Sidney Kimmel Medical College Application for Student Financial Aid and Verification Worksheet

These forms must be completed by all students and submitted directly to the University Office of Student Financial Aid. These forms can be completed and submitted online using the Banner Web. To access application instructions and a direct link to Banner Web, go to jefferson.edu/university/academic-affairs/tju/academic-services/financial_aid/process/apply_jmc.html.

3. Official Copy of Parents’ Internal Revenue Service Form 1040

Official Copy of Parents’ Internal Revenue Service Form 1040. All students applying for institutional financial aid from Sidney Kimmel Medical College must submit signed copies of the Parent I.R.S. 1040 (A or E-Z) forms (including all I.R.S. schedules)– regardless of the dependency status of the student. Signed copies of the 2016 Federal Tax Returns are required for the 2018-2019 academic year financial aid application.

Submit the copies of the I.R.S. forms directly to the University Office of Student Financial Aid. Parents who have not filed and are not required to file an income tax return for the prior year must submit a signed copy of the “Non- Filing Statement” to the University Office of Student Financial Aid. Please note that copies of the parent “Non-Filing Statement” can be completed and submitted online using the Banner Web online financial aid application. However, additional documentation may be required. To access application instructions and a direct link to Banner Web, go to jefferson.edu/university/academic-affairs/tju/academic-services/financial_aid/process/apply_jmc.html.

4. Citizenship

A student must be a U. S. citizen or permanent resident to receive either federal or Jefferson institutional financial aid. The Financial Aid Office will require documentation to verify student citizenship status if the FAFSA federal processor cannot confirm the student’s status.

5. Federal Direct Stafford Loan

Due to the Budget Control Act of 2011, graduate students are no longer eligible to borrow the Subsidized Stafford Loan beginning with the 2012-2013 year. Students who wish to be considered for University Aid are required to apply for a minimum of $10,000 in the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. To apply for the Federal Direct Stafford Loan, in addition to completing the general financial aid application requirements referenced above, students need to complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) (the form students’ sign acknowledging their responsibility to repay the debt). The MPN must be signed electronically with the Federal Direct Loan Program at studentloans.gov. Under the MPN process, all borrowers will be required to sign a promissory note for the first year only. The same MPN will be used for requesting loan funds in future years, assuming students do not change lenders, educational institu-
tions and/or have a temporary cessation in enrollment. The Federal Direct Loan Program is the only lender for federal loans for the 2010-11 year and going forward.

6. **Federal Work Study Application**

Students who are interested in being reviewed for Federal Work Study eligibility to help reduce their borrowing levels must also complete the Medical College Federal Work Study application. This is in addition to completing the general financial aid application requirements outlined in section 1 through 4 above. This form can now be completed and submitted online using the Banner Web online financial aid application located at. To access application instructions and a direct link to Banner Web, go to jefferson.edu/university/academic-affairs/tju/academic-services/financial_aid/process/apply_jmc.html.

7. **Deadline Dates for Applications/2018-2019 Academic Year**

Deadline Dates will be determined after October 1, 2017. Please check the University Office of Student Financial Aid website at www.jefferson.edu/financial_aid for posting of deadlines. Emails will also be sent to students at that time.

8. **Complete Financial Aid Applications**

Applications for Financial Aid cannot be processed until all of the following items are received:

1. FAFSA Need Analysis Report using the IRS DRT Process (FAFSA should include all parent information if applying for university aid)
2. SKMC Financial Aid Application
3. SKMC Verification Worksheet
4. Signed Parent I.R.S. 1040, A or EZ forms (including all I.R.S. schedules) and/or SKMC non-filing statements for 2016 from the student’s, parent(s) are required for 2018-2019 academic year University aid consideration.

Students can check the status of their financial aid application by accessing Banner WEB at https://banner.jefferson.edu.

Important Note: Any student who knowingly files false information will be subject to disciplinary action by Sidney Kimmel Medical College.

9. **Selective Service Registration Compliance**

The federal government requires all men born after Dec. 31, 1992, to register with the Selective Service. Sidney Kimmel Medical College is required to verify students’ registration compliance prior to awarding/disbursing student financial assistance. Also, if requested, students must present proof of the Registration Acknowledgment Letter to the Financial Aid Office.

10. **Statement of Educational Purpose/Non-Default**

Per federal regulations, in signing the completed FAFSA, you are confirming that you:

- Will use federal student financial aid only to pay the cost of attending an institution of higher education,
- Are not in default on a federal student loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it,
- Do not owe money back on a federal student grant or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay it, and
- Will notify your school if you default on a federal student loan.

If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined $20,000, sent to prison, or both.

11. **Verification**

The federal government requires that students who are selected for federal verification must verify that the information contained in the Financial Aid Application is correct. Students are typically selected
for verification by the Department of Education if the IRS Data Retrieval Process is not used or some discrepancy appears in the FAFSA application. Additionally, the federal government further mandates the University Office of Financial Aid verify and resolve all cases of inconsistent data (i.e., between the federal application and supporting documentation).

The University Office of Financial Aid will notify students who must submit additional documentation in order to complete the verification process. Communication will be sent to the applicant via their Jefferson email account and will include a complete description of all documentation that must be submitted to the University Office of Financial Aid.

It is important to note that until the verification process has been completed your financial aid award from Sidney Kimmel Medical College, your Federal Direct Stafford Loan, and other alternative loan eligibility is only tentative. In addition, Federal Direct Stafford Loan funds may not be disbursed until the verification process has been completed. To avoid being selected for Federal Verification, use the IRS Data Retrieval process.

12. Entrance Counseling Requirement

All first time borrowers of federal loans (i.e., Federal Direct Stafford, Primary Care Loan, Loans for Disadvantaged Students, and/or Federal Graduate PLUS Loan program) during the academic year are required to complete educational loan entrance counseling. If you have completed Entrance Counseling at a prior school, this requirement must be fulfilled again as the entrance counseling that is provided for graduate students is different than at the undergraduate level for the purpose of borrowing a Federal Graduate PLUS Loan. Please note that per federal regulations, the University Office of Student Financial Aid may not disburse Federal Direct Stafford/Graduate PLUS Loan funds until the entrance counseling process has been completed. Please go to the Financial Aid Office Web site jefferson.edu/university/academic-affairs/tju/academic-services/financial_aid/interviews/entrance.html for further information about this required process.

13. Exit Counseling Requirement

If you received assistance through the Federal Stafford, Federal Graduate PLUS, Federal Perkins, institutional loans, Loans for Disadvantaged Students, Primary Care Loan, and/or alternative loan programs, at any time during your attendance at Sidney Kimmel Medical College, you are required to complete federal exit counseling at http://studentloans.gov prior to withdrawal, transfer, Leave of Absence, or graduation from Sidney Kimmel Medical College. The University Office of Student Financial Aid will also conduct in-person counseling sessions.

The purpose of these in-person counseling sessions is to help you organize your post enrollment repayment schedule, and to answer any questions you may have concerning your repayment obligations. You will be given a summary of loans borrowed during your education at Sidney Kimmel Medical College, information on deferments and repayment, an estimate of the amount of your monthly payments, and advice on developing a fiscally sound repayment strategy.

All Exit Counseling sessions for graduating students are done in small groups, usually held in the spring. All students who take a Leave of Absence withdraw, or transfer to another school are advised to schedule one-on-one Exit Counseling with the Financial Aid Office.

14. Satisfactory Academic Progress

Students receiving financial assistance under Title IV (Federal Stafford, Federal Graduate PLUS, Federal Perkins, or FWS) programs must maintain satisfactory academic progress.
Sidney Kimmel Medical College Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress

For the purpose of student eligibility for financial assistance under the programs governed by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended, Sidney Kimmel Medical College has established the following standards for measuring whether a student, who is otherwise eligible to receive Title IV funds, is maintaining satisfactory academic progress. These standards apply to all students enrolled in Sidney Kimmel Medical College.

1. Grades
A student must complete all required courses and the required number of electives with a passing grade. Minimum passing grades for the different segments of the curriculum are defined in the Student Evaluation section.

2. Academic and Technical Criteria
Sidney Kimmel Medical College requires that students fulfill the following academic and technical criteria for the successful completion of a medical education and for the granting of the degree of Doctor of Medicine. A student’s failure to achieve appropriate progress in meeting any technical standard may result in sanctions up to dismissal from Sidney Kimmel Medical College.

- The ability to observe demonstrations and experiments in the basic sciences.
- The ability to analyze, synthesize, solve problems, and reach diagnostic and therapeutic judgments.
- Sufficient use of the senses of vision and hearing and somatic sensation necessary to perform a physical examination using observation, palpation, auscultation, and percussion and the ability to execute motor movements reasonably required to provide both general patient care and emergency treatment.
- The ability to relate to patients and to establish sensitive, professional relationships with patients.
- The ability to work as an effective member of the health care team.
- The ability to communicate in writing and verbally with patients and medical colleagues with accuracy, clarity, and efficiency in both routine and emergency conditions.
- The ability to learn and perform certain laboratory and diagnostic procedures.
- The ability to use good judgment in the assessment and treatment of patients.
- The ability to accept criticism and to respond by appropriate modification of behavior.
- The absence of infectious disease that would prevent the performance of essential clinical activities required to complete the curriculum.
- The perseverance, diligence, and consistency to complete the medical school curriculum and to enter the independent practice of medicine.

3. Maximum Time Frame
   a. The student must complete the medical curriculum, as a full-time student, in a maximum of six (6) years, inclusive of approved leaves of absence. Students who are enrolled in the combined MD/PhD program are expected to complete the medical school curriculum in six (6) years, inclusive of approved leaves of absence, and the time devoted to the graduate program.

   b. The student’s progress is to be measured in one-year (12 months) increments. By the end of the first year the student must have successfully completed one-sixth of the course work required for graduation. In each subsequent year, an additional one-sixth of the course work must be satisfactorily completed.
4. Special Policies in Regard to Course Incompletes, Withdrawals, and Repetitions
The Committee on Student Promotion evaluates the academic performance of each student and determines promotion, probation, and academic dismissal and determines, on an individual basis, a plan for students with academic deficiencies. Due to the nature of the curriculum, this plan may require a student who has had academic difficulty at a certain point to repeat an entire year. In such a case, the student is considered to be making satisfactory academic progress during the repeated period.

5. Notification
The University Office of Student Financial Aid will notify, in writing, any student receiving financial assistance that does not meet the requirements for satisfactory progress and is not eligible to receive Title IV funds.

6. Appeal Procedures
If a student is determined not to be making satisfactory academic progress, resulting in ineligibility for financial assistance under the Title IV programs, the student may appeal to the University Office of Student Financial Aid.

7. Reinstatement
After termination from aid, a student may be considered for Title IV aid at the beginning of the next academic year.

Higher Education Amendments (1998)
Return of Title IV Funding
(Note: The ‘Refund of Title IV Funding’ policy outlined below, is in effect for the current 2016-2017 academic year and forward until amended.)

The Higher Education Amendments of 1998 require that when a recipient of Title IV grant or loan assistance withdraws from an institution during a payment period or period of enrollment in which the recipient began attendance, the institution must determine the amount of Title IV grant or loan assistance (not including Federal Work Study or the non-federal share of FSEOG awards if an institution meets its FSEOG matching share by the individual recipient method or the aggregate method) that the student earned as of the student’s withdrawal date.

For more specific information and examples, see the Financial Aid Office website at jefferson.edu/university/academic-affairs/tju/academic-services/financial_aid/policies/title_iv.html.
**Student Activities**

**Societies and Organizations**

Students have many opportunities to participate in different medical societies and service organizations such as Alpha Omega Alpha, Asian Pacific Medical Student Association, Dermatology Society, Emergency Medicine Society, Family Medicine Society, Gibbon Surgical Society, American Medical Association (AMA), American Medical Student Association (AMSA), American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA), and Jeff HOPE, just to name a few. The Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling, the SKMC student council, and the University Office of Student Life and Engagement have information regarding these activities. Members of societies must contact the society’s faculty advisor prior to planning events.

**Learning Societies**

Learning societies have been created and students are assigned to a society upon matriculation. The mission of the societies is to promote communities of students and faculty that are committed to the core values of Sidney Kimmel Medical College and to nurture professional and personal development. The goals are to: 1) enhance a sense of community within Jefferson; 2) promote the exchange of ideas, companionship, and mentorship; 3) highlight the importance of community service; 4) develop skills in leadership, communication, doctoring, and professionalism; and 5) create an opportunity for longitudinal education.

The societies have been named after esteemed Jefferson graduates: Dr. Leah Lowenstein Society; the Jacob DaCosta Society, the Dr. Robley Dunglison Society, the Juan Carlos Finlay Society, the Carla Goepp Society, the Samuel Gross Society, the Algernon Jackson Society, and the William Keen Society.

**Yearbook**

*The Clinic* is SKMC’s annual student yearbook. It serves the dual purpose of honoring the graduating class and chronicling the events of the academic year. *The Clinic* pursues an independent editorial policy, and staff participation is open to all students. Editorial and photographic contributions are welcomed. The yearbook is published under the auspices and overall review of the Student Council of the Medical College, which approves selection of both the editor and business manager of the publication.

**Student Events**

**Parents’/Family Day**

Parents’/Family Day is held in the spring of the second year and is sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Dean’s Office. Family of all second-year students are invited to visit SKMC for the day and participate in a program and luncheon given to honor students and family.
Presentation of Faculty Portrait
The senior class at large annually selects an outstanding faculty member to be painted by a well-known artist. The portrait is presented to the Medical College at a ceremony in the spring of the year.

Student Research Day
Members of the Medical Student Research Society are invited to present a report of their research each year on Student Research Day, which is conducted under the auspices of the Society of Sigma Xi. It is open to all Jefferson faculty and students. One student from the Medical College is chosen to present his or her research paper in competition at the annual AMSA Research Forum in the spring.

Class Day
This program is held annually on the day before graduation to honor members of the graduating class. Awards and prizes are presented to graduating seniors. Awards in more than 42 categories are given to some 60 students. Faculty who have distinguished themselves in teaching are also presented. Awards including the Leon A. Peris Memorial Award, the Blockley-Osler/Dean's Teaching Award, and the The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award is presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

Commencement
Commencement is held at the Kimmel Performing Arts Center. The program includes the presentation of degrees to members of the graduating class and honorary degrees to outstanding members of the community. Faculty and graduating students are expected to attend.

Career Day
The Alumni Association and the OSACC host Career Day each year. Geared primarily toward second- and third-year students, the program provides a preview of the Match process and choosing a specialty through presentations and small-group interactive sessions with Sidney Kimmel Medical College alumni from a variety of specialties.

Affiliations Day
The Office of Graduate Medical Education invites all hospital affiliates to this event held in the winter each year. It gives second-year students a chance to meet with faculty at some of the affiliate institutions where many students rotate during their third and fourth years.

Wellness Resource Center
The mission of the TJU Wellness Resource Center site is to provide access and information for students, to assist them in their pursuit of personal wellness and to equip them with the skills necessary to adapt to the challenges of a career in the health professions. The early development of these skills will lead to a happier and healthier healthcare provider who is a role model for patients and the community. The concept of wellness includes all aspects of a person's life, including physical, mental, social and spiritual health. Wellness topics on the site include stress management, nutrition, exercise, personal safety and substance abuse.

Center for Integrative Medicine
The services offered by the Myra Brind Center for Integrative Medicine are also available to students. The Center for Integrative Medicine, a part of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Thomas Jefferson University, brings together the best of conventional medical care with promising complementary approaches to healing. Natural medicines, acupuncture, meditation, massage and other therapies can supplement the conventional treatment of a wide variety of illnesses and enhance overall wellness. The Center's team of highly trained and experienced physicians, therapists and nurses work closely together to provide the best possible care. Please see their Web site at: jeffersonhospital.org/cim/.
Student Council and Student Government

Student Council
The Student Council is comprised of elected and appointed student representatives from each class at Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. Responsibilities of the Council include supervision of student organizations, disbursement of university funds, and the dissemination of information on issues pertinent to student life at the Medical College. Furthermore, the Council acts as the liaison between the students, faculty and administration. Council representatives serve with faculty on standing committees in the areas of Admissions, Affiliations, Alumni, Curriculum, Research, Student Affairs, and Technology. As the collective voice of the student body, the Council works continuously with faculty and administration to recommend and implement changes that will positively affect students at the Medical College and within the University community.

Michelle Ponder, President of Legislative Affairs
Salam Beah, President of Administrative Affairs
John Honhart, Treasurer
Jordyn Tumas, Secretary
Philip Gordon, Secretary of External Affairs

Constitution of the Student Council of SKMC

Article I — Designation
This organization shall be known as the Student Council of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University.

Article II — Purposes
This student council is a class-based representative body acting on the behalf of the student body of Sidney Kimmel Medical College. The council's responsibilities will include supervising, organizing, and appropriate funding of the medical college student body activities which pertain to the University.

The council will act as the responsible liaison body between the students, the faculty, and the administration and will act to promote stronger student/faculty relations.

The council shall act as an instrument of student opinion concerning matters pertaining to students and the University community.

The council will provide student body representatives to voice student concerns on all student/faculty or ad hoc committees.

Article III — Membership
The student council shall be composed of students in the first-, second-, third-, and fourth-year classes of Sidney Kimmel Medical College.
Voting Members
a. The executive officers of the student council: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.
b. The six equal representatives of each class.

Non-voting Members
a. The student representatives of each student/faculty committee.
b. The chairman or the representatives of each student council committee.
c. A representative from each student or campus organization.
d. The Dean of the Medical College or the Dean’s representative.
e. A representative from the College of Health Professions and the College of Graduate Studies.

The Sidney Kimmel Medical College Student Council also encourages any members of the Thomas Jefferson University community to attend all meetings and voice any of their concerns to the council.

Article IV — Functions of Student Council Members

Rights and Privileges of Council Members
a. Voting members shall have one vote each on all motions, except for the president, who shall vote only to break a tie.
b. Each voting member shall have the right to introduce motions.
c. All members, voting and nonvoting, shall have the right to make reports, to initiate or to participate in debate, and to address the student council on all issues.

Responsibilities of Council Members
a. Attendance
   1. Voting members are required to attend all regular meetings. Should a voting member be absent without valid excuse from two or more meetings during the course of a year, that member shall have his/her voting privileges suspended. At this time, the representative’s constituents will be notified and will be given the privilege of holding a new election should they desire. Illness or any absence required for official college or personal business shall constitute a valid excuse for absence. Any unusual excuses may be brought before the council for consideration. The secretary must be notified prior to any student council meetings for any excuse to be considered valid.
   2. Nonvoting members, especially those who regularly report to the council, are expected to attend all regular meetings or to send a representative in their place. Each student/faculty committee must have at least one representative present at each meeting. Should no Student/Faculty committee representative be present without valid excuse for two or more meetings during the course of a year, the Council at its discretion will take action, which can include dismissal of the offending representative(s) from his or her committee position.

b. Representatives and their constituents
   Representatives of the first- and second-year classes are expected to report to their constituencies the results of each monthly meeting. Prior to all regular meetings the representatives should solicit the advice, opinions, and suggestions of their constituents with regards to old issues or to new issues which the classes would like to have addressed.

c. Participation in the student council
   Each student council representative is expected to participate as a member of one or more standing or special student council committees when his or her involvement is requested by the president or vice president of the student council.
Duties of Officers

a. The duties of the president shall be to:
   1. Call meetings to order.
   2. Preside at meetings of council.
   3. Enforce the constitution.
   4. Appoint committees unless otherwise directed by council.
   5. Provide the student council secretary with an agenda for each upcoming meeting.
   6. Carry out such other duties as may be required by the council or by right of office as generally understood.
   7. Supervise any election in which a conflict of interest arises for the vice president.

b. The duties of the vice president shall be to:
   1. Act for the president in his absence.
   2. Supervise the work of all temporary committees.
   3. Assume the office of the president should it become vacant.
   4. Supervise the orientation program for incoming first-year students.
   5. Supervise all elections carried out under the auspices of student council except when such supervision entails a conflict of interest.
   6. Organize and oversee the appointment of all student/faculty committee representatives.
   7. Supervise and regulate all student organizations.
   8. Oversee the formation of any new organization.
   9. Solicit annual reports from each student organization and to print a composite of these reports for distribution.

c. The duties of the secretary shall be to:
   1. Keep a complete record of all council proceedings.
   2. Compile an agenda from the other officers and to provide printed copies of this agenda at all meetings.
   3. Post a copy of the minutes of each student council meeting on the student council bulletin board within two weeks of the previous meeting.
   4. Carry out other such duties as commonly assigned to the office.

d. The duties of the treasurer shall be to:
   1. Maintain an exact record of all accounts.
   2. Receive funds and to set the rate of collection of the student activities fee as directed by the student council.
   3. Disperse funds appropriated by the council.
   4. Provide up-to-date summaries of the status of the treasury at each regular meeting.
   5. Solicit and obtain annual budget requests and detailed expenditures for each organization requesting student council funding.
   6. Organize and run the annual budget meeting of the student council.
   7. Perform such other duties as delegated by the council or which are commonly required of this office.
Article V — Election to Membership

The elections committee, chaired by the vice president, will arrange all elections for the student council officers and for the student council representatives within the time limits specified by this constitution.

Timing of elections

a. Class elections for the first-year students shall be held in the month prior to the October meeting and again in the month prior to the March meeting. The term will last for one year after the March election.

b. Class elections for the second-year students shall be held in the month prior to the March meeting. The term will last for one year.

c. Class elections for the third-year students shall be held in the month prior to the March meeting. This term will end at graduation.

Election of class representatives

a. The election committee shall announce at least four weeks prior to the date of the elections the opening of petitioning for six equal representatives.

b. Each candidate must obtain the written endorsement of 25 constituents. Petitions for candidacy must be submitted to the election committee or its designate at least one week prior to the elections. Candidates running for first-year representatives positions in the October election must write a short statement of intent to be posted one week prior to the election. Distribution, collection, tabulation, and publication of results will be handled by the election committee.

c. Each constituent will vote for six of the candidates for representative. The six candidates receiving the most votes shall be the six equal representatives for that class.

d. In the event of a tie, the elections committee shall hold a runoff between the tied individuals only.

Election of Executive Officers via the Election Oversight Committee

a. The Election Oversight Committee defined. The Election Oversight Committee is formed to conduct the election of the Student Council Executive Committee. It is formed of five or six members which include the following people:

• The sitting president or vice president.

• One other member of the current Executive Committee, selected randomly by name drawing (unless volunteered) in the presence of the Student Council at the December meeting. This individual cannot be running for election to the new Executive Committee. If three or all of the members of the current Executive Committee are running for future Executive Committee positions, one or two representatives from the current third-year class will be picked randomly (unless volunteered) by name drawing at the December Student Council meeting. This will ensure two members are picked from either the current Executive Committee or the third-year class representatives.

• Four volunteer class representatives from the first- and second-year classes: there must be at least one first- and one second-year class representative. If need be, the other two individuals may come from the third-year class representatives. If not enough or none volunteer, these four will be randomly selected by name drawing at the December Student Council meeting. If it is impossible to coordinate the following balloting procedures among these four individuals, or if individual constraints preclude selecting four individuals, three individuals may substitute (with a minimum of one each from the first- and second-year class representatives.)

b. Of the five (or minimum four) randomly selected or volunteered individuals, two will be randomly picked by name drawing at the December Student Council meeting to make the final tally of the ballots along with either the sitting president or vice president.

The five or six Election Oversight Committee members would coordinate placement, pickup, counting, and delivery of the ballots.
Each individual will count the ballots that s/he picked up and write the count on a card. This card and the ballots would be brought to a mutually agreed upon place (e.g., Jefferson Alumni Hall), whereupon the president or vice president along with the two randomly selected individuals would each tally the accumulated ballots. These three individuals must necessarily reach the exact same counts. After reaching the same counts, the ballots will then be destroyed, and these three individuals, the only ones privy to the total counts, are sworn to secrecy. The results of the election (not the numerical totals) would then be announced individually to each candidate by the president or vice president.

Election of Executive Officers
1. Candidates for president and vice president must be members of the second- or third-year classes.
2. Candidates for the offices of secretary and treasurer must be members of the first-, second-, or third-year classes.
3. A candidate must run for only one office in a given election, and verbal nominations will be accepted at the November and December Student Council meetings or via an email or telephone call to an executive committee member contacted during the period after the November meeting but before the December meeting.
4. The Election Oversight Committee shall determine the elections schedule for each class prior to the November meeting and shall also inform the classes of this schedule and of all the requirements prior to the November meeting.
5. Candidates will be permitted a position statement (one page or less) to be posted for all to read at least one week prior to the election. Candidates for the office of president must submit a brief letter of intent which will be printed on the reverse side of the ballots.
6. Each candidate will be given the opportunity to briefly (three minutes or less) voice their intentions and goals at the December meeting. After all speeches are completed, the voting representatives shall vote via secret ballot for the candidates they chose to be given their proxy votes. These votes will be tallied by members of the Election Oversight Committee as described above.
7. At the time of the general election, any student may opt to vote proxy. Proxy will be determined such that each voting representative of the designated class decides 1/5 of the proxy vote.
8. A minimum of 50 percent of Sidney Kimmel Medical College first-, second-, and third-year students must cast ballots for an election to be valid. Fourth-year students will be given the opportunity to cast ballots if they desire.
9. In the event of more than three (3) candidates appearing on the ballot for an executive council position or positions, a primary election must be held for that position or positions during the general election. A final election consisting of the two candidates receiving the most votes in the primary election should then occur as soon as permitted.
10. In the event of a tie vote in the general election, a reelection shall occur between the involved candidates according to the election procedures above.

All elected members of council shall assume their positions on the council at the first meeting following their election. Executive officers term will start in January and will last for one year.

In the event of resignation, death, disability, or recall of any member of council (except the president), his/her successor shall be chosen by special election according to the provisions of this article.

Article VI — Meetings
Regular meetings shall be held at least once a month during the academic year. These meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., unless a change is deemed necessary by the council.
Section 2
Special meetings may be called by the president subject to two days advanced notice. Items not included in the planned agenda of a special meeting may not be acted upon at that time.

A majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum.

A quorum must be present at all regular and special meetings in order for official action to be taken.

Regarding parliamentary procedure, the rules contained in the current edition of *Roberts’ Rules of Order*, newly revised, shall govern this council except when inconsistent with this constitution or with any special rules of order which the council has adopted.

Discussion of committee reports shall be limited to five minutes.

At the president’s discretion a motion must be placed in writing and distributed to council members before it can be voted upon.

Article VII — Committees
There shall be two types of committees, designated under the headings “standing” and “special”:

a. Standing committees shall include the elections committee, the student council curriculum committee, and additional committees that council may create.

b. Special committees shall be appointed by the president at his/her discretion, or the council may, by a majority vote, appoint committees.

c. Representatives may serve on more than one committee, but may chair only one standing committee.

All committee chairpersons shall make monthly reports to the council on the progress and activities of their respective committees.

Special committees shall be dissolved upon completion of their duties.

Article VIII — Student Organizations

New Organizations

a. The founders of any proposed new organization must first schedule an appointment at the next Student Affairs Committee meeting through the Dean's Office secretary. At this meeting the organization must present:

   1. A petition which describes the need for the formation of such an organization as well as the group’s proposed goals as described in a mission statement.

   2. The signatures of Jefferson students who are interested in forming such a group and in becoming members.

   3. Approval and proposed support of the organization by a faculty sponsor.

   4. An agenda detailing the organization’s future activities.

b. If approved by the Student Affairs Committee the organization must then petition the SKMC Student council for recognition. The organization leaders must contact a student council executive officer and request to be placed on the next student council agenda. At the student council meeting, the proposed organization’s leaders must again present all of the information which was detailed at the Student Affairs meeting. In addition, a detailed budget for the upcoming school year must be presented.

c. The proposed organization may then be officially recognized by a majority vote of the student representatives present at the meeting. If a proposed organization is not approved, its leaders may reapply for recognition in the same academic year after a two-month period only if they have new issues to present.
Annual Reports

a. Every Student Organization which wishes to remain recognized by Sidney Kimmel Medical College and the Student Council must submit an annual report. This report shall also be required for the group to receive any funding from the University or student government. All reports must be handed in to the Student Council Vice President at least six weeks before the budget meeting in the Spring. In January, the Student Council Vice President will notify all organization leaders in writing as to the deadline for the reports and post notice in the main auditoriums as well as on email.

b. The Student Organization Annual Reports should include the following:

1. Goals which were set for the past year, accomplished in the past year, and delineated for the upcoming year.
2. Finances, including fund-raisers and membership dues, and how these moneys were spent.
3. Projects which were completed in the past year and which are planned for the future.
4. University activities such as seminars and lectures.

c. These reports will help the Student Council target inactive or non-productive groups to be sent for review to the Student Affairs Committee, and help streamline the annual Student Council budget meeting. Any organizations which have not progressed toward their proposed goals or which do not show active involvement on the part of their members will be sent to the Student Affairs Committee. Here, a final decision will be made regarding the University’s continuation of the groups funding and charter. Leniency will be given to foundling groups. Regulation of student organizations is delineated further in Section 3.

Regulation of Student Organizations

a. Each recognized student organization must submit a complete annual report which details the group’s objectives for the past year, their accomplishments, the events that were held during the year, and their goals for the following year. The report should also include the number of members attending each event, the names and addresses of the organization’s leaders, and the name of their faculty advisor.

b. The student leaders must meet annually with their faculty advisor and submit the advisor form (obtainable from the student council vice president) with their annual report.

c. The Sidney Kimmel Medical College student council and the Student Affairs Committee will review all annual reports in order to identify student organizations which do not contribute to the University community or have not provided an active organization for their members.

d. The groups identified as potentially probationary will be reevaluated at the following student council meeting. If any group of students would like to revitalize the organization, they must present themselves before the student council with a letter of support from the faculty advisor and with specific plans for the following year. If reapproved, the organization must follow the guidelines for a group on probation as detailed in Section 4.

e. It is the responsibility of each group to report changes in leadership, addresses, and phone numbers to the student council executive officers. Any problem in communication or missed deadlines from failure to report such changes shall be the responsibility of the student organization, and it remains at the discretion of council members as to what penalties, if any, to invoke.

Guidelines for Probationary Student Groups

a. Each group must meet at least twice each semester and keep record of all in attendance.

b. Each group will receive a baseline of $75 in financial support for the year of probation. If additional funds are needed, the group must request these in person from the student council.
c. The group must have three officers who are to meet with the faculty advisor once each semester to evaluate their progress.

d. The group leaders must submit a semi-annual report in December to the student council and to the Student Affairs Committee as well as the annual report required of all student organizations. Group members must sign in at all organization events, and these attendance sheets must be submitted with the semiannual and annual reports.

e. Any probationary organization that fails to meet the above guidelines will have its charter revoked for one year after which time interested parties can request to be recognized again by the student council.

f. These regulations are not meant to be punitive. They have been ratified to protect and to best serve the Jefferson community. Such regulations will permit students to most effectively participate in activities and to avoid committing themselves to inactive groups. The student council and Student Affairs Committee appreciate the cooperation of the student leaders in these matters.

g. Any organization that loses its charter will have its constitution and other information filed by Student Council so that the group can easily be re-chartered if interest arises at a later date.

**Article IX — Initiative, Referendum, and Recall**

**Initiative**

a. The signatures of 15 percent of the student body shall be sufficient to place any issue on a ballot for consideration by the entire student body. Upon the receipt of such a petition, the council shall direct the elections committee to place the issue before the students within 30 days.

b. Policy statements and fiscal actions shall be enacted by a majority vote.

c. Constitutional amendments shall be enacted by this method or by the proposal of the council’s executive officers and require a majority vote.

**Referendum**

Student council may direct the elections committee to place on a ballot any proposed policy for consideration by the student body.

**Recall**

Any voting member of the student council shall be subject to recall as follows:

1. Officers shall be subject to recall upon receipt of signatures of at least one-half of the enrolled members of each class.

2. Class representatives shall be subject to recall upon the receipt of signatures of at least one-half the members of the enrollment of his or her class. Upon receipt of such a petition the council shall direct the election committee to place the issue before the students within 30 days.

**Article X — Amendments**

The constitution of the student council of Sidney Kimmel Medical College may be amended as follows:

Any amendment must be passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present at a regular meeting; the amendment may then be approved and made official by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the subsequent regular meeting.
Criminal Background Checks and Drug Testing

Participation in clinical experiences and rotations is a required part of the curriculum and a requirement for graduation. A clinical site may require drug testing and/or a criminal background check and/or child abuse check in order to permit participation. Clinical sites may deny a student's participation in a clinical experience or rotation because of a felony or misdemeanor conviction, failure of a required drug test, or inability to produce an appropriate health clearance, which would result in delayed graduation or in the inability to graduate from the program. All students will be required to undergo Criminal Background Checks in order to proceed with patient care.

Crisis Response Guideline for SKMC Students

In order to assure the most efficient and appropriate communication amongst college/university personnel in the event of a specific student crisis, the following guidelines should be used:

Any student event can activate the student crisis response. Any member of the college/university who witnesses or hears about an event should notify the designated Student Affairs and Career Counseling official and/or Security. Events include, but are not limited to, injury/illness/hospitalization, psychiatric episodes (including attempted suicide), assault, disappearance, housing disturbance, unprofessional behavior or death of a student.

Jefferson Security:
Business Hours: 215-955-8888, 811
After Hours: 215-955-8888, 811

Sidney Kimmel Medical College:
Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling
Business Hours: 215-503-6988
After Hours: 877-656-4437 (pager).

Dress Code

All physicians shall be groomed and dressed in a manner which will help them to establish rapport with their patients. The faculty of Sidney Kimmel Medical College, therefore, encourages its students early in their medical career to establish habits of demeanor, grooming, and dress which will assist them throughout their professional lives in their relationships with their patients.

An attending physician has a right to refuse to allow any of his/her patients to be seen by a student if he/she feels that the patient may be disturbed by the student’s appearance. Students should recognize that unclean dress, disheveled hair, or an unkempt beard will be offensive to many patients and that a patient has the absolute prerogative to refuse to be examined by a student who offends him/her.

Medical students are expected to wear clean and pressed white coats whenever they are in patient areas. Coverage of long hair is required in certain areas, such as operating suites, as a precaution against the dissemination of infection. When in an affiliated institution, students are expected to conform to the dress code standards of that institution.
Equipment and Clothing Requirements

The Division of Anatomy requires that surgical scrubs be worn in the dissecting room at all times, even during examinations. The division provides nitrile gloves and disposable aprons.

Dissecting Instruments

Students must obtain a set of instruments that are suitable for dissecting the cadaver. The set is for sale at the Jefferson Bookstore.

Protective Eyeware

The use of protective eyewear, either prescription glasses or plastic goggles, is strongly recommended, especially if contact lenses are worn, and such protection is available at the Jefferson Bookstore.

Health Insurance

Health insurance is required for all students attending Thomas Jefferson University. We are happy to offer a comprehensive health plan through United Healthcare, designed specifically for students. More details regarding the health insurance requirement can be accessed at jefferson.edu/studenthealthinsurance. More details about the specific plan benefits can be found at firststudent.com. Please familiarize yourself with the plan benefits.

Some specifics to note about this plan are that:

a. This plan is a PPO, which provides flexibility in accessing care, including when on clinical rotations as well when you are home on break.
b. This plan is accepted throughout the large United Healthcare network.
c. The coverage period is August 1st through July 31.
d. Your tuition bill will be charged directly for the coverage, divided among the two semesters (but you will only need to enroll once).

Rates for 2017 – 2018

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Health insurance enrollment is an online process and must be completed by EVERY student, whether you are selecting the school-sponsored plan or are requesting to waive. Enrollment into the United Healthcare plan will be done online each year and must be completed by the last day of July. If you have not completed the online enrollment by this date, you will automatically be charged a fee which will be added to your tuition account.

To begin the online enrollment/waive process, please access the United Healthcare website after directly selecting “Thomas Jefferson University” at FirstStudent.com.

Waive of Insurance

1. A student’s insurance plan must be one of the following:
   • An employer-based plan through a parent, spouse, or own employment.
   • An individual plan purchased through a government exchange or directly through a carrier at the Gold (80%) or Platinum (90%) level.
   • A plan provided via Medicaid or Veterans Affairs.
2. If the plan originates outside of the Philadelphia area, the student must have the ability to access providers in the areas of their current residence, without disruption to their academic responsibilities, while attending Thomas Jefferson University.
Dental Insurance

Optional dental insurance is again offered through Delta Dental. This plan, a custom PPO, seemed to greatly improve your access to timely dental care. Two plan options will be offered this year. Some specifics about the plan:

Dental coverage begins August 1, 2017 and is in effect until July 31, 2018. You can only enroll in the plan for the entire academic year. Please note that students are NOT able to enroll in the dental insurance plan once the coverage period has begun. Your tuition bill will be charged with the annual rate:

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**How to Enroll**

For additional information on the plan and TO ACCESS AN ENROLLMENT FORM, please visit: http://www.deltadentalins.com/tju/

- To enroll in the plan, complete the enrollment form found at the site above and submit the completed form to the Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling via one of the methods listed below
- Postal Mail: Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling, Thomas Jefferson University, 1025 Walnut Street, Suite 116, Philadelphia, PA 19107
- Fax: (215) 503-7510 (ATTN: Ms. Joyce Muwwakkil)
- Email: skmc.student.affairs@jefferson.edu

If submitting by email, please note that the enrollment form is a fillable pdf. You may make your selections directly on the electronic file then select the “Save As” option and save the file to your computer. You may then submit your form by emailing the file as an attachment to the email address listed above.

Questions: Please contact Ms. Joyce Muwwakkil at 215-503-6988 or joyce.muwwakkil@jefferson.edu

Disability Insurance

Sidney Kimmel Medical College provides you with a disability plan that will pay a monthly benefit in the event you become disabled due to a sickness or injury, as well as the option to continue coverage upon graduation. The Office for Student Affairs and Career Counseling can provide you with further information regarding this plan.

Policies Regarding Admission and Placement of Students to Sidney Kimmel Medical College with Previous Health Care Education

1. Applicants who have completed advanced courses of education (doctoral equivalent), or who have obtained advanced educational degrees (doctoral equivalent) must apply through the Admissions Committee.

2. In the case of acceptance to the Medical College, the admissions committee may make no commitment to the applicant regarding placement in the curriculum, but may recommend a specific advanced placement to the Student Promotions Committee and Curriculum Committee. The Student Promotions Committee and Curriculum Committee will each review the recommendation for advanced placement from the Admissions Committee. The applicant may not be considered for advanced placement unless both committees approve the specific advanced placement.
3. When the Curriculum Committee and Student Promotions Committee have approved a specific advanced placement, the applicant will be notified in writing of the advanced placement jointly by the chair persons of the Curriculum and Student Promotions Committees.

Registration of International Students

Students who are not United States citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. are responsible for contacting the Office of International Affairs (OIA), 215-503-4024 or 215-503-4335 for Mariangel. Martinez@jefferson.edu or Janice.Bogen@jefferson.edu, immediately upon notification of admission to Sidney Kimmel Medical College and upon any change in student status. OIA assists students in obtaining the necessary forms for the U.S. Department of State (DOS) to request a visa, or from the United States Citizen and Immigration Service (USCIS) to maintain legal student status if transferring from another institution.

Please note that each student has sole responsibility for ensuring that his/her immigration status complies with all applicable laws and regulations of the United States. In order to meet all requirements of the Department of Homeland Security and SEVIS, international students are required to attend a mandatory immigration orientation designed for new incoming SKMC students in M-70 Jefferson Alumni Hall, 1020 Locust Street, soon after they arrive on campus. Please call or email in advance to confirm your arrival with Mariangel Martinez. At the meeting, students receive information about Jefferson and Philadelphia. Also check for new information at Jefferson.edu/university/international_affairs.

Student Policies

Many policies pertaining to Jefferson students are universal for each school. These range from academic to disciplinary policies. Rather than list them all in this handbook, students are advised to peruse the following Web site: Jefferson.edu/university/academic-affairs/schools/student-affairs/student-handbooks/university-policies.html

Weather Emergencies

As a medical teaching facility, Sidney Kimmel Medical College will remain open even during severely inclement weather because of the nature of our activities and the need to avoid schedule constraints that class cancellations would cause. Every effort is made on the part of the teaching faculty and administrative staff to operate with normal schedules and services, even when the University has declared an official weather emergency.

Should a faculty member not appear for class after a reasonable period of time, the appropriate departmental office should be contacted for information and instructions. The University Office of the Registrar may be contacted for any additional available information concerning classes.

If severe weather necessitates class cancellation, informational notices will be posted throughout the campus, announced via the JeffALERT system and included on the University Weather Emergency Hotline, 800-858-8806, expressly confirming cancellation of classes.

Students on clinical rotations are expected to make every effort to report to their clinical sites during inclement weather. If a student is unable to report to a clinical site due to weather, he/she should contact the clerkship coordinator and the clinical team with whom they are rotating. The clerkship coordinator will make arrangements to help the student make up time missed.
Campus Map and Important Phone Numbers

Important Phone Numbers

Administration ................................................................................................................... 215-955-6980
Admissions .......................................................................................................................... 215-955-6983
Fitness Center/Office of Student Life and Engagement ..................................................... 215-503-7949
Dean’s Office ....................................................................................................................... 215-955-6980
Financial Aid ....................................................................................................................... 215-955-2867
Graduate Medical Education and Affiliated Hospital Programs .................................... 215-955-5017
Health Services .................................................................................................................. 215-955-6835
Learning Skills/Educational Strategies/Special Needs Accommodations ....................... 215-503-6335
Library, Scott Memorial .......................................................... 215-503-6994
Registrar .......................................................... 215-503-8734
Student Affairs .................................................. 215-503-6988
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital ............................. 215-955-6000
Undergraduate Medical Education ................................. 215-955-0704

Departments

Basic Sciences
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology .......................... 215-503-4830
Microbiology and Immunology ............................. 215-503-4669
Molecular Physiology and Biophysics .................. 215-503-7761
Pathology, Anatomy, and Cell Biology .......................... 215-955-5060
Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics .... 215-955-4999

Clinical
Anesthesiology .......................................................... 215-955-6161
Cancer Biology .................................................. 215-503-5692
Clinical Skills and Simulation Center .......................... 215-503-4225
Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology .................................. 215-503-5785
Emergency Medicine .................................................. 215-955-6844
Family and Community Medicine ............................... 215-955-7190
Medical Oncology .................................................. 215-955-4367
Medicine .......................................................... 215-955-6946
Neurological Surgery .................................................. 215-955-7000
Neurology .......................................................... 215-955-9425
Neuroscience .......................................................... 215-503-4200
Obstetrics/Gynecology .................................................. 215-955-5577
Ophthalmology .......................................................... 215-928-3073
Orthopaedic Surgery .................................................. 215-955-1500
Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery .................. 215-955-6784
Pediatrics .......................................................... 215-955-6520
Psychiatry and Human Behavior ................................. 215-955-6912
Radiation Oncology .................................................. 215-955-6702
Radiology .......................................................... 215-955-7264
Rehabilitation Medicine .................................................. 215-955-7446
Surgery .......................................................... 215-955-8643
Urology .......................................................... 215-955-6961

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Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children: Steven Selbst, MD ................................................................................................................................. 302-651-5570
Albert Einstein Medical Center: Douglas McGee, DO ................................................................................................................................. 215-456-6679
Mainline Health Bryn Mawr Hospital: James Burke, MD ................................................................................................................................. 484-476-1000
Christiania Care Health System: Neil Jasani, MD ................................................................................................................................. 302-733-2704
Crozer Keystone Health System: Christopher Stenberg, MD ................................................................................................................................. 610-619-7410
Excel Health Latrobe Hospital: Michael Semelka, DO ................................................................................................................................. 724-423-4051
Inspiria Medical Center: Aarti Aggarwal, MD ................................................................................................................................. 856-853-2055
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