

## Proposed policies for retest, remediation, and deceleration:

For quick reference, here's our proposed calendar, assessment week, and assessment model:

	AY 2022-2023												
	August	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	
YEAR 1		T	P1 6+1 weeks	P2 4+1 weeks	Blood, Immunity, and Infection 4 weeks	R E C E S S	Blood, Immunity, and Infection 3+1 weeks	Skin & Musculoskeletal System 5+1 weeks	Nervous System and Behavior 9+1 weeks (includes spring break)	Gastrointestinal System 5 weeks	S R U E M C M E S R S		
YEAR 2	S R U E M C M E S R S	P 3	Cardiovascular System 5+1 weeks	Respiratory System 4+1 weeks	Urinary System 4+1 weeks		Endocrine and Reproductive Systems 6+1 weeks	STEP 1 (4 weeks)	HSC 1 wk				

T: Transition to Medical School (Orientation Week)  
 P1: Principles 1 [genetics, biochemistry, cell biology, general histology, general anatomy]  
 P2: Principles 2 [principles of pharmacology; principles of pathology (inflammation, tissue repair, and neoplasia); social determinants of health (includes epidemiology and biostatistics)]  
 P3: Peers, Population, and Pathways  
 HSC: Health System Clerkship

	ASSESSMENT WEEK				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BLOCK FINAL EXAM	WIN TIME	WIN TIME	WIN TIME	FOCUSED RETEST (If Required)	
NBME EXAM	WIN TIME	WIN TIME	WIN TIME		

Students should know their block grades (and if they need to take the focused retest) by 8 pm of Monday of the assessment week.

Assessments	When	Type	% Grades
Quizzes & Midterms	Intra-block	MCQ, FITB, SAQ, Essay	15-20
Anatomy Lab	Intra-block	Practical	5-10
Assignments	Intra-block	MCQ, SAQ, Essay	10-15
Engagement (in required sessions)	Intra-block	Participation	5-10
Clinical	Intra-block	Competency	5-15
Others (PBL, TBL, CBL, etc.)	Intra-block	Participation, iRAT, gRAT (tRAT)	5-10
Block Final Exam	End-block	MCQ, FITB, SAQ	30-40
NBME Exam	End-block	MCQ	5

### **Explanation of terms used: -**

**Block Final Exam** – end of block exam designed by block leaders; results available on the same day

**NBME Exam** – customized shelf exams designed by NBME (national board of medical examiners)

**WIN time** – what I need time

**Focused retest** – retesting for eligible students on Friday of the assessment week on failing the block; targeted to the student need

**Full retest** – retesting over summer (for 1st year blocks) or before entering clerkship (for 2nd year blocks) on failing focused retest for a block, covers entire block content

**Remediation** – retaking a block next academic year with subsequent class of students

### **Proposed Deceleration Model:**

- Fail a block on Monday of the assessment week → focused retest on Friday of the assessment week for eligible students (see below for eligibility criteria)
- Fail focused retest on Friday of the assessment week → allowed to progress with INCOMPLETE grade → full retest over summer (for 1st year blocks) or before entering clerkship (for 2nd year blocks)
- Fail full retest of the block → get an NCR for the block → remediate the following year
  - BSAEB to determine if this is a full-year remediation, or if this can be customized based on the blocks and student record
- On failing focused retest for a second block during the first year (i.e. P1 through GI) or second year (i.e. CVS through endocrine/reproductive) → stop progress, might audit or utilize professional development option → remediate the following year
  - BSAEB to determine if this is a full-year remediation, or if this can be customized based on the blocks and student record

### **Proposed Eligibility Criteria for Focused Retest:**

- On failing a block on Monday, a student will be eligible for focused retest on Friday of the assessment week if their:
  - Block grade is within 2 standard deviations of the mean (SDM), **AND**
  - Score on the block final exam is within 2 SDM, **AND**
  - Score on the NBME exam is within 2 SDM