Medical School
Requirements

Evaluation of Student Performance -
Classes Entering 2017, 2018
Faculty members assess student performance in the foundational blocks
as pass/fail. Class rank is determined by total aggregate performance.
Students may earn Honors based on two main criteria: academic
performance and successful completion of a scholarly project.

Evaluation of Student Performance -
Classes Entering 2015, 2016
Faculty members evaluate the academic achievement, acquisition of
skills, and attitudes of medical students as superior, high satisfactory,
satisfactory, or unsatisfactory. A 4.0 grade-point system is used to
determine the student's class rank and grade-point average.

Repeating a Course
Repetition of any part of the curriculum is upon recommendation of the
Academic and Professionalism Committee.

Withdrawal or Leave of Absence
Withdrawal or leave of absence may be granted by the Associate
Dean of Student Affairs upon recommendation by the Academic and
Professionalism Committee.

M.D. Degree Requirements
The degree of Doctor of Medicine is awarded by the medical faculty of
the University of Kansas to a student who has satisfactorily completed
the medical school curriculum. The student must also pass Steps 1 and
2 (Clinical Knowledge and Clinical Skills) of the United States Medical
Licensing Examination (USMLE).

United States Medical Licensing
The National Board of Medical Examiners prepares and administers a
three-part examination known as the United States Medical Licensing
Examination. Steps 1 and 2 of the USMLE are taken while the student
is enrolled in medical school. Step 3 may be taken by a physician who
has passed Steps 1 and 2 and has served at least six months of an
approved hospital residency. National Board certification is awarded to
candidates who successfully pass all three parts of the test and satisfy
the requirements of the medical licensing authorities of most states. To
graduate from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, students must
pass Steps 1 and 2 of the USMLE. Students must pass Step 1 to continue
in the clinical program. Applications to take both Step 1 and Step 2 are
available online at https://apps.nbme.org/nlesweb/#/login. Residents
register for the Step 3 exam via the same website.