### Cumulative GPA

Students must maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 to be in good academic standing. If the cumulative GPA drops below 2.0, the student will have one semester to bring the cumulative GPA above a 2.0. If repetition of course work is necessary, the student must repeat the necessary course work the first time it is offered again (within one year) and the cumulative GPA must be above 2.0 after repetition of course work. If the cumulative GPA is below a 2.0 for a second semester in a row or after repetition of course work, the student will be dismissed.

A cumulative GPA below a 2.0 for any two semesters during the curriculum will result in dismissal.

### Freshman Forgiveness

Freshmen who drop below a 2.0 and are required to repeat coursework based on the individual course performance policies below may be eligible for “freshman forgiveness.” The cumulative GPA for a freshman student may be calculated using only the second/repeat course grades ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE STUDENT PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE DETERMINING WHETHER THE STUDENT MAY PROGRESS IN THE CURRICULUM. This process may be invoked only once by first year students for the purposes of progressing from the first to second semesters in the first year or from the second semester first year to the second year, but not for both. Credits of forgiveness are possible. The GPA of record for all other university and college purposes will not be affected by this option. The student is expected to conform to the usual cumulative GPA policy the semester following invocation of the Freshman forgiveness option.

### Repetition of Coursework/Rotations and Dismissal Grounds

The academic requirements and grounds for dismissal in the didactic Years 1 through 3 are different from those in the clinical rotations in Year 4. However, any time a student is considered for dismissal under the policies below, the Student Promotions Committee may take into account the student’s entire academic record including any courses/rotations where the student initially earned unsatisfactory grades, but later repeated the course for a satisfactory grade.

When a student repeats a course or rotation in which a D or F is earned a) both grades for the course/rotation shall appear on the official transcript and b) the average of the two grades will be used to calculate the cumulative GPA.

Any student required to repeat a course or rotation or take an additional course or rotation will be charged the applicable tuition and fees.
Individual Course Performance: Didactic Years 1-3

A student earning an F in a required (core or track) pre-clinical course must repeat this course at first offering and earn a grade of C or better. An F grade will also trigger review of the student’s grades in any other courses in that semester and those with grades of less than C must also be repeated. If a student receives less than a C in any of the repeated courses, the result is dismissal. The student will not be allowed to progress in the curriculum until the course(s) are successfully completed with a grade of C or better. This will require that the student be placed on academic leave until this course(s) are offered again.

A second F in any required (core or track) pre-clinical course will result in dismissal from the curriculum.

Students receiving 2 or more Ds in a single semester must repeat the courses in which Ds were earned. The student must earn a C or better in these courses to remain in the program. This process may be repeated only once. If 2 or more Ds are earned in a third semester, the student will be dismissed.

Students receiving more than 3 Ds cumulatively must repeat coursework in which the subsequent fourth or more Ds were earned. Upon receipt of a sixth D in the preclinical curriculum, the student will be dismissed.

Performance on Clinical Rotations: YEAR 4

A student must have a cumulative GPA of greater than or equal to 2.0 to begin rotations.

A student earning a D in a required (core or track) rotation must repeat that rotation and earn a grade of C or better prior to graduating. If that rotation is not available, the student must bring an alternative plan to the SPC for approval/disapproval.

A student earning a D in an elective rotation must retake that rotation. If the student wishes to take an additional rotation in the same subject area instead, s/he must petition the SPC for approval. In either case, the student must earn a grade of C or better.

A student will be allowed to earn no more than 2 D grades in rotations. If a grade of D is earned for a third time in the clinical year (on the same or different rotations), the student will be dismissed from the curriculum.

A student earning an F in a rotation (required or elective) may be dismissed from the curriculum. S/he will first be referred to the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs. Cases will then be presented to the Student Promotions Committee for consideration based on the student’s entire academic record. If the circumstances leading to the F are egregious (significant disregard for standards of professional behavior; inappropriate behavior that places either animals or people at significant risk of injury or death) the student may be dismissed. Otherwise, the student will need to prepare a plan for improvement and present it to the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs. The student will then bring the plan before the SPC which will consider the plan and prepare a contract for academic performance. The student will not be allowed to continue in the curriculum until the remediation plan is successfully completed and the rotation has been repeated and a C or better has been earned. Failure to earn a C or better will result in dismissal. Failure to earn a C or better will result in dismissal. Failure to earn a C or better will result in dismissal. Failure to earn a C or better will result in dismissal. Failure to earn a C or better will result in dismissal. Failure to earn a C or better will result in dismissal.

A second F in any rotation will result in dismissal from the curriculum.