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Dear medical students,

The Medical Curriculum Committee (MCC), the institutional body that oversees the medical education program, met on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. At this meeting they reviewed clerkship grading options and voted in favor of a Clerkship Pass/Fail grading system for the class of 2024. In addition, the MCC voted to convene a working group to conduct a comprehensive review of the clinical assessment process, the clerkship grading process, and faculty development needs. The criteria for Pass/Fail will be updated and included in the [Clerkship Grading Policy](#) in the coming weeks.

The primary drivers for addressing the clerkship grading system are to address equity of assessment for all students, identify areas of strength and targeted areas for improvement, prioritize patient care, encourage team-based learning, improve student wellness, and promote a growth mindset. The approval of a Clerkship Pass/Fail grading system involved reviewing the literature and national trends, discussions with stakeholders and other medical schools, and national leaders. Student input was solicited throughout this process, and student representatives are voting members of the Clerkship Subcommittee and Medical Curriculum Committee.

All decisions require careful monitoring of their impact and a continuous quality improvement process to respond to outcomes. This will be the responsibility of the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education and the Medical Curriculum Committee. The working group will be responsible for reviewing our current assessment systems at LCOM in all levels of the curriculum, monitoring the student outcomes of both the Foundations and Clerkship Pass/Fail systems, and identifying additional holistic assessment tools that reflect the individual strengths of LCOM students to support the undergraduate to graduate medical education transition.

Please direct any questions or comments to christa.zehle@med.uvm.edu.

Enjoy the long weekend,

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