



Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
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NARRATIVE ASSESSMENT POLICY

POLICY: # 319.5

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Issuing Officer: Dean, College of Medicine
Responsible Office: Office of Medical Education
Effective Date: 9/24/24
Next Review Date: 9/24/27

I. PURPOSE:

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) has established standards regarding the requirement of medical schools to ensure that a narrative description of a medical student's performance, including non-cognitive achievement, is included as a component of the assessment in each required course and clerkship of the medical education program whenever teacher-student interaction permits this form of assessment.

II. POLICY STATEMENT:

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) College of Medicine (COM) MD Program ensures that a narrative description of a medical student's performance, including his or her non-cognitive achievement, is included as a component of the assessment in each required course and clerkship of the medical education program.

III. POLICY:

Courses or clerkships that contain longitudinal student groups and/or laboratory experiences where student groups (with fewer than 20 students) have the same facilitator for at least four sessions should provide all students with a narrative assessment of his/her performance.

IV. APPLICABILITY:

The faculty, students, and staff of the CDU COM are responsible for knowing this policy and its procedures.

V. DEFINITIONS:

Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee (EPCC) is the committee charged to represent the faculty to oversee the medical education program as a whole and has responsibility for the overall design, management, integration, evaluation, and enhancement of a coherent and coordinated medical curriculum.

VI. RELATED POLICIES:

No related policies

VII. RELATED LINKS:

LCME Standards, Publications, & Notification [Forms](#)

VIII. POLICY HISTORY:

Review Dates:	Change Description:
6/22/21	New policy approved by the EPCC on 6/22/21.
9/24/24	Reviewed by the Pre-Clerkship Phase Subcommittee (9/23/24) and Clerkship Phase Subcommittee (9/18/24). Policy approved by the EPCC on 9/24/24.
10/3/24	Policy reviewed by CDU Policy Committee – no conflict with university policies.