Early Intervention of Academic Deficiencies Procedure

Category: Academic Watch

Purpose: To intervene with students early in the academic programs to provide timely academic support and to monitor and track their academic progress in order to improve academic performance.

Definition: Failure of any course or any GPA (overall or basic science course) below 80 may result in Academic Watch. The Course/Clerkship Directors and Period coordinators will identify students. The purpose of the academic watch is to actively intervene to help students’ improve their academic success. This does not affect a student’s academic standing. This is not an adverse action/determination and cannot be appealed.

Interventions:

The Office of Medical Education will notify the Office of Academic Affairs and others with a need to know (e.g. Academic Advising, Period Directors, and/or Course/Clerkship Directors). Academic Advising will notify advisors to meet with affected students to recommend the course of action to improve academic performance. Recommendations may include but are not limited to:

1. Tutoring
2. Voluntary reduction or complete elimination of extracurricular activities
3. Voluntarily submitting requests to be involved in any extracurricular activities to a student’s academic advisor
4. Regular meetings with academic advisor to monitor academic activity
5. Referral to Medical Student Counseling and Wellness Center for time management/stress reduction for evaluation and possible accommodations as appropriate
6. Referral to FIU Disability Resource Center (DRC) if appropriate

Follow-up:

1. In accordance with the Medical Student Handbook procedures, continued academic deficiencies will be reviewed by the MSEPC
2. Improvement with course grades > 80 for the remainder of the Period, but not less than 12 months, results in removal from the academic watch category

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